

## NIA Fall Elections 2021 Procedures

The election will be held at our September 18<sup>th</sup> Area Assembly via Zoom. The following is a list of service positions that are eligible to vote:

- All current G.S.R.s **or** Alternate when G.S.R. is absent
- All current D.C.M.s **or** Alternate when D.C.M. is absent
- The Area Delegate **and** Alternate Delegate
- The Area Chairperson **and** Alternate Chairperson
- The Area Secretary **and** Alternate Secretary
- The Area Treasurer **and** Alternate Treasurer
- The Area Registrar **or** Alternate when Registrar is absent
- All Area Standing Committee Chairpersons **or** Alternate when Chairperson is absent
- The Area Archivist
- The Concepts Editor **or** co-Editor when Editor is absent
- The Web Administrator **or** Alternate Web Administrator when Web Administrator is absent
- All Past Area Delegates

At the beginning of the election process, we will establish who is a voting member and ask that all voting members identify themselves by placing a "V" in front of their name in their Zoom Window.

Mark E from Ohio, our most recent Past Regional Trustee will be handling the polling during the election. All Officer positions will be done using the Third Legacy Voting Procedure as outlined in the Area 20 Handbook, page 23:

- The first candidate to receive TWO-THIRDS of the total vote is elected.
- After the second ballot (assuming no candidate receives the necessary two-thirds on the first ballot), any candidate having less than one-fifth of the total vote will be withdrawn.
- The TWO TOP CANDIDATES remain. (In case there are ties for second place, the top candidate and the second place candidates remain.)
- After the third ballot, candidates with less than one-third of the total vote will be withdrawn automatically. The TWO TOP CANDIDATES remain. In case there are ties for second place, the top candidate and the second place candidates remain.
- A fourth ballot is conducted. • After the fourth ballot, if no candidate has two-thirds of the total vote, the chairperson asks for a motion, a second, and a majority of hands on conducting a fifth and final ballot.
- (If this motion is defeated, balloting is over, and we go to the hat immediately. In case there are ties for second place, the top candidate and tied second-place candidates remain. If the motion carries, a fifth and final ballot will be conducted.)
- If no election occurs by this time, the chairperson announces the choice will be made by lot (from the hat).

- At this point, balloting usually involves only the top two or three candidates. Lots are then drawn and the first one out of the hat becomes the elected Trusted Servant.

All other positions (Service Committee Chairs and Alternates) will be done by simple majority vote.

The election moderated by our Most Recent Past Delegate and results will be kept on a spread sheet that will be sent to the Area Chair following the election and also posted on the Area Website. The Area Chair and Alternate Delegate will also monitor the election and results to ensure accuracy.

Polls will be displayed for 1 minute for voting and the Past Regional Trustee will count down the last 10 seconds of the voting time frame. Once the poll is closed there will be NO going back – do not miss your opportunity to vote!

We ask that only Voting Members, as indicated above, vote. If you are not a voting member you are welcome to ask questions but please do not vote.

Thanks  
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