

# ELECTION POLICY AND PROCEDURES

*Members must be present at the Election Assembly  
to stand for an Officer position or to put their name in box for Coordinator.*

## I. OVERVIEW:

- A. Purpose – provide guidance supporting the election of trusted servants in accordance with the Al-Anon Legacies: the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts.
- B. Definitions:
  - 1. Electronic Voting Application – an electronic voting system designed to protect individual voting anonymity on each item requiring a vote.
  - 2. Teller(s) – person(s) appointed by the Chairperson who tabulate/report votes either electronically or by paper ballot. Tellers are selected from non-voting members in attendance who additionally are not standing for any elected position.
- C. Voting:
  - 1. Eligibility to vote – Each group chooses an outgoing Group Representative, an incoming Group Representative or an appointed member to vote for the group.
  - 2. Method – Voting may be either by electronic or paper balloting, as determined by the Assembly.

## II. FLORIDA SOUTH, AREA 10 OFFICER CANDIDATES' ELIGIBILITY:

- A. Officers:
  - 1. Candidates for Officer positions must be residents in Florida South, Area 10.
  - 2. DELEGATE: All former and outgoing Florida South, Area 10, District Representatives, who have previously served a full three-year term as District Representative and a full three-year term as Group Representative, both in Florida South, Area 10 – total of six (6) years – and who have not previously served as Delegate for a full three-year term for Florida South, Area 10.
  - 3. ALTERNATE DELEGATE: All former and outgoing Florida South, Area 10, District Representatives, who have previously served a full three-year term as District Representative and a full three-year term as Group Representative, both in Florida South, Area 10 – total of six (6) years – and who have not previously served as Alternate Delegate or Delegate for a full three-year term for Florida South, Area 10.
  - 4. CHAIRPERSON: All former and outgoing Florida South, Area 10, District Representatives, who have previously served a full three-year term as District Representative and a full three-year term as Group Representative, both in Florida South, Area 10 – total of six (6) years – and who have not previously served a full three-year term as Chairperson for Florida South, Area 10.



## 1. Electronic Voting

- a. Florida South, Area 10 may utilize electronic voting for their election assembly, provided it is the same electronic voting program utilized for other Area 10 functions such as AWSC and Assembly. All voting members must have access to the electronic voting application.
- b. The designated teller is the person managing the voting application.
- c. The teller will forward results to the Chairperson or designee for display to the Assembly.

## 2. Paper Ballot Voting

- a. Paper ballots are supplied by the Area Secretary.
- b. Ballots are distributed to each voting member for each vote taken, collected from each voting member, and then counted in a secure area.
- c. Any ballot, containing any marks or remarks other than the name of a candidate who stood for a position, is void and a new vote will be taken.
- d. Tellers tally the votes and write the tallies on the board beside the candidates' names.

C. Candidates may remain in the room during the Election.

V. **ELECTION of DELEGATE and ALTERNATE DELEGATE:**

- A. The number of votes necessary to elect Delegate and Alternate Delegate is two-thirds (2/3) of votes cast.
- B. If there are two or more candidates and two-thirds (2/3) majority is not obtained on the first ballot, a second ballot is taken. A two-thirds (2/3) majority is still necessary to elect.
- C. If a two-thirds (2/3) majority is not obtained on the second ballot, a third ballot is taken. A two-thirds (2/3) majority is still necessary to elect.
- D. If a two-thirds (2/3) majority is not obtained on the third ballot, a fourth ballot is taken between the two candidates with the highest number of votes. A two-thirds (2/3) majority is still necessary to elect.
- E. If a two-thirds (2/3) majority is not obtained on the fourth ballot, the Chairperson asks for a motion to close the balloting and that the choice be made by lot between the two candidates with the highest number of votes. The first name drawn becomes the candidate elected.

VI. **ELECTION of CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY, TREASURER:**

The procedures are the same as for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate, except the number of votes necessary to elect Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer is by a substantial unanimity of 60% of the votes cast.

- A. If no eligible member stands, the Chairperson will ask past Area Officers, who are present at the Fall Assembly and who have served in that position three (3) or more panels ago, if any are willing to serve as Interim Officer until the next Assembly. If more than one of the past Area

