



Election Policy

In accordance with the STPS Bylaws: Elections shall be held at the annual meeting. The specific time, date, and place of the meeting will be designated by the Board of Directors. Members who are not physically present at the annual meeting may, by means of remote communication, participate in the meeting, and be deemed to be present in person. The election shall be conducted by paper and/or electronic ballot. The Secretary shall notify membership of the specific date, time and location for the meeting, and issue a call for nominations for the upcoming election at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting.

Nominees must meet the following requirements:

- Active STPS membership for at least one full year prior to the election
- An active STPS volunteer in good standing within the last year
- Be an official Brevard or adjacent county resident
- 18 years of age or older

Nominating Committee

At least sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled election, the Secretary shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of the following:

- Secretary (Chair)
- 3 STPS Members

The duties of the nominating committee shall be to assist in identifying, recruiting, and interviewing candidates.

Application Process

Interested members shall submit a completed 'Statement of Interest' form, along with a resume, to the STPS Secretary within fourteen (14) days of the call for nominations. If a submission is received after the 14-day deadline, it will not be accepted. However, interested candidates may still be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting.

Election Process

The Secretary shall present a slate of nominees and their credentials to the membership twenty-one (21) days prior to the election and distribute detailed instructions on how the election shall be conducted.

At the annual meeting, after the nominating committee makes their report, the presiding officer must call for nominations from the floor to give each member a chance to exercise his or her right to fully participate in the selection of nominees. Any member may make a nomination, and the nomination does not require a second. The nominee must accept the nomination, and meet the requirements stated above before the nominee can be added to the ballot.



If there are equal to or fewer candidates than open positions, and no further nominations are made from the floor, the presiding officer may declare the slate elected by acclamation. However, if there are both one- and two-year term positions open, then an election shall take place to determine which candidate will fill the one- or two-year term(s). If there are more candidates than open positions, the election shall be by ballot and a plurality shall elect. If a tie occurs, a run-off election will immediately take place to break the tie.

One to three non-board members shall be appointed as tellers, who will count votes and validate the election results.

Election Timeline:

1. Establish Nominating Committee (60 days prior to election) [10/4/20] *
2. Call for Nominations (45 days prior to election) [10/19/20] *
 - a. Nominating Committee initiates recruitment process
3. Deadline for Nomination Submission (14 days after call for nominations) [11/2/20] *
 - a. Confirm requirements (Real-time)
4. Secretary present slate of Nominees to members (21 days prior to election) [11/12/20] *
5. Annual meeting
 - a. Call for Nominations from floor
 - i. Nomination acceptance
 - ii. Confirm requirements
 - b. Election [12/3/20] *
 - c. Announce election results

**Example timeline highlighted in yellow above*