

## **SMSA Nomination and Election of Executive Committee Members**

Nominations for SMSA Executive Committee members, including the Chairperson, shall be by a committee appointed by the Chair. The immediate past Chair of the Association shall serve as the Chair of the Nominations Committee. If the immediate past Chair is unable or unwilling to do so, then the Chair may appoint another person from among the membership at large. The number of members serving on this committee shall be determined by the current Chair. When possible, this committee should be comprised of members representing each of the membership categories (State, Supporting, & Individual).

Nominations or announcement of candidacy for the Executive Committee shall be made in writing to the Chair of the Nominations Committee following the format/timeline listed below. In the event that no qualified candidates come forward for a position, the Nominations Committee may seek qualified candidates from the membership at large and shall add them to the slate of nominees as is appropriate.

The Nominations Committee shall distribute to members of their respective categories the slate of nominees accompanied by pertinent biographical and/or other information for each nominee following the format/timeline listed below.

The Nominations Committee conducts the election by sending out the ballots or making the ballots available for voting, counts the ballots, and announces the results following the format/timeline listed below. The election process is determined by the Nominations Committee and may include, but not limited to, online ballots or email ballots; both methods could use a pre-arranged password to ensure the identity of the individual casting the vote.

April 15: Nominations Committee sends out email to all members requesting nominations of a candidate from their respective membership category.

June 1: Nominations Committee receives all nominations and closes the nomination process.

July 1: Nominations Committee composes the ballots, conducts the elections, and counts the ballots.

August 1: Election results are announced to members.

### **Annual Meeting:**

Option 1: Newly elected Executive Committee members coordinate a meeting with members from their respective membership category to discuss their newly elected position and member concerns.

Option 2: (only if no representative from a membership category has been elected) The current Executive Committee member from the involved membership category coordinates a meeting with their membership category to discuss and conduct an election to fill the vacancy.

A candidate who receives a majority of legal votes for a single office is elected. A candidate who receives a plurality of the legal vote without a majority is not elected. When no candidate receives a majority vote, the candidate having the lowest vote from the list of candidates after each successive vote will be dropped.

Blank ballots, altered ballots, or votes for ineligible persons are counted as illegal ballots and are not factored in the overall count.

Rotation of Elections:

Even Years: Chairperson, State Member At-Large elections & Individual Member election

Odd Years: State Member Regional elections & Supporting Member election

State Member At-Large elections will take place this year (2012 – even year) and replace State Members currently serving on the Executive Committee who are either up for re-election or are term limited.

Individual Member election will also take place this year (2012).

Supporting Member election will also take place this year (2012). The Supporting Member elected this year will serve only a one (1) year term and must run again in 2013 (odd year). This first year will serve as one term (limit of 2 terms).

\*This document is not intended to supersede the SMSA bylaws.

\*\*Executive Committee Officers shall be selected by members of the Executive Committee