

Elections of Directors at MACD Area Meetings

Nominations and Elections from the Floor

If the bylaws do not provide the method of nominating officers, any member may propose a motion determining how nominations are to be made.

- To open nominations the presiding officer may say: "are there nominations [or further nominations] for Area Director?" "If you are interested, please step forward. You may also nominate someone else."
- Any member may then rise and say, for example, "I nominate So and So."
- Nominator can give reasons for supporting the nominee if they would like.

Nominations do not require seconds, but some organizations permit other members to give endorsing statements which are called "seconding speeches."

The term of the office should be clearly stated.

If there is more than one position open due to resignation or vacancy - this should be voted on as a separate election.

Closing Nominations

The presiding officer should repeat the request for further nominations and should pause to allow ample opportunity for members to present nominees.

- When there appears to be no further nominations, the presiding officer (or chair) may declare nominations for that office closed.

A motion to close nominations is not required, but if made requires a two-thirds vote for adoption.

The presiding officer should not recognize a motion to close nominations or declare them closed if any members are rising to be recognized for the purpose of making a nomination.

- If nominations have been closed, they may be reopened by a motion to this effect, until voting has begun.
- The motion to reopen nominations requires a majority for adoption.

Voting

The person receiving the most votes will receive the position.

Voting will be done by roll call or by secret written ballot, with each district in good standing able to submit a single ballot. The ballots will be immediately reviewed and counted by the presiding officer for the election.