



Nominations and Elections Agenda

Friday October 5	16:00-17:00	Candidate Briefing Location: Charter Oak Ballroom Informational briefing for 2018-2019 candidates and prospective candidates to overview general campaign and presentation guidelines. Meet other candidates and ask questions.
Saturday October 6	12:00	Deadline for Submission of Candidate Application Location: Nominations and Elections Headquarters
	14:15-16:30	House of Delegates - Nominations from the Floor Location: Charter Oak Ballroom All nominations for candidates running from the floor must be made during this session.
Sunday October 7	16:30-17:30	Presentation of the Candidates Location: Charter Oak Ballroom Candidates will have the opportunity to give a short speech and answer questions from the membership.
	17:30-18:00	Meet the Candidates Location: Charter Oak Ballroom Candidates will have the opportunity to speak with the CNSA delegation and membership.
Sunday October 7	08:00-09:30	House of Delegates - Election Location: Charter Oak Ballroom Voting and announcement of the 2018-2019 CNSA Board of Directors.
	12:00-14:00	Joint 2017-18 and 2018-19 Board of Directors Meeting Location: TBA



Nominations and Elections Policies

Positions Open for Election

The offices open for election include President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Breakthrough to Nursing Director, Communications Director, Community Health Director, Convention Director, Cultural Awareness Director, Image of Nursing Director, Legislative Director, Membership Director North, and Membership Director South.

- a) Descriptions of the duties of each office are listed in the CNSA Bylaws.
- b) For more information, please contact the current director or the Nominations and Elections Committee Chair (cnsavicepresident@gmail.com).

Eligibility for Candidacy

1) Required qualifications for candidacy:

- a) Must hold a current membership as defined in Article IV of the CNSA Bylaws.
- b) Must be a member in good standing of CNSA.
- c) Must be enrolled as a nursing student at the time of election.
- d) Must agree to sign the Willingness to Serve attestation.
- e) Must submit a letter of reference from the Dean/Advisor stating candidate's ability to serve.
- f) Must have read the CNSA Bylaws.
- g) Must have a strong sense of ethics, responsibility, and enthusiasm
- h) Must contact the current CNSA Director of desired office and obtain signature.
- i) Must contact a CNSA Advisor to discuss desired office and obtain signature:
 - Ryan Fuller
 - MaryAnn McCarthy
 - Jason Saude

2) Candidates shall adhere to Nominations and Elections Policies.

3) Candidates will have the opportunity to give a 1-2 minute speech (length of time to be determined at the convention) before the general membership and House of Delegates from 16:30 to 17:30 Saturday following the close of the House of Delegates.

4) All candidates, potential candidates, interested members, and campaign managers are encouraged to attend the Candidate Briefing session at the convention following the bylaws/resolutions hearing from 16:00 to 17:00 Friday in the Charter Oak Ballroom.

Elections

- 1) Elections shall be held in accordance with Article X (Elections) of the CNSA Bylaws.
- 2) Ballots cast for a candidate who has been disqualified for any reason are void.
- 3) Candidates will be presented to the general membership and House of Delegates on Saturday, October 6, 2018 and elections will be held on Sunday, October 7, 2018.
- 4) Anyone campaigning for an elected position must be able to remain at the convention site until at least 14:00 Sunday, October 7, 2018 in the event she/he is elected. There will be a joint Board of Directors meeting after the conclusion of convention.

If you have existing commitments regarding travel or other circumstances preventing your attendance, notify the current President as soon as possible before Sunday.

How to Become a Candidate:

Pre-slated Candidates

Those who submit their applications by the deadline of September 1, 2018 and are subsequently notified that their applications are complete will be considered *pre-slated* on the ballot by the Nominations and Elections Committee and:

- a) Need not be nominated from the floor.
- b) Be permitted to begin campaigning following the announcement of pre-slated candidates after the House of Delegates Parliamentary briefing session, which will take place 13:00-14:00 Friday, October 5, 2018.
- c) Have his/her photo and application responses included in a binder at the Nominations and Elections Headquarters for all constituents present at the convention to review.
- d) Have photo and name listed in the CNSA Convention Smartphone App under the Candidates section.
- e) Maintain campaign materials to a maximum value of forty dollars.

Nominations from the Floor

Nominations may be made from the floor during the House of Delegates, but no member may nominate more than one candidate for each office except by unanimous consent of the House of Delegates.

- 1) Nominations from the floor will be requested during the House of Delegates meeting from 14:15 to 16:30 Saturday, October 6, 2018.
 - a) Candidate Application must be submitted to the Nominations and Elections Committee Chair, CNSA Vice President, prior to nominations from the floor by 12:00 Saturday, October 6, 2018.
 - b) Nominations from the floor may be made by any CNSA member who is not currently a member of the CNSA Board of Directors.
- 2) To place a name in nomination, a member should approach the microphone and, after being recognized, should say: "Madame President, I nominate _____ from _____ for the office of _____. She/he has consented to serve." Nominations do not require a second.

- 3) Campaigning may begin after candidate has been notified by a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee that all papers are in order and the candidate's name has been added to the slate board posted at convention.
- 4) Campaign materials for candidates running from the floor are limited to a maximum value of twenty-five dollars.
- 5) All candidates' names and schools of nursing will be posted and their applications available for inspection on the slate board at the Nominations and Elections Headquarters.
- 6) If elected, members who were nominated from the floor are required to submit a current letter of reference from the dean of their school of nursing or an advisor to the Nominations and Elections Committee Chair within one week of election.

Write-in Candidates

Option for write-in candidates is available during elections on Sunday, for those who were unable to be nominated from the floor on Saturday. Write-in candidates may campaign on Sunday morning before elections with campaign materials limited to a value of twenty-five dollars.

If a write-in candidate is elected, they must submit the following to the Nominations and Elections Committee Chair within one week of election:

- 1) Candidate Application
- 2) Willingness to Serve attestation

Campaign Policy for Candidates and Campaign Managers

- 1) Integrity and standards will be used to maintain absence of false, derogatory, and libelous statements.
 - a) There shall be no mention of any opponent for office in any candidate's campaign literature.
 - b) Elected or appointed members of the CNSA Board of Directors shall not wear any campaign material or actively support any candidate. Exceptions will be made for board members running for office, who may wear their candidate ribbon at all times.
- 2) Campaign materials should not exceed the value of forty dollars for each pre-slatted candidate or twenty-five dollars for each candidate nominated from the floor. Candidates may be asked to submit an accurate account to the Nominations and Elections Committee Chair before posting or distributing material.
 - a) No material is to be nailed, tacked, or stapled to walls, doors, or placed on glass. Painting or other permanent marking or defacing of property is not permitted.
 - b) No campaigning may take place within fifty feet of the entrance to the House of Delegates.
 - c) No campaign material of any type may be within fifty feet of the entrance to the House of Delegates on Election Day.
 - d) Each candidate is responsible for the removal of her/his campaign materials.
- 3) There shall be no campaigning before the convention by individual candidates.

Violation of Campaign Regulations

- 1) All campaign regulation violations must be reported to the Nominations and Elections Committee Chair who shall be responsible for investigation of all violations.
- 2) The CNSA Board of Directors shall take the necessary action against violators.
- 3) Any violation of the campaign regulations by any candidate or campaign manager may result in the candidate being removed from the ballot by the Board of Directors upon recommendation from the Nominations and Elections Committee.