

1.1 Elections and Appointments

All elections and appointments for the district committee shall be made prior to July 1st. (PIAA-Article VIII, 1-Sec C) Procedures should be adopted to insure a secret vote. (3-16-2000)

1.1.1 Annual Elections

1.1.1.1 Election Committee

The election committee will be appointed by chairman prior to January 31 each year to conduct the election process. Election committee will consist of a chairman and at least two persons not running for election. The Election Committee will serve as the clerks and registrars of the elections and pre-election activities.

The election committee will determine if current committee members wish to stand for re-election prior to March 1st of each year.

Nomination petitions for D9 committee positions will be accepted from the general membership. These nomination petitions will be for any position to be included on the annual election ballot. Nomination petitions must have the endorsement of at least 3 principals of other member schools and must be returned to D9 secretary by March 1. No nominations will be taken from the floor at the annual meeting.

A printed ballot shall be prepared by election committee prior to the annual meeting with the name of the persons running for election and the school district they represent. The ballot should indicate incumbent status of any respective nominees. On the even years there shall be a separate ballot for the junior high/middle school representative election, which will be cast before the at-large balloting.

Sample ballots will be distributed with the agenda for the annual meeting.

(Adopted June 16, 2004)

1.1.1.2 Annual Election

At the annual meeting in April of each year, each principal will sign in at the meeting or their designee will present written credentials of alternate delegate status signed by their respective principal. (The Alternate delegate representing the principal must be an employee of the voting district or school.) Only those credentialed delegates will be issued ballots to vote in the elections. Each member school will receive a ballot for their respective principal or their certified delegate to cast for their choices.

Election will be by secret ballot. Rules for conducting the election will be explain to the assembly and the candidates will be introduced to the voting delegates. Directions for voting will also appear on the ballot. An additional ballot will settle ties during the same meeting. Results will be announced when the tally is finished. Preferably, a state representative will observe

the election process and vote counting to insure fairness and appropriateness of the process. If more votes are cast than are eligible to vote, the vote will be declared void and a re-vote will be taken. (Adopted June 16, 2004)

1.1.1.3 Reorganization

The newly elected members of the District Committee and the hold over voting members from the previous year shall meet for organizational purposes only, prior to July 1st. They will elect new officers and set the meeting dates. (PIAA-Article VIII, Sec 1-E)

1.1.2 Failure to Elect Committee

If the district committee fails to elect a district committee prior to July 1st, the President of the PIAA shall appoint a chairman for the District who shall serve during the ensuing year. The President shall conduct an election for the remaining members of the district committee within one month following their appointment. (PIAA-Article VIII, Sec 1-F) The appointed president will convene a special annual meeting and election within a month of election for vacant positions.