

Resolution Number: 401-2021

Title: Amendment to the Bylaws, Article VII Elections, Section 1. Candidacy, B. Unofficial Candidate

Reference Committee Assignment: Governance

Sponsor(s): 2020-21 Governance Committee

Financial Impact: None

Board of Trustees Comments: The board recommends a yes vote.

Reference Committee Comments: The reference committee recommends a yes vote.

Background: Candidates must meet a set of criteria to be considered 'official candidates.' To allow for candidates who are nominated from the floor, the 2020-21 Governance Committee proposes the definition of an 'unofficial candidate.' This additional language will serve as clarification.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the Bylaws, Article VII Elections, Section 1. Candidacy, B. Unofficial Candidate be amended as follows:

ARTICLE VII ELECTIONS

Section 1. Candidacy

A. Official Candidate

An eligible member wishing to be an official candidate for the Executive Committee or district trustee must submit an application and required materials to the executive director by the established deadline. Official Executive Committee candidates have their applications materials posted on the ASDA website at least three weeks prior to the Annual Session, receive formal district caucusing privileges and have their name printed on ballots.

B. Unofficial Candidate ~~Nominations from the Floor~~

An eligible member who does not meet the criteria of an official candidate may run as an 'unofficial candidate.' ~~Unofficial candidates~~ ~~Nominees from the floor~~ must submit application materials electronically to the Executive Director prior to the first meeting of the House of Delegates. These materials will be posted online by the end of the day. ~~Unofficial candidates~~ ~~Nominees from the floor~~ will be placed on

the ballot. ~~Nominees from the floor, but~~ are not considered official candidates for office and are not entitled to the **caucusing** privileges of official candidates. **Unofficial candidates** ~~Nominees from the floor~~ are no longer eligible candidates once they do not advance to a subsequent ballot. ~~Write-in candidates for the Executive Committee are not permitted.~~

C. Write-In Candidates

Write-in candidates for the Executive Committee or speaker of the House of Delegates are not permitted.

Action: The Chair moves 401-2021 with a recommendation of a yes vote and to be placed on the Consent Calendar.