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BOARD ELECTION PROCESS

1.0 **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Policy is to establish the process of nomination, campaigns, and elections for Board of Director members.

2.0 **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all persons directly associated with the Oregon Fire District Directors Association.

3.0 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

3.1 Nominations

3.1.1 Nomination of candidates from the Nominations Committee will be completed and included in board member packets for the annual meeting. Nomination of candidates from the floor may be made by active members. A call for nominations from the floor will be made on two separate occasions on the first day of the annual meeting. At the conclusion of the second call, nominations will be closed. The Nominations Committee will then review all candidates for compliance with the policies and bylaws of the association. Balloting will be done following the Nominations Committee's announcement and preparation of a ballot listing the eligible candidates for each office.

3.1.2 A seconding speech may be given by a member other than the candidate, not exceeding three (3) minutes, at a time determined by the president, before balloting.

3.1.3 Each candidate may present to the general meeting a final campaign speech, not exceeding three minutes, immediately following the seconding speech.

3.1.4 Nominees desiring to withdraw their names from the ballot may do so at any time prior to the close of nominations. Any such nominee shall not be allowed a seconding speech or address to the general meeting, as provided in sections 3.1.2 and 3.1.3 above, respectively.

3.2 Campaigns

3.2.1 Election campaigns are expected to be conducted in an ethical manner.

3.2.2 Any questions concerning ethics of the campaign are to be referred to the Nominations Committee, who shall investigate the charges and announce their decisions and ruling to the membership assembled. The Nominations Committee may remove a name from nomination if, in their sole discretion, they determine that the candidate's campaign was not conducted in an ethical manner.

3.2.3 Board members shall not endorse candidates, give seconding speech, or wear campaign material endorsing any particular candidate.

3.3 Election

3.3.1 Elections shall be held at the annual meeting following the procedures listed in the OFDDA Constitution and Bylaws.

3.3.2 Secret ballot shall be prepared by staff, listing only those positions being voted on.

3.3.3 Ballots to be distributed, collected, and counted by persons not running for office as appointed by the president.

3.3.4 Members must show a current Active membership name tag to receive a ballot.

3.3.5 All ballots shall be retained by the Executive Director in the event a recount is required. After the close of the annual meeting the ballots shall be destroyed.