

Election Procedures for NFA Positions

The following National Council Positions are elected by the membership via on-line ballot:

- President (3 year term)
- Vice President for Administration (3 year term)
- Vice President for Professional Relations (3 year term)
- Secretary/Treasurer (3 year term)
- Lincoln-Douglas Representative (3 year term)
- Four At-Large Representatives (2 year term)
- Graduate Student Representative (1 year term)
- Three Lincoln-Douglas Committee Members (1 year term)

The NFA Elections Committee will be responsible for the overseeing the elections.

By **February 15**, a call for nominations for open elected positions will be sent to the membership schools via the following outlets: the email on file for each school, the NFA Website and all NFA social media sites.

Nominations are due to the chair of the NFA Elections Committee by **March 1** via email.

Self-nominations are accepted. No nominations will be accepted for persons representing a school which has a continuing elected member currently in office. If more than one person is nominated from the same school, all nominations will be accepted with the understanding only one person can eventually serve.

Nominees will be contacted by the Chair of the NFA Elections Committee and asked to submit a one-page letter of intent to run which includes a platform and picture for posting. Letters of intent must be returned to the Chair by **March 15** or the nomination will be voided.

All Nominee's letters of intent and photos will be posted to the NFA Website by **March 25** and a voting link will be sent out electronically to each member school's voting delegate by **April 1**.

On-line votes will be collected by SpeechWire (one ballot per membership school) by **April 15**.

Ballots will be tallied by SpeechWire but overseen by the election committee. Nominees receiving the most votes will be announced as the winner. If a school has two representatives on the ballot and they both win their elections, hierarchy of office will be the determining factor for who serves on the council (see above list for order). However, if both representatives on the ballot are running for the at-large position or the L-D committee and both win, the highest vote getter for that position will serve. Results of the election will be announced at the NFA National Championship Award Assembly (unless this occurs prior to April 15). Results of the elections will be announced on the NFA website by **April 30**.

In the case of a run-off election, an election link will be sent to each member school's voting delegate by **May 1**. Run-off election will be tabulated by SpeechWire but overseen by the elections committee by **May 15**. Announcement of run-off elections will occur by **May 30**.