

## Article VII - Elections

### Section 1: Nominations

- a. The President, subject to approval by the Representative Council at its April meeting shall appoint a Nominating Committee which will name one or more candidates for President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.
- b. The Nominating Committee shall make its recommendations to the Representative Council at its May meeting. Members of the Representative Council may nominate other candidates from the floor.
- c. The Nominating Committee shall present all nominations to the general membership at its May meeting. Any member of the Association may nominate other candidates from the floor.

### Section 2: Voting

- a. The president, with the approval of the Representative Council, shall appoint an Election Committee. The election Committee shall consist of the Legislative Chairperson and one member from each building.
- b. No officer of the Association, or member of the Executive Committee, or a member running for election, may serve on the Election Committee. The committee will monitor the election process and any issues that may arise from the conduct of the election.
- c. The Election Committee shall be responsible for distributing a uniform number of ballots to all buildings.
- d. Members of the Election Committee shall distribute, collect, and tabulate the voting results and present their findings at the end of the school day to the President.
- e. Prior to the election, upon request to the Election Committee, the candidates may speak in their behalf to the general membership in which the time and place

will be designated by such committee. The incumbent officer must notify the committee if he or she will speak first before the general membership.

- f. Absentee ballots will be distributed no later than the Monday prior to the election and must be presented to an Election Committee member by the end of the school day of election day.
- g. Members absent the day of the election may not vote unless they previously obtained an absentee ballot.
- h. The results of the election will be announced only if the absentee ballots have no bearing on deciding a winner in the election.
- i. The winner shall be by a simple majority of the votes cast. If a tie exists, a runoff election will take place to determine a winner. The runoff election will be held within seven (7) school days of the first election in accordance with the same rules and regulations as the first election.
- j. The President will be responsible to announce the results.
- k. Results of the elections of officers shall be reported to NJEA, NEA, and the County Association by a member of the Elections Committee.