

Temporary Club Election Procedure Rules Change (COVID-19 Rules Package)

1 Purpose of this temporary rule change

1.1 In order to be able to conduct endorsement proceedings and officer elections during the current shelter in place order while the DAA meets online the following rules are proposed.

2 Implementation and Limitations

2.1 Any place where these rules and the existing *ENDORSEMENTS, POSITIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS RULES AND PROCEDURES* or *Article VIII of the DAA bylaws* come into conflict with each other, this set of rules shall take precedence.

2.2 This endorsement procedure is intended for use only for the November 2020 election cycle and 2021 officer election. These rules shall sunset after the April 2021 Membership Meeting when the 2019-2021 DAA Executive Board term ends or once the membership begins to meet in person again, whichever comes sooner.

3 Balloting and Election Procedures

3.1 Votes may be conducted by email or regular mail. In either case, ballots will only be distributed to Voting Members in Good Standing (VMiGS) who were credentialed at the meeting where the endorsement or election proceedings took place. No proxy voting or credentialing is allowed.

3.2 Roll will be taken of the VMiGS at the end of the credentialing period to determine which VMiGS shall receive ballots.

3.3 Ballots shall not be considered to be secret as voters will be identifiable via email or regular address. However, the Election officer and volunteers will strive to uphold the anonymity of VMiGS.

3.4 Because of the nature of meeting online, voting cards will not be used or distributed.

3.5 Ballots shall be distributed via email and/or regular mail no later than 48 hours after the conclusion of the General Membership Meeting where the election or endorsement procedure shall have taken place.

3.6 In the case of the ballots distributed by email, voters shall have at least 5 days to vote from the time that the ballots are emailed. The email message will specify the deadline for submitting votes.

3.7 Voting via email ballots may take the form of a Google Form, by replying to the email or other means, and shall be determined by the Recording Secretary or Election Officer with input

from the Steering Committee. The method used must include a method for reasonably checking that voters are credentialed and only voting once.

3.8 In the case of ballots distributed by mail, returned ballots must be postmarked as of 10 days after the initial mail date. Votes shall be counted no sooner than 15 days after the ballots are initially mailed.

3.9 Ballots via mail shall contain a self-addressed stamped envelope for voters to return their ballots in.

3.10 Ballots shall be counted by two election volunteers, live on Zoom video with the Zoom link being made available to the membership.

4 Rules Specific to Officer Elections

4.1 In order to simplify the voting process *Article VIII Section D under Election Procedures* shall be nullified for this election.

4.2 The candidate in each office with the plurality of votes shall be elected.

5 Rules Specific to Endorsement Proceedings

5.1 Endorsement proceedings shall be allowed to occur at a General Membership Meeting occurring no more than 30 days before the close of filing for that particular race.

5.2 A candidate must receive 60% of the vote to be endorsed. Endorsement proceedings shall take place at a predetermined meeting selected by the President with the advice of the Steering Committee.