

12.040. Selection of Governor by Club Ballot.

The governor shall send every club an official call for nominations for governor. All nominations must be in writing, signed by the president and secretary of the club, and received by the governor by the deadline. The deadline shall be at least one month after the call for nominations. A club shall suggest only one of its own members. If only one candidate is suggested by the clubs, no ballot is required and the governor shall declare the candidate to be the governor-nominee. If there are two or more candidates, the governor notifies clubs of the name and qualifications of each candidate and that the governor-nominee will be selected by a club ballot.

12.050. Club Ballot Procedure.

The governor shall send a single transferable ballot to each club, listing the candidates in alphabetical order, except when the ballot results from a challenge, in which case the candidate selected by the district nominating committee shall be listed first. The governor shall send a copy of the ballot, signed by all members of the balloting committee, to each club with instructions that the completed ballot be returned to the governor by a date set by the governor. This date shall be between 15 and 30 days following the date the governor sent the ballots to the clubs.

12.050.1. Club Voting.

The number of a club's votes is determined by the formula in subsection 15.050.1., based on the club invoice dated 1 July. If a club is entitled to more than one vote, the club shall cast all votes for the same candidate. The name of the candidate for whom the club has cast its vote(s) shall be verified by the secretary and president of the club and forwarded to the governor.

12.050.2. Balloting Committee.

The governor shall announce the place, date, and time for counting ballots and shall appoint a balloting committee of three members. Validation of ballots shall be undertaken separately from the counting of the ballots. The committee shall make arrangements to safeguard the secrecy of the ballots and to allow the candidates or a candidate's representative to be present to observe the counting of the ballots.

12.050.3. Report of Balloting Committee.

The balloting committee shall promptly report the results to the governor as soon as a candidate receives a majority vote, including the number of the votes for each candidate. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared governor-nominee. If there is a tie vote, the nominating committee's candidate shall be declared the governor-nominee. If neither tied candidate was the nominating committee's choice, the governor shall select one of the tied candidates as the governor-nominee. The governor shall promptly notify the candidates and clubs of the results of the ballot. The balloting committee shall retain all ballots for 15 days after the governor's notification to the candidates and clubs. The ballots shall be open to inspection by any club during this period. The chair of the committee shall destroy the ballots following the 15-day period.