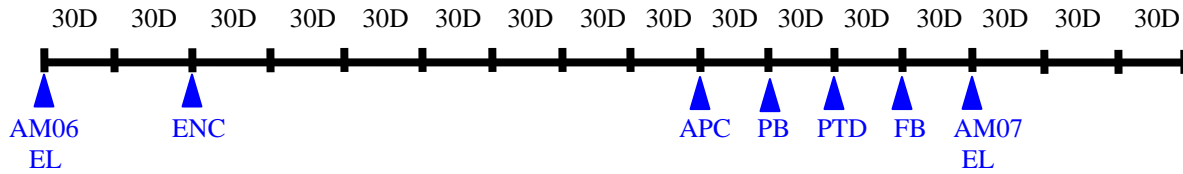


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## Election Process Per Current Bylaws (Approved 6/25/06)

The following Article V contains the key information regarding the election process and key deliverables. To illustrate this process, the below graphical example is provided.



### Key:

AM06 = Annual Mtg 2006	AM07 = Annual Mtg 2007	EL = Election	30D = 30 Days
ENC = Establish Nominating Committee (President)	PTD = Petition is Due to Sec.-Treas. (Petitioner)		
APC = Approve Candidate Slate (District Board of Direction)	FB = Final Ballot is Transmitted (Sec.-Treas.)		
PB = Publish Nominees in WesternITE/D6 Website or Otherwise Directly Convey/Transmit Slate to Membership (Sec.-Treas.)			

### ARTICLE V - NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 5.1 -- **Within 60 days after the District Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee consists of the District's immediate Past President (who chairs the committee) plus at least five members, each from different Sections. If the immediate Past President has a conflict of interest, or otherwise is unable to serve as Chair, the Board will select another District Past President to serve as Chair.

Section 5.2 -- The Nominating Committee shall prepare its slate of one or more qualified candidates for each elective office for consideration of the Board of Direction. A written consent to hold office must be received from each nominee. **The Board of Direction shall approve a slate of candidates not later than 120 days prior to the election.**

Section 5.3 -- **Not later than 90 days prior to the election each year, the list of nominees shall be published in WesternITE and displayed on the District website or otherwise directly conveyed or transmitted to the membership by the Secretary-Treasurer.** Additional nominations for any elected office may be made by petition, signed by at least 2% of the eligible voting membership. To be valid, the signatures on the petition shall include voting membership representation from at least one-third (1/3) of the Sections in the District (a minimum of five (5) signatures from each of these Sections shall define adequate representation). The remaining signatures can come from the voting membership at large. **Each petition shall be accompanied by written consent of the nominee running for the office for which nominated, and must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer not later than 60 days prior to the election.** A member may be a candidate for only one office.

Section 5.4 -- The election shall be at the District's Annual Business Meeting. **Not later than 30 days prior to the election, the Secretary-Treasurer will transmit a final ballot, listing the candidates nominated for offices and containing a statement from the candidates (if provided by the candidate).** Final ballots returned by eligible voters to the Secretary-Treasurer shall be canvassed. Canvassing of the ballots shall be completed at the District's Annual Meeting by a Teller's Committee appointed by the President. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. In case of a tie vote, the new District Board of Direction at its first meeting shall choose between the candidates.

Section 5.5 -- Prior to the District Annual Meeting, each Section and Chapter will elect a President, who will serve as the Section/Chapter representative to the District Board of Direction.