

Voting and Election Process for the House of Delegates

All voting will take place in the House of Delegates. The voting process will be as follows.

The House of Delegates (HOD) is called to order. Next the adoption of the Credentials Report will occur as well as the adoption of the Standing Rules of Order and then the Proposed Agenda. Once these items occur an opportunity will be allowed for additional items relevant to elections such as complaints, etc. After this opportunity has been provided the election(s) will begin and the Election Committee will move into their positions. Individual Election Committee members will be responsible for regional voting sites to check-in and verify each delegate's right to vote with a signature verification of a delegate's signed Voting Card; each region will have its own person, there will also be a separate check-in for the current Board of Trustees and NAHU Past Presidents. Each credentialed delegate will receive a ballot for any contested offices.

All voting delegates will mark their ballots and place them in the ballot box. Immediately upon completion of the voting, the polls will be declared closed and the Election Committee will exit the room with the ballot box to count the ballots. As soon as the vote count is complete the Election Committee will return to the HOD and present the Election Report in a sealed envelope to the President.

The Election Committee shall maintain the secrecy of the election results until the President gives the results of the Election Committee.

The HOD will proceed as usual with the Report of Board of Trustees and the Report on the Financials. After the reports the HOD will move onto any other business which may include items requiring a vote.

NAHU's bylaws Article X Nominations & Elections, Section 2 states:

"Section 2. Elections

- A. The Election Committee shall consist of the chairperson, who shall be the Immediate Past President, and regional members of the committee, who shall be one each from their respective region appointed by the Regional Vice President and approved by the entire Board of Trustees. They shall be members in good standing of NAHU. They shall not be currently running for office. If such should occur, his or her name should be withdrawn and the appropriate Regional Vice President will replace their name with another member in good standing.
- B. The responsibilities of the Election Committee shall include:
 - i. The adoption of procedures for credentialing delegates to vote for offices;
 - ii. Reporting to the House of Delegates on the number of delegates who have been credentialed and the meeting of necessary quorum for the House of Delegates to conduct business; and
 - iii. To supervise all ballot votes and tabulating and reporting the results of all votes.
- C. The nominees for each office receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. An additional vote shall be taken if no candidate receives the necessary majority for election. The two (2) candidates receiving the most votes (or more in the case of a tie) on the first ballot shall be the only names on the additional ballot or ballots."