

Resolution Number: 404-2021

Title: Amendment to the Bylaws, Article VII Elections, Section 2. Voting

Reference Committee Assignment: Governance

Sponsor(s): 2020-21 Governance Committee

Financial Impact: None

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the Bylaws, Article VII Elections, Section 2. Voting be amended as follows:

Section 2. Voting

A. President and Vice Presidents

The first ballot lists the names of all candidates for president/vice presidents. Each delegate votes for three different candidates and only ballots with exactly three different candidates selected are valid. The first ballot determines the president/vice presidents and the three candidates receiving the most votes advance to the second ballot. In the case of a tie, more than three candidates will advance to a subsequent ballot containing the remaining candidates' names. Balloting will continue until the president/vice presidents are determined in the same manner as the first ballot.

Once the president/vice presidents are determined, on each subsequent ballot each delegate votes for one candidate for president. Advancing candidates may be asked questions submitted in advance by the district trustees and selected by the chair as per the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates. A candidate for office cannot serve as chair of the House of Delegates during any portion of election proceedings for that office.

The second ballot lists the names of candidates advancing from the first ballot. Each delegate votes for one candidate. Only ballots with exactly one candidate selected are valid. The candidate with a majority vote is elected president. The two remaining candidates are elected vice presidents. If no candidate receives a majority on the second ballot, the candidate receiving the least votes of the three does not advance and is elected vice president. If the second ballot does not elect a president, delegates cast a third ballot.

The third ballot lists the names of candidates advancing from the second ballot. Each delegate votes for one candidate. Only ballots with exactly one candidate selected are valid. The candidate with a majority vote is elected president. If the third ballot does not elect a president, the House of Delegates recesses for the purpose of caucusing. The House of Delegates then reconvenes and delegates cast a fourth

ballot in the same manner as the third ballot. If the fourth ballot does not elect a president, delegates cast a fifth ballot in the same manner as the third ballot at the beginning of the next business meeting during that Annual Session.

Only advancing candidates are eligible to receive a vote on subsequent ballots.

B. Speaker of the House of Delegates

The first ballot lists the names of all candidates for speaker of the house. Each delegate votes for one candidate and only ballots with one candidate selected are valid. The candidate with a majority vote is elected speaker of the house. If the first ballot does not elect a speaker of the house, the two candidates receiving the most votes advance to a second ballot.

Advancing candidates may be asked questions submitted in advance by the district trustees and selected by the chair as per the Standing Rules. A candidate for office cannot serve as Chair of the House of Delegates during any portion of election proceedings for that office.

The second ballot lists the names of candidates advancing from the first ballot. Each delegate votes for one candidate. Only ballots with exactly one candidate selected are valid. The candidate with a majority vote is elected house. If the second ballot does not elect a speaker, the House of Delegates recesses for the purpose of caucusing. The House of Delegates then reconvenes and delegates cast a third ballot in the same manner as the second ballot. If the third ballot does not elect a speaker, delegates cast a fourth ballot in the same manner as the third ballot at the beginning of the next business meeting during that Annual Session.

Only advancing candidates are eligible to receive a vote on subsequent ballots.

C. District Trustee

A district elects a trustee at ASDA Annual Session in accordance with the procedures found in the district's caucus rules. Election ballots must be returned to the secretary of the House of Delegates following election.

D. Eligibility for Voting

Only credentialed delegates may cast a ballot. No absentee ballots are accepted.

Action: The Chair moves 404-2021 with a recommendation of a yes vote and to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Action: Adopted by the House.