

RULES FOR 2017 LACDP ELECTIONS TO FILL OFFICER VACANCIES
AS ADOPTED BY THE LACDP POLICY COMMITTEE

1. PRESIDING OFFICER:

The Parliamentarian of This Committee shall be the Presiding Officer during the portion of any meeting at which there is an election to fill officer vacancies.

2. GOOD STANDING:

A member is considered in good standing upon having met the dues requirement.

3. CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY:

A. *Eligibility:* Any Regular Member (Elected, Appointed or Ex-Officio) in good standing of This Committee is eligible to be an officer of This Committee.

B. *Prohibition on Employment:* No officer of This Committee may be an employee of This Committee.

4. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTIONS OFFICERS; APPEALS PROCESS:

A. The Presiding Officer at the time of the elections shall appoint an acting Parliamentarian for the portion of the meeting during which elections are being held, who, in conjunction with the Credentials Co-Chairs, shall decide all disputes regarding the right to vote, the counting of ballots, and the certification of elections, subject to appeal to This Committee.

B. Any dispute as to an election for an office shall be filed before the conduct of an election for any other office. Accordingly, there shall be a 10 minute recess between the announcement of the ballot count on the final ballot for one office and the opening of nominations for another.

C. Any appeal from the ruling of the Parliamentarian in conjunction with the Credentials Co-Chairs shall be resolved at the same Meeting at which balloting occurred to the maximum extent practicable.

5. NOMINATIONS:

Nominations for any vacant officer positions shall be accepted at the meeting at which the election shall take place. A member may nominate himself/herself. Nominations must be seconded.

6. UNCONTESTED RACES:

If an election is not contested, the Presiding Officer shall declare the election by acclamation.

7. CONTESTED RACES:

If an election is contested, the following shall be the time allowed for nominations and acceptance speeches:

Office: Nomination & Acceptance

Chair: 7 minutes per candidate

All other Offices: 4 minutes per candidate

8. BALLOTING:

Voting shall be by signed ballot. Balloting shall be conducted for each officer position in the order in which such position is listed in the Bylaws of This Committee. There shall be a 10 minute recess between the announcement of the ballot count for one office and the opening of nominations for another to allow for the filing of any challenges or disputes. For each round of balloting, before closing balloting, the Presiding Officer shall call for all ballots to be cast. After the Presiding Officer has called three times for all ballots to be cast, the Presiding Officer may close balloting.

9. BALLOT COUNTING & OBSERVERS:

Each candidate shall have the right to appoint one observer who shall have the right to observe balloting and ballot counting.

10. CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR ELECTION:

A. *Number Required:* A majority of all votes cast (not counting abstentions) shall be required for election to a particular office.

B. *Failure to Obtain Majority:* In the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes, a runoff shall be held between the top two candidates with the most votes. If, after a runoff has been conducted, a tie results between the top two vote getters or no majority is achieved, the election shall be deferred to the next meeting of This Committee, and, at that subsequent meeting, balloting shall take place between the two candidates with the most votes.

11. TIME OF ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE:

Officers shall take office immediately upon election.