

ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS
REGION 10
2011 ELECTION RULES

A. General Rules

A candidate meeting shall be held prior to the House of Delegates meeting to explain these election rules.

B. Campaign Rules

1. Alphabetical order will be used for the candidate names on the ballots and for the order of the speeches.
2. A \$200.00 limit will be set on all campaign expenses.
3. Campaign materials may only be posted and distributed in the meeting room. Candidates are responsible for removing campaign materials. Candidates must abide by hotel and/or convention center rules.
4. Each candidate will be allowed seven (7) minutes to deliver his nomination and acceptance speech during the convention. The candidate or nominator should include the office, skills, background, qualifications, and philosophy in their speeches.
5. The Nomination/Election Committee shall appoint a timekeeper for candidate nomination and acceptance speeches. The timekeeper shall begin counting time at the signal of the chairperson and shall indicate the remaining time at 3 minutes, 1 minute, 30 seconds, and 0.
6. In the event that a speech has not concluded at the end of the prescribed time, the chairperson will promptly announce to the House of Delegates that time has elapsed and move to the next item of business.
7. All complaints shall be presented in writing to the Past President or Past Director, who is not involved in the current election, within ten (10) minutes of the alleged infraction.
8. To have your name appear on the ballot, you **must** submit your name to the Nominations Committee chairperson **45** days before the Region 10 Convention.

C. Voting Procedures

1. Ballots will be included in the delegate registration packet. Each delegate must register/verify individually and receive his/her own ballot for use in the officer voting. No one may register/verify or receive ballots for anyone else. Each delegate will be responsible for his own ballot. If a ballot is lost, no replacement will be made.
2. Nominations from the floor can be made at this time.
3. Nomination speeches will be heard when the House of Delegates meets on Saturday.
4. All ballots must be placed in a ballot box prior to leaving for lunch.
5. A run-off will be held if a candidate does not receive more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast. In the case of a run-off, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be in the run-off.

D. Ballot Counting Procedures

1. Each candidate will appoint a teller and inform the nominations committee of their teller prior to the election.
2. Ballot boxes will be removed to a secluded room at the close of balloting.
3. The Nomination/Election Committee will remove the ballots and count them. This will be verified by the tellers.
4. The Nomination/Election chairperson will attempt to notify the candidates of the final outcome.
5. The Nomination/Election chairperson will inform the chairperson of the House of Delegates of the individuals elected to each region office.
6. The House of Delegates chairperson will inform the House of Delegates of the new officers.
7. A run-off will be held if a candidate does not receive more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast. In the case of a run-off, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be in the run-off. The following procedures should be observed for the collection of the run-off ballots.
 - a. Run-off ballots will be distributed with the regular ballots in the convention registration packet.
 - b. Upon receiving notification of the election results, including the need for a run-off election, the chairperson of the House of Delegates will inform the House of Delegates of the new officers and the office that requires a run-off election. The chairperson will announce the two candidates that will be running in the run-off election.
 - c. The ballot boxes will be moved inside of the House of Delegates and the doors will be closed.
 - d. The Nominations/Elections Committee members will be called to vote and then they will take their places at the ballot box.
 - e. The chairperson of the House of Delegates will call each local to the ballot box. Each delegate will cast his own ballot.
 - f. The chairperson of the House of Delegates will announce that the balloting is closed.
 - g. The chairperson of the House of Delegates will recall the Teller Committee members to serve.
 - h. Procedures regarding the counting of the ballots will be followed as listed in Section D3 of the Election Rules.