

1 **Resolution Number:** 403-2021

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3 **Title:** Amendment to the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates, Section 7. Elections, B.
4 Election Code of Conduct

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6 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Governance

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8 **Sponsor(s):** 2020-21 Governance Committee

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10 **Financial Impact:** None

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

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

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16 **Background:** The 2020-21 Governance Committee proposes additional language to clarify the
17 definition of ‘unofficial candidate’ and ‘official candidate.’

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RESOLUTION

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22 **Resolved,** that the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates, Section 4. Caucuses, B. Joint
23 Caucuses be amended as follows:

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25 Section 7. Elections

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27 B. Election Code of Conduct

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

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33 i. Candidates and their supporters shall not use ASDA central office stationery or
34 business cards issued by the central office to promote and support a candidate.

35 However, the use of the official ASDA logo on campaign materials is permitted.

36 ii. Candidates and their supporters should focus the campaign on positive
37 attributes rather than on negative characteristics of the opposing candidates.

38 Candidates shall not, and shall not cause or request their supporters to, make
39 negative personal comments against their opponents.

40 iii. There shall be no packaged food, other gifts or campaign tokens distributed or
41 used by the candidates as part of the candidates’ campaigns. These items include
42 but are not limited to badges, nametag ribbons, clothing, pins, and any other
43 form of campaign tokens with a candidate’s name, slogan(s), catch phrase(s),
44 signs, banners or printed material.

45 iv. Entertaining by the candidates will not be permitted in any suite or meeting
46 room reserved or funded by ASDA.

- 47 v. A candidate may solicit a delegate or alternate delegate by phone, mail, e-mail,
48 social media or fax. The ASDA central office will not provide any of this
49 information.
- 50 vi. Candidates are only permitted to use their own personal funds for their
51 campaign.
- 52 vii. Third party endorsements (such as corporate sponsors or other professional
53 organizations) are not allowed.
- 54 viii. Candidates must not loiter near ballot boxes during the specified voting time.
- 55 ix. Candidates are ineligible to be members of reference committees or awards
56 committees that convene at Annual Session.
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58 In the event that the Board of Trustees adopts a resolution related to the candidacy of
59 an individual member seeking an Executive Committee position, trustees must provide
60 the aforementioned resolution to their caucuses during the first caucus following the
61 board decision. The candidate must be informed of the resolution prior to the first
62 caucus meetings following the board decision so that the candidate may choose to
63 address this issue during the candidate's speech and/or caucus forums. The Executive
64 Committee and Board of Trustees may address the House of Delegates in regards to this
65 issue if they deem it necessary.

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

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

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

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99 **Action:** The Chair moves 403-2021 with a recommendation of a yes vote and to be placed on
100 the Consent Calendar.