

ELECTIONS PROCEDURE POLICY

BACKGROUND

Per the Constitution and By-Laws, officers to the South Carolina State Council are elected for two year terms during a scheduled meeting in the 2nd quarter of each even numbered year.

PURPOSE

This policy defines the eligibility requirements and specific procedure to be followed for the selection of candidates for office and the conduct of the election process.

PROCEDURE

ELIGIBILITY: Any VVA member in good standing with at least one year of membership who is a member of a VVA chapter chartered in South Carolina, regardless of residence, or is a resident of South Carolina, regardless of chapter affiliation, is eligible to hold an office on the state council.

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES: Anyone wishing to run for an office must submit a letter of intent to the Council at any time prior to the actual election. Individuals may also be nominated by any delegate to the Council at any time prior to the actual election, but must accept such nomination.

LIMITATIONS: An individual may choose to run for only one office. If, during the election process, there are no candidates for one or more positions, the non-winning candidate for any opposed position may choose to run for one of the unfilled offices and another vote will be taken. If the election cannot fill both a Secretary and a Treasurer, the Council may choose to combine the duties of both offices and elect a Secretary/Treasurer.

ELECTIONS CHAIRPERSON: The president of the Council shall select one delegate of the Council, with Council approval, to serve as Elections Chairperson. That person shall choose as many assistants as deemed necessary to process nominations and conduct the election. The assistants do not need to be members of VVA or delegates to the Council,

DUTIES OF ELECTIONS CHAIR:

- The Elections Chair may not run for an office while in this appointment.
- The Elections Chair shall insure all candidates meet eligibility requirements.
- During the scheduled Council meeting in the 2nd quarter, usually June, the item "Elections" will be placed on the agenda immediately following committee reports. During this agenda item the Elections Chair shall open the floor for any additional nominations. Upon closing the nominations the final list of candidates shall be announced.
- For any unopposed office a motion to accept by acclamation is in order. If such motion fails, and for each opposed office, a written ballot must be taken.
- The Elections Chair shall be responsible for distributing, counting, and reporting ballots.
- Counting of ballots must be monitored by a "disinterested" party.