

RULES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL ELECTION

Motion:

That the NARFE NEB adopt the following rules for the 2018 second ballot for National President:

1. Ballots must be sent to the election vendor. Ballots received at the headquarters office will be discarded without being opened.
2. Ballots must be received before the stated deadline. Ballots received after the deadline will be discarded without being tallied.
3. Only one ballot will be counted per person. If a member votes by both mail and online, the ballot first received by the election vendor is the one that will be counted.
4. If a ballot does not have all preferences marked, it will only be counted for the first tally to determine a majority vote. Ballots that do not contain a mark for each candidate expressing a preference will not be counted for any preference on the second tally Borda count (if needed).

Rationale

The NARFE membership voted to take the second election ballot by preferential voting. In order to facilitate that ballot, some rules are necessary to enable a fair and consistent process. In addition, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th edition) states on page 428:

“When this or any other system of preferential voting is to be used, the voting and counting procedure must be precisely established in advance and should be prescribed in detail. The members must be thoroughly instructed as to how to mark the ballot, and should have sufficient understanding of the counting process to enable them to have confidence in the method. Sometimes, for instance, voters decline to indicate a second or other choice, mistakenly believing that such a course increases the chances of their first choice. In fact, it may prevent any candidate from receiving a majority and require the voting to be repeated.”

It is the board's fiduciary responsibility to manage the funds of the association, and take whatever steps are necessary to help ensure that this ballot is final and that members understand that it is important to fill out the ballot completely. There is no other entity that can perform this action.