

OAR Code of Regulations Provisions

ARTICLE IV – Nominating Committee

§4.4 Nomination of Officers of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall also meet to receive, consider and select nominees for the officers of the Association, including District Vice Presidents, to be elected at the annual convention. This meeting shall be held prior to the Board of Directors Meeting held during the Winter Conference. The slate of candidates shall be posted prior to the Board of Directors meeting and the names of those so nominated shall be listed in alphabetical order on the ballot.

Additional nominations for state officers to be elected at the annual convention may be made from the floor by any Director of the Association prior to the election at the meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that the nominees are qualified for office and are present at the meeting. All Nominees choosing to run from the floor at the Board of Directors meeting must submit their applications to the Nominating Committee for the purpose of verifying their qualifications at least 10 days prior to the date of the election.

To be considered duly elected, a nominee must receive a majority of the total votes cast by the Directors. In the event that none of the nominees receive a majority vote on the first ballot, the nominee receiving the least number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot and another vote shall be conducted. This procedure shall be repeated as necessary until a nominee receives a majority vote.

§4.5 Nomination of District Vice Presidents. The Nominating Committee shall consider nominations for District Vice President only from Boards located within that District or from members who hold primary membership in a Board within that District. The nominee shall stand for election only to the District Vice President position for the district in which he resides. The Nominating Committee shall not nominate a candidate for District Vice President which could potentially result in a district being represented by two District Vice Presidents who hold primary membership in the same local board.

ARTICLE VI – Officers

§6.1 Officers. The elected officers of the Association shall be a President, President-elect, Treasurer, and two Vice Presidents from each geographical district established by the Board of Directors (a “District”). The President, President-elect and Treasurer shall serve one-year terms, and the Vice Presidents shall serve two-year terms. The terms of the two Vice Presidents representing each District shall be staggered. The officers of the Association also shall include a Secretary, who shall be the Chief Executive Officer appointed as described in §3.4 of these regulations.

§6.2 Election; Succession. The Board of Directors at the annual convention shall elect a Treasurer whose one-year term shall commence on the first day of January following such election. The Treasurer shall automatically succeed to the office of President-elect at the conclusion of his term as Treasurer, or at such earlier time should a vacancy in the office of President-elect arise due to the death, resignation or inability of the President-elect to complete his term. In such event the Treasurer shall complete the unexpired term of President-elect and then automatically succeed to the office of President for a full one-year term. If the vacancy in the office of President-elect is due to the succession of the President-elect to President before the completion of his term as President-elect, then the Treasurer shall serve the remainder of the President-elect’s term and then serve one full term as President-elect before becoming President.

The President-elect shall automatically succeed to the office of President on the first day of January following his term as President-elect, or at such earlier time should the President die, resign or otherwise become unable to serve. In the event that the President-elect assumes the office of President prior to completion of his one- year term as President-elect, he shall complete the unexpired term of President and thereafter serve as a full year term as President.

The Board of Directors at the annual convention shall elect one Vice President, where a vacancy is to be filled, for each District. The term of office shall commence January 1 following the election of each Vice President. In the event the terms of the two Vice Presidents assigned to a District expire simultaneously, to achieve staggered terms, the candidate in the next election who receives the most votes shall serve a three year term.

§6.3 Vacancies. In the event a vacancy in one or more of the elective offices, after the provisions for succession in §6.2, above, have been applied, the Board of Directors, at a regular or special meeting called by the President, shall elect a successor or successors to serve the remainder of the then unexpired term or terms. Provisions for automatic succession shall not apply to any successor elected in accordance with this section, but the office shall be deemed vacant at the next regular election.

§6.4 Qualifications. No current or past President shall be eligible for election to the office of President-elect or Treasurer, or re-election to the office of President. (Note: All other language in Article VI remains unchanged)

§6.5 District Vice Presidents. Each Vice President shall be assigned to the District in which he holds primary Board membership and it shall be his duty to visit the Member Boards in his District as often as may be necessary. He shall assist in the organization of new Boards and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the President or the Board of Directors. He shall attend all state meetings of the Association, its Executive Committee and Board of Directors unless excused by the President or the Chief Executive Officer.

Policy Provisions

Nominating, Election & Campaign Policy #85 -- CAMPAIGN POLICY

CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS

- A. Applications for candidates for OAR and NAR office may be submitted by any board in which the candidate holds membership or may be submitted directly by a candidate.
- B. Applications for OAR District Vice President and Treasurer positions must be submitted no sooner than December 1 of the year preceding the year in which the candidate is running for office, but no later than 10 days prior to the start of the OAR Winter Conference.
- C. Applications for NAR Director and NAR Region 6 Vice President must be received no sooner than February 1 of the year the candidate is running for office, but no later than 10 days prior to the start of the Spring Conference.

ELECTION INFORMATION

- A. Local Boards shall be provided with Campaign Policy (#85) and the election procedures policy (#94) at the time applications for the offices of District Vice President and Treasurer are solicited. Candidates shall also be provided with these policies upon declaration of their candidacy.
- B. Upon request, nominated candidates will be emailed the name, brokerage, mailing address, local board and district of all OAR Directors, unless another delivery method is requested. This data will be provided at no charge and is for a one-time use only. If a candidate wishes to utilize the information more than one time, an additional request must be submitted to OAR and the information will be provided at cost. Individual Director email addresses will not be provided to candidates.
- C. Information on the elections and nominated candidates, including the applications and biographical information submitted to the Nominating Committee, will be provided as follows:
 1. Posted on the OAR website 30 days before the election
 2. Included in one edition of OAR eConnections
 3. Emailed directly to the OAR Directors no sooner than 10 days prior to the election.

