

ELECTION 2010 GUIDELINES

Four national offices will be up for election at the national convention in Dallas. They are as follows: Vice President for Chapter Development, Vice President for Alumni and Professional Services, Vice President for Student Services, and National Vice President for Honor Society Services and President of Alpha Epsilon Rho.

Every member of the Society who meets the qualifications and has a commitment to the growth and development of NBS is encouraged to consider candidacy for one of these offices. A description of the qualifications, powers, and duties of all national offices can be found in the NBS Constitution (Article 10, Sections 1 and 2) and in the By-Laws (Chapter 7). Candidates for offices must be members in good standing at the time of their election.

If you are a potential candidate for one of the offices, or if you will be representing your chapter as the voting delegate, consider the following:

1. What qualifications should the candidate have beyond those listed in the Constitution? Do the candidates have administrative experience? Have they been very active in chapter and regional activities as well as providing service at the national level? Do they believe in the National Broadcasting Society?
2. Can they handle the duties in the Constitution as well as those not listed? What is their professional situation? Do they have time to devote to NBS national affairs? Will their employer be supportive of their activities, allowing them, for example, to make phone calls at work? What are their other obligations to be considered?
3. What are their goals for the Society? Do they have a reasonable, balanced platform containing achievable goals? Are they aware of chapter concerns? Do they see areas for possible growth and areas for improvement? Do they have something specific to say, or are their comments general?
4. Do they have leadership qualities necessary for the job? Have they been successful in their previous efforts? Will they be able to appoint committee members who will do the work? Can they motivate people who are not working and replace them with able people?

The National Election Committee - The Society's Constitution (Article 10, Section 3B) and Bylaws (Chapter 8, Item B) provide that the National Election Committee "is charged with the preparation and conduct of all phases of the activities involved with the election of National Officers." The members of the committee are appointed by the National President. This year's Chairperson of the National Election Committee is Dr. Pat Reighard, Past-President of NBS and AERho. The following procedures have been established to govern the election activities for the National Convention in 2010.

PROCEDURES FOR NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDACY, NOMINATION AND ELECTION

1. **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY:** First, all potential candidates for a national office should review the duties and responsibilities of that specific office as outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws. Second, all potential candidates for a national office should contact the person who holds that office to discuss the office or contact another national officer familiar with the position in order to gain a further understanding of additional responsibilities connected with that office, PARTICULARLY the amount of secretarial and financial support (phone, mail etc.) that will need to be provided by the candidate's institution or professional organization for which they are employed should they be elected to that office. Finally, all candidates must submit a letter to the

National Election Committee Chairperson declaring his or her candidacy for the specific national office. All declared candidates will have their names placed in nomination by the National Election Committee Chairperson or the Chairperson's authorized representative during the first convention business session.

2. THE CAMPAIGN: Once a candidate has verified that the National Election Committee Chairperson has received their letter declaring their candidacy, they CAN BEGIN their campaign for election. All campaign activities will be up to the individual candidate. All campaigning should be conducted in a professional manner, with good taste and dignity. A list of declared candidates for each national office will be published on-line at the NBS Website, in addition to being printed and distributed to chapters in advance of the national convention. If candidates wish to have a short bio published, such information, NOT TO EXCEED ONE PAGE, must be sent to the NATIONAL ELECTION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON for placement on-line and in at least one mailing to chapters. During the convention, a Candidates' Forum is scheduled where the nominees for national office will have the opportunity to discuss their candidacy and be available to respond to questions from convention members present at the forum. The National Election Committee Chairperson or the Chairperson's authorized delegate will moderate the Candidates Forum. AT THE CONVENTION, NO CAMPAIGNING ACTIVITY SHOULD INTERRUPT ANY BUSINESS OR CONVENTION PROGRAM SESSION. The presiding member at a program session has the right to terminate any campaign activity that interrupts the said session.

3. NOMINATION AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION: At the first business meeting of the convention, nominations for each office will be held. All declared candidates will have their names placed in nomination by the National Election Committee Chairperson or the Chairperson's authorized representative. Persons who have not previously declared their candidacy for national office may have their name nominated and seconded at this time. NOMINATING OR SECONDING SPEECHES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED DURING THE NOMINATING PROCESS. Candidates who were not placed in nomination by the National Election Committee Chairperson can begin to campaign at the convention AFTER the conclusion of the first business meeting in accordance with the campaign guidelines outlined above.

4. THE ELECTION: The election will take place at the last business session of the convention. Each authorized voting delegate will cast one vote for each of the national offices. Unless there is a successful vote for closing nominations and electing by acclamation, voting will be by secret ballot and the ballots will be counted by the National Election Committee. The election results will be announced immediately.

Any questions related to the above outlined procedures of candidacy, nomination and election should be addressed to the National Election Committee Chairperson: Dr. Pat Reighard at reighardpb@appstate.edu. He may be reached by mail at:

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