

3rd Legislative District Election of Officer(s) After a Reorganization Meeting

Proposed Rules

1. Any individual eligible to serve as an elected officer may self-nominate in advance of the PCO meeting by submitting via email their name and gender identity to the email address: chair@thirdld.org
 - a. The nominated individual must self-identify as a Democrat and reside in the 3rd Legislative District to be eligible to serve as an elected officer. Nominated individuals for Vice Chair must have a gender identity of other than male-identifying.
 - b. Each candidate who timely self-nominates in advance (by Monday, August 12, 2024 at 5:00 pm) may submit with their self-nomination declaration a written statement. Submitted statements shall be sent by the Chair to all Voting Members by email no later than 5 pm on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 and will be posted on the website, www.thirdld.org.
 - i. Third LD Vice Chair: Statement of no more than 300 words.
2. In addition to the self-nomination process, any eligible individual may be nominated from the floor at the meeting by a Voting Member (precinct committee officer). A second shall not be required.
3. A majority vote of Eligible Voters present and voting is necessary to elect an officer.
 - a. In the event that the position is not elected via a majority vote in the first round of voting, unsuccessful candidates will be removed until there are two candidates remaining.
 - i. If only two candidates are running for a single remaining position on any subsequent ballot and no one receives a majority vote, there shall be one final additional subsequent ballot. If a majority vote is not attained by a candidate on the final additional subsequent ballot, then the election shall be decided by lot.

- b. Proxies are permitted (the proxy holder must reside in the same precinct as the PCO granting the proxy). Proxies must be sent to the Chair in advance of the meeting (the proxy form is found on the website, www.thirdld.org).
 - c. If an officer election is uncontested, the position may be filled by acclamation.
- 4. The process for nominating and electing the position 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 to the meeting.
- 5. Ballot Procedures:
 - a. A Tally Committee shall create and compile the ballot for all positions.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Ballots must meet the following requirements:
 - i. Each ballot shall go “live” only open the conclusion of all live speeches for the respective position(s).
 - ii. A ballot must contain the Unique Voter Identification code provided prior to the meeting to ensure the integrity of the election. Any ballot that is not cast using the Unique Voter Identification code shall be considered spoiled and invalid.
 - 1. Reasonable accommodations with respect to voting shall be provided upon request.

- iii. Ballots must remain open for a minimum of ten (10) minutes.
 - iv. Ballots are cast in a representative capacity and there is no expectation that a ballot is private.
- d. After the elections have concluded, two appointed Voting Members of the Body, neither of whom may be candidates themselves, shall audit and review the work of the Tally Committee and certify the election results as timely as possible after the meeting and shall cause said certified results to be transmitted to the Voting Members and posted on the 3rd LD's website, www.thirdld.org.
 - i. Any Voting Member shall be able to audit all ballots and election results upon written request to the Chair and/or another designated individual after the election is concluded.