A link to a nominated candidate's website may be included in the above communications upon request, provided the website is limited solely to information regarding their qualifications for office.

CAMPAIGNING

- A. In the interest of absolute neutrality, OAR staff shall not be permitted to endorse or support any candidate for elective office and may not wear campaign apparel or buttons, display campaign materials at any staff work station, including meeting registration desks, or distribute campaign materials for any candidate for elective office.
- B. No person serving as the Chair, Vice Chair or Executive Committee Liaison shall wear campaign materials (i.e., t-shirts, hats, pins) in a meeting of that committee/forum.
- C. During the OAR meetings, each nominated candidate will be provided with a table near the OAR registration desk for purposes of displaying campaign materials. These tables are available to candidates on a "first-come" basis.
- D. The following campaign activities are permitted during OAR's Tri-Annual Meetings:
 1. Placing campaign materials on a table as described in paragraph (c) above.
 2. Distributing materials prior to the start of the following events only:
 - A. Opening General Session
 - B. Member & Director Forum
 - C. OAR Trade Show
 3. Distributing campaign materials in common areas/halls and at the doors to committee and business meetings, as long as the members' entry to such meetings is not impeded.
 4. Displaying campaign posters in common areas/halls
- E. At the Member & Director Forum conducted during the Spring Legislative Conference, candidates for the positions of OAR Treasurer and District Vice President and NAR Director and RVP shall be given the opportunity to address the attendees for the purpose of presenting their qualifications for office. Due to time constraints, candidates are allowed to speak for no more than three minutes. Candidates are not permitted to have a representative speak on their behalf at this meeting and no audio visual presentations may be made.

Nominating, Election & Campaign Policy #86A -- ELECTION PROCEDURES POLICY

CANDIDATE SPEECHES

- A. In contested elections during Directors' meetings, each candidate is allowed no more than five (5) minutes to address the Directors. No other person may speak on behalf of a candidate unless the candidate is unable to speak due to extenuating circumstances as determined by the OAR President. No audio visual presentations are permitted at the directors' meeting.

VOTING

1. Voting shall be by ballot unless the race is uncontested, in which case it shall be held by a voice vote. For DVP races, only directors from the District for which a candidate(s) is running for DVP shall vote.
2. The total number of ballots cast for each candidate will be made available to any member upon request.
3. Ballots will be destroyed five business days after the election is held unless a candidate in such election has submitted a written request for a recount. All candidates in the subject election shall immediately be notified of the requested recount.
4. The recount shall take place as soon as possible and shall be conducted jointly by the following:
 - The Chairman of the Nominating Committee
 - One District Vice President from each of the districts from which there was a candidate in the election that is the subject of the recount. Said DVP shall be appointed by the OAR President. In the event that there is more than one candidate from the same District, both DVPs from that District shall participate in the recount.
5. If any of the above individuals is unable to participate in the recount due to a conflict of interest (i.e. was a candidate in the subject election), the OAR President shall appoint an alternate DVP or Nominating Committee member to participate in the recount.

Nominating, Election & Campaign #86B -- STATE OFFICER MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates for the Association offices of President, President-elect, Treasurer and District Vice President shall be required to meet the minimum qualifications outlined below.

President, President-elect & Treasurer

1. Has served a full term as President of his/her Local Board of REALTORS® or as an officer of the National Association of REALTORS® or any of its institutes.
2. Has served as a Director or Alternate Director to the Ohio Association of REALTORS® for at least two years (not necessarily in succession.)
3. Has served as an active committee member of at least one committee within the Ohio Association of REALTORS® structure within the last three years.
4. Has been licensed by the State and a member of the REALTOR® Association in Ohio for a minimum of 8 years.
5. Has attended at least two State Conventions of the Ohio Association of REALTORS® within the last three years.
6. The President-elect must have served as Treasurer of the Ohio Association of REALTORS®.
7. The President must have served as President-elect and Treasurer of OAR.

District Vice President

1. Has served as an officer, or Director of his/her Local Board of REALTORS®.
2. Has served as a Director to the Ohio Association of REALTORS® for at least two years (not necessarily in succession) or one year as a Director and one year as an Alternate Director.
3. Has served as an active committee member of at least one committee within the Ohio Association of REALTORS® structure within the last three years.
4. Has been licensed by the state and a member of the REALTOR® Association in Ohio for a minimum of five years.
5. Has attended at least two State Conventions of the Ohio Association of REALTORS® within the last three years.

Nominating, Election & Campaign Policy #94 -- NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Candidate review

- A. The Nominating Committee shall review all applications submitted by candidates for the following positions: OAR Treasurer, OAR District Vice President, NAR Regional Vice President and At-Large Positions on the NAR Board of Directors. The purpose of this review is to verify that a candidate meets the minimum qualifications for the position sought.
- B. The Nominating Committee shall interview all candidates who meet the minimum qualifications, but has the authority to waive the interview of a candidate in an uncontested election.

Candidate nomination

- A. Following this verification and interview process, the Nominating Committee shall select and submit a slate of candidates to the Board of Directors at its next regularly scheduled meeting. This slate shall be comprised of those candidates who the Nominating Committee determines are the most qualified for the elective office sought, based upon the candidates' application, interview, resume and any other information submitted by the applicant. The Committee may, in its discretion, nominate one or more candidate(s). In no event shall the Nominating Committee predetermine the number of candidates that will be nominated for a position prior to the interview process.
- B. When considering candidates for the position of District Vice President, the Committee, in addition to the candidate's application, resume, interview, etc., shall also consider the candidate's residence so as to achieve balanced geographic representation by the Vice Presidents within the District.