ALE General Elections 2022 - Rules and Regulations

Commitment: The Election Committee (EC) will implement a fair and impartial election on behalf of all ALE members. Neither the Executive Board (EB) nor the EC will recommend, nor use any existing resources (e.g. email list or social media) to exclusively promote, one or another candidate or group of candidates over others.

The EC will ensure that all candidates understand and abide by the below Rules and Regulations. As a condition of participating in the election, candidates must confirm in writing that they agree to these rules by Sunday, September 25th by 4pm.

ALE Fall Election Calendar *(subject to change)*

- Friday, Sep 16: Deadline to sign ALE membership card in order to run or vote in Executive Board elections. ➢ **Sign membership card here**
- Friday, Sep 16: Nominations period opens for dues-paid members interested in running for the Executive Board. ➢ **Self-nominate here**
- Friday, Sep 23, 5:00pm: Nomination period closes.
- Tuesday, Sep 27: Campaign period for EB candidates begins.
- Sunday, Oct 2, 3:00pm - 5:00pm: Virtual Candidate Forum
- Wed-Fri, Oct 5-7: Voting period to elect EB officers, conducted online through OpaVote. Campaigning and voting closes at 11:59pm on Friday Oct 7.
- Tuesday, Nov 1: Beginning of new, two-year term for elected Executive Board officers.

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Information

- A Candidate Guide will be shared with all voters and posted on ALE's website.

Communications

- EB candidates will have access to the member (voter) list of names, emails and phone numbers
- Members may opt out of listing their phone number by emailing nyccouncilunion@gmail.com by Monday, Sept. 26th, 7:00 pm.
- There is a limit on communications: One text, email, and call per week that is not replied to maximum. If the person replies, members and candidates may communicate freely. The campaigning period runs for two weeks:
    - Week 1: Tues Sept 27 to Fri Sept 30
    - Week 2: Sat Oct 1 to Fri Oct 7 (voting closes at 11:59PM).

Finances

- No spending is permitted

Election Software

- Opavote will be used once again to operate the election backend, including for generating unique voter codes.
- Only the EC, and no candidates, will have access to the backend.
- EC members will not have access to the vote results prior to tabulation at the conclusion of the voting period.

Voting Process and Ballot

- Ranked choice ballot for the five individual offices (President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Equity Officer).
- Voters may choose up to 3 candidates for Trustee. The winners are those three Trustee candidates with the most votes.

Certification of Results

- The voting tabulation should be conducted as soon as practicable after voting closes. The EC shall certify the results within 36 hours and email them to members, unless they vote otherwise.

Enforcement

- The EC shall use an anonymous complaint Google Form to give members the opportunity to flag inappropriate campaigning