Elections

Students wishing to be elected as President, Vice President, Membership Relations, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary are asked to complete an officer profile before the annual meetings. Officer profiles are displayed on the SASES website within 1 week of being submitted. All delegates are encouraged to view the profiles before voting.



All students wishing to be elected as a student officer must be present and submit their names at the business meeting of the annual meetings.

National Officers Election Process

- I. Both voting and nonvoting delegates are eligible for national office, providing they will attend the next national annual meeting. Officers cannot succeed themselves in the same office.
- II. Nominations shall be made from the floor. Election of officers shall occur by a secret ballot of appointed delegates. A majority of the valid ballots cast shall be necessary to elect each officer. In the event a majority is not achieved on the first ballot, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be involved in a runoff secondary ties will be decided by the National Officer team.
- III. The voting delegates at the national convention shall have the power to elect all officers.
- IV. Candidates running for executive committee positions will be asked to give a two minute presentation during the last business meeting. Up to two (2) people can give supporting speeches on the candidate's behalf for no more than one (1) minute.
- V. Second candidate speeches are limited to one (1) minute. Second speeches are given by the top two candidates for an office (via a runoff). No supporting speeches can be given.
- VI. Candidates running for President or Vice President will have the opportunity to slide down to one other office (Member Relations, Recording Secretary, or Corresponding Secretary) if they are not elected. Candidates who slide as a nominee to another office can speak for two (2) minutes. No supporting speeches can be given.

Note that only candidates who run for President and Vice President will be able to slide down and only to the other three positions.

Order of Events at Elections

- President candidates' speeches and supporting speeches
- 2. Delegates vote for President
- 3. Vice President candidates speeches and supporting speeches
- 4. Delegates vote for Vice President
- 5. Winners of first two elections are announced
- Non-winners are given the opportunity to slide down.
- 6. Member Relations candidates' speeches and supporting speeches
- 7. Delegates vote for Member Relations
- 8. Corresponding Secretary candidates' speeches and supporting speeches
- 9. Delegates vote for Corresponding Secretary
- 10. Recording Secretary candidates' speeches and supporting speeches
- 11. Delegates vote for Recording Secretary
- 12. Winners of final three elections are announced.

Term of Office

The national officers shall serve for one year with their term of office ending with the calendar year.

If the president cannot serve and or resigns for any reason, the vice president shall assume the office for the remainder of the term. If any other officer cannot serve or resigns for any reason, the Executive Committee in consultation with the National Student Advisory Committee shall appoint a successor either from the nominees at the previous election or an individual selected from the resigning officer's local chapter.