

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations from the Floor

As soon as the president opens nominations from the floor, any member can bring forth a nomination. However, the rules for a member nominating a candidate are the same as for the nominating committee. A member should know if the person he or she wishes to nominate is eligible to serve and if the person is willing to serve.

When the nomination is from the floor:

1. A member does not have to get recognition, and often in small assemblies a member can call out a name while still seated.
2. A nomination does not need a second.
3. A member can be nominated for more than one office.
4. A member can't nominate more than one person for an office until everyone has had the opportunity to make nominations.
5. After each nomination, the president repeats the name to the assembly. For example, the president would say:

President: Denise Harmon, for president. Are there further nominations for president?

6. A motion to close nominations is usually not necessary unless it becomes apparent that members are nominating people just to honor them, and that the nominees have no intention of serving.
7. Usually the president closes nominations when no further nominations are coming forward from the assembly.

If at any time during the nominating process a member realizes that he or she will be unable to serve if elected, the member should stand and request that his or her name be removed from nomination. It is better to remove your name during the nomination process, rather than after you are elected.