

Title: Amendment to the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates, Sections 7. Elections Sections B-E

Sponsor(s): 2022-23 Governance Committee

Financial Impact: None

Background: Based on the national leader application cycle, it is difficult to foresee the exact number of candidates who will apply for the Executive Committee. This makes it challenging to plan programming for Annual Session because the meeting agenda is based on how much time is necessary for each candidate to provide their platform statement and visit each joint district caucus. For planning purposes, ASDA begins drafting the meeting agenda six to seven months before the meeting date. Therefore, the agenda is built around an estimated eight candidates running for office. (The most ASDA has had run in past 4 years.)

Allowing the Executive Committee to make modifications the time each candidate has for their platform statements and visits to each joint caucus in an equitable manner will ensure all candidates have the opportunity to run for elected office within the time constraints of the Annual Session agenda.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates, Section 7. Elections Sections B-E be amended as follows:

All Executive Committee candidates must agree to the following guidelines before beginning their election campaigns. The intent of these guidelines is to encourage fair campaigning by ASDA members and maintain dignified and courteous conduct.

- i. Candidates and their supporters shall not use ASDA central office stationery or business cards issued by the central office to promote and support a candidate. However, the use of the official ASDA logo on campaign materials is permitted.
- ii. Candidates and their supporters should focus the campaign on the candidate's positive attributes rather than on negative characteristics of the opposing candidates. Candidates shall not cause or request their supporters to make negative personal comments against their opponents.
- iii. There shall be no packaged food, other gifts or campaign tokens distributed or used by the candidates as part of the candidates' campaigns. These items include but are not limited to badges, nametag ribbons, clothing, pins, and any other form of campaign tokens with a candidate's name, slogan(s), catch phrase(s), signs, banners or printed material.
- iv. Entertaining by the candidates will not be permitted in any suite or meeting room reserved or funded by ASDA.
- v. A candidate may solicit a delegate or alternate delegate by phone, mail, e-mail, social media or fax. The ASDA central office will not provide any of this information.
- vi. Candidates are only permitted to use their own personal funds for their campaign.
- vii. Third party endorsements (such as corporate sponsors or other professional organizations) are not allowed.

viii. Candidates are ineligible to be members of reference committees or awards committees that convene at Annual Session.

In the event that the Board of Trustees adopts a resolution related to the candidacy of an individual member seeking an Executive Committee position, trustees must provide the aforementioned resolution to their caucuses during the first caucus following the Board of Trustees decision. The candidate must be informed of the resolution prior to the first caucus meetings following the Board of Trustees decision so that the candidate may choose to address this issue during the candidate's speech and/or caucus forums. The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees may address the House of Delegates in regards to this issue if they deem it necessary.

The Election Committee as outlined in Section 7 G. Election Committee shall be charged with the implementation and monitoring of these guidelines and has the power to remove a candidate from the ballot. Upon receipt of a written complaint, or upon initiation of a review of campaign-related material, the Election Committee shall determine if a violation has occurred. If a violation has occurred the Election Committee can choose to take no action, request that the candidate discontinue their behavior, request that the candidate discontinue their behavior and provide a report to the House of Delegates or remove the candidate from the ballot and provide a report the House of Delegates. Any candidate so adjudicated shall have an automatic right of an expedited appeal to the Election Committee via electronic meeting or other timely means.

Each Executive Committee candidate must be officially nominated by a person of their choice at the House of Delegates Business ~~Meeting II scheduled on Thursday morning~~. An official candidate shall be formally nominated on the floor of the House of Delegates. Candidates that did not meet the established application deadline may be nominated after the nomination of official candidates, and will be considered unofficial candidates. All candidates must be nominated by a predoctoral member who is not a current or former national leader. Nomination is not required for eligibility. Nominators will be allowed 1 minute maximum to nominate and introduce their candidate, including a brief explanation of the candidate's experience and previous ASDA positions held. Should there be fewer than three candidates for the president/vice presidents or less than one candidate for speaker of the house, it is the responsibility of the House to nominate someone from the floor. Each Executive Committee candidate must also designate a guide who will serve as a neutral party and escort each candidate through the joint caucuses. The guide will be responsible for monitoring the door and time.

Each candidate receives a copy of these guidelines and a statement to sign, certifying that they have read the guidelines; promises to abide by them; will immediately report any deviations of which they become aware to the Election Committee of the association; and will notify and try to correct any supporter upon learning of an actual or potential deviation.

Presentation of Platform to the House of Delegates

Each candidate for president/vice president will have ~~up to exactly~~ seven (7) minutes to present their platform to the members of the House of Delegates. Each candidate for speaker of the house will have ~~up to exactly~~ five (5) minutes to address the House of Delegates. **Based on the number of candidates running, the Executive Committee may modify the time that each individual candidate has for their platform statement. Modifications will be done in an**

equitable manner to ensure all presentations fit within the allotted time on the agenda.

During speeches, projectors will only display headshot, name, graduation year and school.

Presentations will be given in alphabetical order by last name, beginning with candidates for president/vice presidents. All candidates who are not addressing the House will be escorted out of the room. Delegates are not permitted to pose questions to the candidates at this time. A staff member will keep time and signal the candidate.

D. Questioning Advancing Candidates

For candidates advancing from the first round of balloting, each candidate for president/vice president will have five (5) questions and **up to** one (1) minute per question and each candidate for speaker will have three (3) questions and **up to** 1 minute per question to answer the question.

Based on the number of candidates running, the Executive Committee may modify the time and number of questions that each individual candidate has. Modifications will be done in an equitable manner to ensure all questioning of advancing candidates fits within the allotted time on the agenda. Questions for advancing candidates will be answered in reverse alphabetical order by last name. All candidates not addressing the House will be escorted out of the room.

Questions should be submitted by the deadline set by the speaker of the house. Up to two questions are to be submitted by each district caucus for both president/vice president candidates and speaker of the house candidates. The same questions are asked of every candidate for a particular position and are selected by the speaker of the house. In the event the speaker of the house is a candidate for president/vice president, the president will select questions for advancing candidates. A staff member will keep time and signal the candidate.

E. Caucus Visits by the Executive Committee Candidates

The following guidelines have been established for those times during the Annual Session when Executive Committee candidates appear before joint caucuses to answer delegate questions:

- i. Each candidate will have up to 15 minutes to answer questions posed by delegates during the joint caucuses.
- ii. **Based on the number of candidates running, the Executive Committee may modify the time that each individual candidate has for joint district caucus visits. Modifications will be done in an equitable manner to ensure all candidate visits fit within the allotted time on the agenda.**
- iii. Each caucus has their own caucus rules which may produce variations in the questioning from caucus to caucus.
- iv. Each candidate selects a guide to escort them through the caucuses. Current and former national leaders of the association may not serve as guides.
- v. The president, immediate past president and speaker of the house will hold a forum for election candidates to better prepare them for what to expect in the caucus sessions.

Action: The 2022-23 Board of Trustees approved these amendments as interim policy at the January 2023 Board of Trustees meeting. The House of Delegates will vote to approve this interim policy as a first item of business at the House of Delegates business meeting at Annual Session 2023.