

ALL ABOUT CONFERENCE

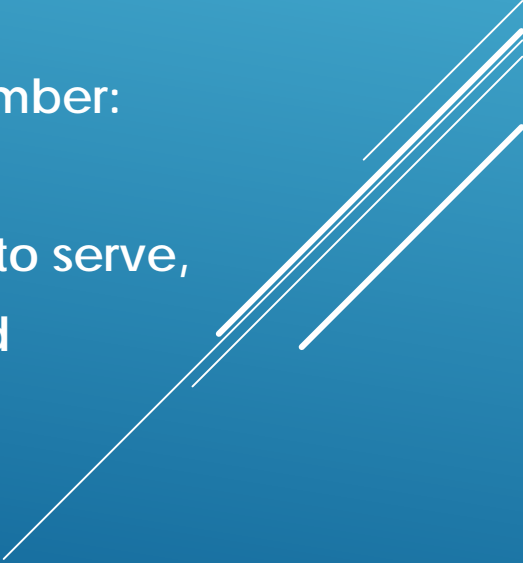
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Elections




Election of Trustees:


Each nominee will have up to 5 minutes to speak, followed by 10 minutes of questions.

- ▶ Delegates get to ask questions:
 - ▶ You may ask about the facts on the application.
 - ▶ You may ask if the nominee meets the job requirements.
 - ▶ You are encouraged to ask only one question of each nominee, to give others a chance to ask questions.
 - ▶ When deciding which candidate to vote for, remember:
 - ▶ they will be serving OA as a whole,
 - ▶ select the candidate you feel is best qualified to serve,
 - ▶ you may choose to vote for no candidate, and
 - ▶ keep principles before personalities.
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Election of Trustees:

- ▶ Region Trustee and General Service Trustee Election Process
 - ▶ The chair reintroduces the nominees.
 - ▶ Clear the top of the table in front of you of everything except your pen.
 - ▶ Listen carefully.
 - ▶ The pages hand out the ballots. Make sure they can see your delegate badge.
 - ▶ **DO NOT TOUCH** the ballots until the chair says to.
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Election of Region Trustees:

- ▶ There is a separate ballot for each region trustee position.
 - ▶ The ballots are different colors.
 - ▶ The chair will tell you which ballot to use.
 - ▶ Do not write on the ballot until the chair tells you to vote.
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Election of Region Trustees (continued):

- ▶ When there is only one candidate for a region:
 - ▶ vote for the candidate or leave the ballot blank if you are not in favor of the candidate.
 - ▶ When there are two or more candidates for a region:
 - ▶ vote for only one of the candidates or leave the ballot blank if you are not in favor of any of the candidates.
 - ▶ When told, mark the ballot with an "X" next to the name of the candidate of your choice.
 - ▶ If you mark more than one name, or write anything else on the ballot, the ballot will not be counted.
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Election of Region Trustees (continued):

- ▶ After you have marked the ballot, fold the ballot in half once and hold it up high.
 - ▶ A page will come to collect the ballots.
 - ▶ Place your ballot in the bag.
 - ▶ To abstain from voting, do not place your ballot in the bag.
 - ▶ After all the ballots are collected for the region trustee positions, you will vote for the general service trustees.
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Election of General Service Trustees:

- ▶ There will be one ballot for the General Service Trustee (GST) election. The names of all the candidates will be on the ballot.
 - ▶ Sometimes there are more candidates than there are open positions.
 - ▶ For example, if there are two open positions and four candidates, the most you will mark on the ballot is two.
- ▶ When the chair tells you to mark your ballots, you may choose to vote for none, one, or two GST candidates.
- ▶ You may leave the ballot blank if you are not in favor of any of the candidates.
 - ▶ If you want your ballot counted, place it in the bag when the ballots are collected.
 - ▶ If you want to abstain, do not place your ballot in the bag.

Election Results:

- ▶ The collected ballots are taken from the room and counted by the tellers.
 - ▶ All of the ballots are counted to determine the number of votes cast.
 - ▶ A majority (more than half) of the votes cast, must have an "X" by a name for the person to be elected.
 - ▶ Example: 100 votes were cast, 51 "X" votes is a majority.
 - ▶ A candidate could get as many as 100 votes.
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Election Results (continued):

- ▶ Imagine that 10 of the votes cast are blank, now only 90 votes per candidate are possible, but 51 "X" votes are still required for a majority because 100 ballots were collected.
 - ▶ A receives 53 "X" votes
 - ▶ B receives 47 "X" votes
 - ▶ C receives 42 "X" votes
 - ▶ D receives 82 "X" votes
 - ▶ A and D are elected.

Election Results (continued):

- ▶ After the votes are counted, the results are announced to the Conference, including the number of votes each candidate received.
 - ▶ A second vote is taken if:
 - ▶ no candidate gets a majority, and/or
 - ▶ all positions are not filled.
 - ▶ When the results are announced DO NOT applaud until the chair introduces the newly elected trustees.
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