

Director Elections at the 2026 Annual Meeting

What Members Need to Know

This document explains how Director elections will work at the 2026 Annual Meeting and how the proposed Bylaws would change the process in the future.

This Year's Election: How It Will Work

Under the Association's current Bylaws:

- Section 6.4 sets the number of Directors as no less than eleven and no more than twenty-five Directors. The Board currently has 14 Directors. Two Director terms expire at the Annual Meeting, which would reduce the Board to 12 continuing Directors. This count does not include the two interim Directors standing for election. With a maximum of 25 allowed and 12 continuing Directors, there are 13 seats available under the current Bylaws.
- Section 6.6 provides that Directors are elected by a plurality of votes cast by the membership. Under plurality voting, the candidates who receive the highest number of votes are elected to fill available seats.

Because there are fewer candidates than available Director seats, **this year's election is uncontested**. Members are voting to confirm their support for the candidates standing for election. Both candidates may be elected if they receive votes from the membership. Any remaining vacant seats may be filled later in accordance with the Bylaws.

Why Plurality Voting Is Used This Year

Plurality voting is required by the current Bylaws, which govern the 2026 Annual Meeting election. Until any revised Bylaws are adopted, those rules must be followed.

Plurality voting was originally adopted to address practical realities in a volunteer-run community. When multiple Director seats were open and volunteer participation was limited, it allowed the Association to fill available seats efficiently in a single election, avoid prolonged vacancies, and maintain a functioning Board. At the time, it was a pragmatic approach focused on continuity and administrative simplicity.

Over time, the Board has heard from members that this approach can be confusing, especially in uncontested elections, and may leave some members feeling that their participation has limited impact.

What Would Change Under the Proposed Bylaws

If adopted, the revised Bylaws would:

- **Require majority voting** for Director elections in future years
- Set the Board size at no fewer than eleven (11) and no more than fifteen (15) Directors, creating a clear and workable range that supports continuity and effective governance

These changes would apply only after the new Bylaws are adopted and do not affect the 2026 election.

Bottom Line

The 2026 Director election follows the rules in the current Bylaws. The proposed Bylaws would modernize the election process going forward by **strengthening member representation** and providing clearer governance standards.