

Section 5.4. Nomination and Election of Officers.

- (A) Each office of the Association shall be open for election at the Annual Meeting of the Association; however, the office of President shall be automatically filled by the President-Elect as prescribed in these Bylaws.
- (B) With the exception of commissioners presently serving as FAC officers, any eligible commissioner wishing to run for Association office is required to formally declare his/her candidacy by May 15 of the year of the Annual Meeting scheduled for that year, unless otherwise changed for a particular year by the Executive Committee or the Board. The commissioner's declaration of candidacy must be in writing and postmarked by May 15, and shall be sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Executive Director of the Association. A commissioner, as a part of qualifying, may submit a letter from that commissioner's board of county commissioners supporting the candidacy, a copy of the commissioner's resume, an outline of the commissioner's prior activities and leadership roles within the Association, and a statement regarding what assets the commissioner would bring to the Association by being an officer. "Eligible commissioner" under this section is any county commissioner who, on May 15, has served a minimum of two years in county office. In addition to the two year requirement, candidates must meet one of the following criteria: (1) be serving on May 15 or have served on the Board of Directors; (2) have completed the County Commissioners Voluntary Certification (CCC) Program by May 15; (3) be serving on May 15 or have served as a chair or vice chair of an Association legislative policy committee or caucus; or (4) be serving on May 15 or have served on any Association standing or select committee.
- (C) After the close of the qualifying period, the Executive Director shall notify the members of the Association of the eligible candidates. It shall be each candidate's responsibility to conduct any campaign activities or disseminate any campaign literature to the Association's membership. No campaigning may begin until a candidate has filed his/her qualifying letter with the Executive Director.
- (D) At the Annual Meeting of the Association, the President shall announce the eligible candidates for each office, and an election shall be held.
- (E) The candidates for each office receiving a majority of votes by ballot shall be declared elected. Voting shall be by written secret ballot unless the candidate is unopposed. An unopposed candidate shall be elected by voice vote. Election of officers shall be by majority vote of the county commissioners registered and physically present, not by weighted vote.
- (F) In the event of a tie vote, a second vote shall be taken between the tying candidates, and succeeding ballots shall be taken if necessary until one candidate receives a majority. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of votes cast, a runoff shall be held between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.