

NSS NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEES RULES

(This section last revised August 2000)

1. Any voting member of the Board of Directors is eligible to serve as a voting member of the Nominations Committee or the Elections Committee, but not both. However, no member of the Nominations Committee or the Elections Committee may be nominated for or run for election to the Board of Directors in the relevant election year.

2. The Secretary or the Secretary's delegate shall request volunteers for the Nominations and Elections Committees by February 1st of the year prior to the Board of Directors election. In order to serve as a voting member of a Nominations Committee or Elections Committee for a given election, a Board member must volunteer by delivering a communication of his/her desire to serve to the Secretary or the Secretary's delegate by February 21st of the year prior to the Board of Directors election. No one may volunteer for both Committees.

3. The Nominations and Elections Committees may consist of up to seven voting members. If more than this number volunteer, there shall be an election to select among the volunteers during the month of March in the year prior to the election. In this election, only those voting members of the Board of Directors who are not eligible for re-election may vote to determine who shall serve as voting members on these Committees. Each such Director may vote for a maximum of seven persons for each Committee (but may not vote more than once for a given person). Those volunteers who receive the most votes shall be elected to serve as the voting members of the respective Committee. If there is a relevant tie vote, the winner shall be chosen by random lot.

4. The Chairpersons of the Nominations and Elections Committees shall be selected in the following manner: If there is an election to determine the membership of either the nominations committee or the Elections Committee, there shall also be a vote for the Chairperson of each committee. Eligibility to vote in this election shall be the same as in paragraph 3. If there is a relevant tie vote, the winner shall be chosen by random lot. If there is no election to determine the membership of either committee, then each committee shall choose its own chairperson.

5. Meetings of the Nominations or the Elections Committees may be called by the Committee Chairman or by a majority of the Committee. A majority vote is required for the Nominations Committee or the Elections Committee to act.

6. The Nominations Committee shall select its nominees by February 3 of the year of the election. Acceptance of nomination by an individual is required for the nomination to

be complete, and such acceptance must be obtained by the deadline date. Nominations cannot be made after the deadline date. The Nominations Committee is urged to nominate one candidate for each position available.

7. The ballot for the Board of Directors election shall normally be contained in a special election mailing to all members of the Society, to be postmarked in May of the year of the election. However, the Elections Committee may choose, by majority vote no later than February 10, to issue the ballot in (or with) the May issue of the Society's primary magazine.

8. The Elections Committee shall, subject to the restrictions stated below, be responsible for all statements concerning the election which appear in the special election mailing or in (or with) the May issue of the Society's primary publication. These statements shall include: a ballot, directions concerning how to vote, rules concerning who is eligible to vote, an explanation of what it means to be nominated by petition and by the Nominations Committee, a description of how the Nominations Committee was selected, who its members and chairperson were, and a statement of when and how the results will be announced. The Elections Committee shall also have responsibility over candidate statements as detailed in the Society document "Campaign Rules".

9. The ballot itself (1) shall include instructions regarding the maximum number of candidates to vote for and the deadline for returning the ballot, (2) shall list candidates alphabetically, (3) shall not allow block voting for more than one candidate simultaneously, (4) shall have a "p" next to those candidates who were nominated by petition, an "n" next to those candidates who were nominated by the Nominations Committee, a "pn" next to those candidates who were nominated by both procedures, and an indication of the meaning of these letter designations.

10. The candidate statements accompanying the ballot shall be listed alphabetically. A sentence stating how each candidate was nominated shall be placed at the beginning of each candidate statement. This sentence shall not count as part of the word count of the candidate statement, and shall be worded as follows: "This candidate was nominated by petition" or "This candidate was nominated by the Nominations Committee of the Board of Directors" or "This candidate was nominated by petition and by the Nominations Committee of the Board of Directors".

11. No other material accompanying the ballot shall give any preferential treatment (such as typestyles or other indicators) to any candidate on the basis of how a candidate was nominated, or on any other basis.

12. The Nominations or Elections Committees may delegate all or part of their authority.