

2.1.1.5 VOTING/ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS POLICY

In order to encourage voter turnout and accommodate members who are unable to physically cast ballots on the Association Election Day, there shall be extended balloting based on the following guidelines:

1. Election shall be by ballot and all votes must be cast in person, by absentee ballot, mail ballot, facsimile or by electronic ballot. Multiple ballots will not be accepted from any one person. Only one vote may be cast for each vacancy to be filled.
2. Members voting in person must sign their name or initial on the appropriate line of the official ballot roster to acknowledge that they have received a ballot and deposited a ballot in the ballot box. Ballots received by mail or by facsimile must be signed by the member. Signatures on ballots will be removed by staff prior to the ballots being tallied.
3. Balloting may commence with the electronic mailing of the ballot in the Association electronic newsletter. Voting will officially commence during the Annual/Election Meeting in accordance with Article XII, Section 1 of the Association bylaws. Balloting will continue until 3:00 p.m. on the following Monday, after which time no ballots will be accepted. Results will be announced the following business day and electronically posted.
4. Voting privileges will be based on membership status and positions to be filled in the voting year.
 - a. Designated REALTOR®, REALTOR®, Secondary Designated REALTORS®, Secondary REALTOR® and Institute Affiliate members are eligible to vote for the following:
 - i) Officers, Directors, Fernley Director and Affiliate Director.
 - b. Affiliate and Individual Affiliate members are eligible to vote for the following:
 - i) Affiliate Director
5. Ballots will be counted by an appointed Election Committee in accordance with Article XI – Officers and Directors; Section 5 (h) of the Bylaws. The candidate(s) in each category with the highest votes shall be elected to office.
6. Anyone challenging the election results may do so by submitting a written challenge and a \$250.00 deposit to the Chief Executive Officer within ten (10) days after the results are announced specifying exactly who or what is being challenged. Once a challenge has been officially requested, the challenger shall be responsible for all costs associated with the challenge. If the challenger prevails, the deposit shall be refunded and the challenger will not be responsible for the costs incurred. The recount shall be completed within thirty (30) days, after the deposit is made.

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