

Tennessee Area 52

ELECTION PROCEDURES

NOTE: **SATURDAY** is designated as “Election” day of Fall Assembly weekend of the 3rd year of each Panel.

A. ELIGIBILITY TO STAND for Area Trusted Servants

1. Delegate and Alternate Delegate: Anyone who has, or will have, served a consecutive three-year term as DR by the start of the new term, has remained active at the TN Area level, and regularly attends AI-Anon meetings.
2. Election of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer: From the DRs. In addition to the DRs, the outgoing Delegate may be included on the slate for Chairperson.

B. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE at Election Assemblies: GRs, or the Alternate GR in the absence of the GR, votes at Election Assemblies.

C. ELECTION PROCEDURE

1. Chairperson is responsible for reviewing and presenting "Duties of Assembly Members" for the specific offices.
2. Chairperson asks for acceptance of the Tennessee Area 52 proposed method of election as agreed upon by a two-thirds vote of the assembly – which is determined by the Secretary.
3. Secretary takes roll call of present GRs from the roll call book and announces the total members eligible to vote. (Each Group has one vote cast by the Group Representative or Alternate GR in the GR's absence.)
4. Chairperson selects and announces names of tellers who are not from among the voting members of the assembly. Secretary distributes paper and pencils for written ballots.
5. Voting for Delegate begins as suggested in the current copy of the Service Manual:
 - a. Chairperson calls for those eligible for each office to stand; then asks for those who are willing to be considered for each position to remain standing.

- b. Names of those eligible and willing to stand for the office are listed on the board by the Secretary.
- c. Prior to the voting for each office, those eligible and willing to stand for the office will be asked to share their service background and other pertinent information with the Assembly.
- d. Voting then begins by written ballots.
- e. Candidates, if eligible to vote for the office being voted on, will be asked to leave the room after casting their votes.
- f. Tellers will collect ballots; after counting, tallied votes will be written on the board alongside the names of each candidate.
- g. Balloting for Delegate and Alternate Delegate continues until one candidate receives a two-thirds vote.
 - (i) If no one has the required two-thirds vote after several ballots, **AND** if two candidates have 40% each or more of the total vote, the chairperson will request that those two candidates continue and the others withdraw.
 - (ii) Whether or not any names are withdrawn, another ballot is taken.
 - (iii) If no election occurs, the chairperson asks for a motion to close the balloting, and that the choice be made by lot between the two highest candidates.

6. Balloting for other officers (Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer) continues until one name for each office receives a majority of the votes.

D. SELECTION OF AREA COORDINATORS: The incoming World Service Delegate appoints Coordinators.

- 1. Those interested in any Coordinator position are asked to read the Service Position Descriptions and submit an "Interest Form" to the Chairperson, who will pass it on to the new incoming Delegate.
- 2. Announcement of new Coordinators will be made the next day (Sunday after elections).