

- A. The Nominations Committee shall decide on a list of recommended nominees, and shall send the list to the membership as soon as possible before the Annual Meeting.
- B. A candidate may be nominated for a position by a petition signed by twenty five (25) RCA members. The deadline for the submission of a petition is nineteen (19) days after the Nominations Committee's recommended list is sent to the membership. Petitions may be submitted to the national office of the RCA by mail, by email, or in person. Petitions must include a printed or typed name for each signature. Candidates must notify the Nominations Committee or the RCA office of their acceptance of a nomination, verbally or in writing, at least 48 hours prior to the ballot preparation deadline.
- C. The ballot preparation deadline shall be four (4) weeks after the Nominations Committee's list is sent to the membership. The ballot shall be sent to Corporate Election Services, Inc. or to a similar neutral and professional election company within 24 hours of its preparation. The third party corporation shall be provided with the contact information of the RCA membership, and shall send the ballot to the membership for voting as soon as possible. Final secret ballot reporting may take place only after at least three (3) weeks following the mailing of the ballots to the membership, unless electronic voting is provided by the election company, in which case two (2) weeks shall suffice. Results shall be reported to the entire Nominations Committee, and final election results should be reported to the membership at the Annual Meeting. If final reporting is not possible by the end of the Annual Meeting, results should be reported to the membership as soon as they are available.
- D. The ballot may identify whether candidates are recommended by the Nominations Committee or were nominated by petition. Beyond this difference, all candidates shall be treated equally when it comes to issues such as ballot placement and the use of RCA resources.
- E. Any member who stands to gain or retain an office or position based on the election results shall not be involved in the supervision of an election. Recusal shall be automatic in any such case.
- F. Nominations Committee members shall be considered official election observers, with the ability to access and observe the election process and to communicate with the RCA office and the election company. Presidential candidates may each appoint an additional official observer.
- G. The Nominations Committee shall supervise all voting for candidates and amendments in coordination with the Convention Committee and in accordance with these election rules.