

# Proposed Rules for Election of Officers

## General

1. The election shall occur at a meeting held using Zoom technology, and only Voting Members of the Body shall be issued Zoom login credentials and be permitted in the virtual meeting room, provided, however, that (a) a candidate for election who is not a Voting Member shall be permitted to attend the meeting for the purpose of speaking when recognized by the Chair, and (b) other individuals who are assisting with the operations of the meeting may be present in the virtual meeting room.
  - a. Non-voting members and guests may view the proceedings of the reorganization meeting via a livestream of the meeting to the 3rd LD YouTube channel.
2. During the elections portion of the meeting, individuals are to remain muted in the Zoom software unless unmuted by the Chair or the Chair's designee after being granted the floor.
3. To be recognized during the election, a Voting Member must first communicate their desire to be recognized and the purpose for which recognition is sought. If a member would like to be recognized for debate or to provide a motion, or a nomination during the election, they may use the "raise hand" function in Zoom, provided the Chair or Chair's designee is able to monitor all participants equally well and assure fairness in recognition. The Chair or the Chair's designee will keep a running list of individuals who have their hands raised and the order in which they raised their hands to recognize them to speak.
  - a. When conducting debate, the Chair may bypass the next speaker in order to hear from additional individuals who have their hands raised to alternate debate between pro and con.
  - b. A text number may also be provided for recognition purposes.

4. Requests for recognition to make a motion that requires interrupting the current speaker and requests for recognition when no other business is pending should be made by direct messaging the Chair or the Chair's designee directly by using a text number provided for that purpose.
5. Debate during the elections portion of the meeting will be limited to a maximum of one minute per speaker, and a maximum of two speeches pro and two speeches con, per motion.

### **Credentialing and Sign-in of Eligible Voters**

6. Eligible Voters shall be limited to current elected and appointed Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) who continue to reside in their precinct as of the date of the meeting.
  - a. An elected or appointed PCO may be represented by proxy (the proxy must be issued to another individual residing in the same precinct who considers themselves to be a Democrat) and the proxy must be submitted to the Secretary so that it is received no later than Friday, May 13, 2022 at 5:00 pm.
7. Eligible Voters shall be credentialed for the election by a verbal roll call inside the Zoom meeting room no earlier than 10:30 am on the date of the meeting.
  - a. Eligible Voters who fail to respond to the verbal roll call shall not be eligible to vote in the election.
    - i. Provided, however, that Eligible Voters who enter the Zoom room after their name has been called but before the last name has been called shall be eligible to respond.
  - b. The Chair may extend the election credentials sign-in deadline if necessary or prudent due to technology difficulties.
8. Reasonable accommodations for voting shall be provided to Voting Members upon request to the Chair.

## **Election of Spokane County eBoard Representative Positions (2 to be elected)**

9. The election shall be conducted by the Chair.
10. The Body shall first vote on approving these Rules.
11. Any individual eligible to serve as Spokane County eBoard Representative may self-nominate by 9 am on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 by submitting via email their name and gender identity to the Chair's email address: [chair@thirdld.org](mailto:chair@thirdld.org).
  - a. A confirmation email will be sent within 24 hours.
  - b. An individual must self-identify as a Democrat and reside in the 3rd Legislative District to be eligible to serve as an elected officer.
  - c. Each candidate who timely self-nominates in advance may submit with their self-nomination declaration a written statement of no more than 300 words. Submitted statements shall be sent to all Voting Members by email no later than 5 pm on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Such statements shall also be sent via U.S. mail to Voting Members and posted on the Third LD's website, [www.thirdld.org](http://www.thirdld.org).
12. In addition to the self-nomination process, any eligible individual may be nominated from the floor at the meeting by a credentialed Voting Member. A second shall not be required.
13. A majority vote of credentialed, Eligible Voters present and voting is necessary to elect an officer.
  - a. If the election is uncontested, the position(s) may be filled by an election by acclamation.
  - b. The two individuals elected may not have the same gender identity.
14. The process for nominating and electing shall include the following:
  - a. Announcement of self-nominations received by email followed by a Call for nominations from the floor.
  - b. Close of nominations.

- i. The order of live speaking is determined by the order the nominations were received (including the time-stamp of nominations received by email).
- c. Each candidate is allowed three minutes to speak to the Body either by using the Zoom software or by using telephone access.

15. Ballot Procedures:

- a. A Tally Committee shall record the results of roll call voting.
  - i. Members of the Tally Committee may include individuals who are not Voting Members of the Body and may include individuals who do not reside in the 3rd Legislative District.
- b. Ballots must meet the following requirements:
  - i. Each ballot shall be conducted via a verbal roll call vote of those Voting Members who have been credentialed.
    1. Voting Members who have not responded when their name is called in the roll call vote shall have one final opportunity to vote immediately after the last name in the initial roll call vote has responded.
    2. Voting Members must vote for the exact number of candidates for which there are vacant positions (e.g., on the first ballot, a Voting Member must cast a vote for two candidates (assuming that there are at least two nominated candidates)).
    3. In the event that there is only one nominated candidate for the two positions, the Chair may fill the remaining vacancy on a temporary basis by appointment, subject to ratification by the Executive Board, and an election to fill the vacant position shall be held at the next quarterly meeting of the body.
- c. Upon request made on the day of the election, and after the election has concluded, two appointed Voting Members of the Body, neither of whom may be candidates themselves, shall review the recorded meeting and shall audit and review the work of the Tally Committee and certify the election results to the Chair, who shall transmit the results of the election to the Voting Members.