



Texas State Council

Operational Policy/Procedure

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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to define the rules for voting by the Texas General Assembly (electorate) during Officer and Director Elections.

A plurality vote will determine the winner of the elections of the Texas Emergency Nurses Association, Inc. d/b/a Texas ENA State Council.

This procedure applies to the election of the Texas State Council Board of Directors only and is not applicable to the rules of assembly of the organization.

This procedure replaces those outlined in the Standard Operating Procedures for the Texas Emergency Nurses Association, Inc.

II. BACKGROUND/DEFINITIONS

The following Standing Rules governing the Texas ENA General Assembly elections as recommended for adoption by the Texas ENA Board of Directors, upon advice of Texas ENA's legal counsel and Parliamentarian.

An **electorate** is the total number of voting members participating in an election.

An **office** of the organization includes an office of the Board of Directors as identified in the bylaws of the Texas Emergency Nurses Association, Inc.

A **plurality vote** is the largest number of votes to be given any candidate when three or more choices are possible; the candidate receiving the largest number of votes has a plurality.

A **majority vote** describes the circumstance when a candidate polls a majority vote and, if a majority is required, wins the election. A majority is more than 50% of the electorate.



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III. PROTOCOL/PROCEDURE

1. Method for voting for candidates of an office of the Board of Directors shall be by electronic ballot.
2. Nominations may be made from the floor.
3. Candidates for office shall be listed on a ballot and space provided for a write-in candidate will be provided.
4. Qualified voters (electorate) shall consist of the current members of the Board of Directors of Texas ENA State Council, any Texas Past Presidents that are active members, and two designated delegates of each chapter of the organization present at the time of the vote.
 - a. Current members of the Board of Directors participating in the election shall be identified prior to the poll of voters in order to distribute a ballot to each.
 - b. Past presidents participating in the election shall be identified prior to the poll of voters in order to distribute a ballot to each.
 - c. Up to two (2) delegates from each chapter of the organization shall be identified prior to the poll of voters in order to distribute a ballot to each.
 - d. The electorate attending a meeting virtually (or in person) must be present at the time of the poll and their presence is considered in attendance at the meeting.
5. An electronic ballot will be sent to each eligible voter (electorate) as identified in Rule #4.
 - a. Electronic ballots are tabulated by the provider of the ballot and verified by the Elections chair and Parliamentarian, or by appointment by the President.
 - b. Results of the tabulation will be given to the President who reads the report and declares the winners.
6. The President's Vote

Texas State Council will only utilize the President's vote in the elections to cast a tie-breaking vote, therefore the President's vote is held and only used to settle a tie vote.