

Article III Executive Board
Section 3

Qualifications

All Executive Board members must be voting members of *DEMCCO* for a minimum of 1 year prior to running for any elected position.

Article V Meetings And Membership Rights
Section 5

Voting

Each voting member shall be entitled to only one vote at any membership meeting. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. When there is only one nominee for an office, the Chair of the Nominating Committee may declare the nominee the winner by acclamation or hold a voice vote at his/her discretion. When there is more than one nominee for a position, an election shall be held by secret ballot. A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. **** OMIT / Move to Article VI Section 1 ****

Article IV Elected Officers and Chairs
Section 2

The elected officers of DEMCCO shall be the president, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and Chairperson(s) of membership, political action, fundraising, communications, and special events. The officers and Chairs shall be elected for terms of two years by DEMCCO members at an annual election meeting. The president, treasurer, and directors of membership, political action, and special events shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The vice presidents, secretary, and directors of fundraising and communications shall be elected in even-numbered years. Even if the *membership* consents to and elects co-chairs, she/he shall have only one vote between the two co-chairs. *******Substitute *membership* for "group". *******

Article VI Committees
Section 1

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members: two Executive Board members and three non-Board members. The non-Board members shall be nominated by the current Nominating Committee and elected at the annual election meeting *to be held in the first quarter of the calendar year*. Further nominations may be made from the floor at the election meeting with the consent of the nominee. Nominating Committee members shall hold offices for a term of one year or until their successors are elected.

The Executive Board members of this Committee shall be appointed by the Board *within two months* following the annual election meeting. *Executive Board members of this Committee shall not be running for re-election in the current election cycle (Article IV, Section 2).*

Members of the Nominating Committee shall serve until the next regular election meeting. Any mid-term vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by the Executive Board. *The Nominating Committee shall have access to the most current membership list during their term of office.*

When there is only one nominee for an office, the Chair of the Nominating Committee may declare the nominee the winner by acclamation or hold a voice vote at his/her discretion. When there is more than one nominee for a position, an election shall be held by secret ballot. A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election.

The Nominating Committee's duties are as follows:

- *The Committee first meeting shall occur no later than August 31*
- *The Committee shall select a chair at its first meeting*
- *The Committee shall submit an election date for Executive Board approval*
- *The Committee shall request a vote of the membership to determine if the membership consents to elects co-chairs*
- *The Committee shall recruit candidates for each officer/chair and co-chair position to be elected*
- *The Committee shall ensure all candidates are members in good standing for 1 year prior to the election meeting date.*
- *Members in good standing for 1 year may self nominate by submitting a written notice to the committee within the deadline set by the committee and published on DEMCCO.org.*
- *All self nominated candidates shall be listed on the ballot prepared by the secretary.*
- *For contested offices the Nominating Committee may indicate a recommended "slate" on the ballot if a candidate is recommended by at least 75% of the committee members.*
- *Further nominations may be made from the floor at the annual election meeting with the consent of the nominee.*
- *The Secretary shall assist the committee with collections of candidate statements and as the focal point for communications among the committee members*
- *The Committee shall coordinate with the Communications Director and the Secretary to ensure that all notifications, meeting agenda, candidate slate and election results is/ are published as required by Article IV Section 5 and this Section of the bylaws.*
- *The committee will have a candidate's statement published on DEMCCO.org and the DEMCCO Facebook page at least 2 weeks prior to the election.*
- *The Committee shall make progress reports at each of the executive board meetings.*
- *The Committee shall address and make reports at each of the regular membership meetings*
- *The Committee shall conduct the elections at the annual election meeting*
- *For all contested offices the membership shall be allowed to have a question and answer opportunity of the candidates on the day of the election*
- *The Committee shall ensure that the ballots are counted by members and club officers that **are not** candidates for office and under the signature of the Nominating Committee Chair.*
- *If a contested seat's vote margin is ≤ 5 votes the candidate or any member may request a recount.*
- *Election results including vote tallies shall be announced by the Nominating Committee immediately after the election. Election results and vote tallies will be posted on the DEMCCO web site.*