

STANDING RULES

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STANDING RULE IV

Elections Function

Sec. 18.

Fair Election Procedures

All elections and election campaigns for office in the SOCIETY, its Local Sections, and its Divisions shall be carried out according to the following:

a. No funds of the SOCIETY, its Local Sections, or its Divisions shall be used to support or to oppose the candidacy of an individual or group of individuals. No facilities, such as office space, equipment, or supplies; official letterhead; or mailing permit of the SOCIETY, its Local Sections, or its Divisions shall be used to support or oppose the candidacy of an individual or group of individuals, except as provided in this Section.

b. If space in a SOCIETY, Local Section, or Division publication, other than a paid advertisement at commercial rates, be used to support or to oppose the candidacy of an individual, space must be made available simultaneously and equally to support or to oppose the candidacy of every other candidate for the same office.

c. For the purpose of distributing campaign material, candidates for office shall have the right to use the membership list of those members eligible to vote for that office. All costs associated with preparation and use of the distribution lists shall be borne by the candidate.

d. If in a Local Section or Division election the Committee on Nominations and Elections finds a significant violation of the Constitution and Bylaw provisions regulating election procedures, which violation appears to benefit the winning candidate, the Committee may

declare the election void and order a new election to fill the vacancy. Opportunity shall be provided for a candidate whose election is challenged, and the challenger(s), to state their views and convey such comments with any correspondence on the subject to the Committee. Opportunity shall be provided for full discussion by all candidates before the Committee, or a decision may be rendered by balloting if that course of action is preferred by all candidates involved. A positive vote by two-thirds of the entire Committee shall be required to declare an election void. No candidate in the disputed election shall vote in the Committee on this decision. The SOCIETY shall hear no further appeal from this decision.

e. If in a District or national election the Council Policy Committee finds a significant violation of the Constitution and Bylaw provisions regulating election procedures, which violation appears to benefit the winning candidate, the Committee may declare the election void and order the Committee on Nominations and Elections to carry out a new election. Opportunity shall be provided for a candidate whose election is challenged, and the challenger(s), to state their views and convey such comments with any correspondence on the subject to the Council Policy Committee. Opportunity shall be provided for full discussion by all candidates before the Council Policy Committee, or a decision may be rendered by balloting if that course of action is preferred by all candidates involved. A positive vote by two-thirds of the membership of the Council Policy Committee shall be required to declare an election void. No candidate in the disputed election shall vote in the Committee on this decision. The SOCIETY shall hear no further appeal from this decision.