



## 2017 NATIONAL ELECTION GUIDELINES

**Six** Governor seats will be up for election during the 2017 NBS-AERho National Convention. **Two** Student Governors will be elected for a one-year term, and **three** professional Governors will be elected for two-year terms. One of the professional governors will be elected separately to serve as President of Alpha Epsilon Rho, as well as a member of the Board of Governors.

Every member of the Society who meets the qualifications and has a commitment to the growth and development of NBS is encouraged to consider candidacy for one of these offices. A description of the qualifications, powers, and duties of all national offices can be found in the *NBS-AERho Constitution* (Article 9, Sections 1 through 4) and in the *Bylaws* (Chapters 7 and 8). Candidates for offices must be NBS members in good standing at the time of their election.

**If you are a potential candidate for one of the open Governor positions, complete the appropriate online Board of Governors Candidate Declaration form by March 17, 2017 as provided in the Procedures below.**

The election for the Board of Governors will be conducted during the business meeting of the National Council at the National Convention. Each chapter has one vote and is required to provide a voting delegate at the convention. If a chapter is not attending the convention, it should contact the NBS Executive Director by e-mail and request that a proxy voter be assigned. Send the e-mail with the subject line: Proxy for [*Chapter name*] to [nbsaerho@swbell.net](mailto:nbsaerho@swbell.net). Failure to be represented (by a voting delegate or a proxy) could result in a fine and/or suspension.

If you will be representing your chapter as the voting delegate, consider the following:

1. What qualifications should the candidates have beyond those listed in the *Constitution*? Do the candidates have administrative experience? Have they been very active in chapter activities as well as providing service at the national level? Do they believe in the value of the National Broadcasting Society?
2. Can they handle the duties in the *Constitution* as well as those not listed? What is their professional situation? Do they have time to devote to NBS national affairs? Will their employers be supportive of their activities, allowing them, for example, to make phone calls at work? What are their other obligations to be considered?
3. What are their goals for the Society? Do they have a reasonable, balanced platform containing achievable goals? Are they aware of chapter concerns? Do they see areas for possible growth and areas for improvement? Do they have something specific to say, or are their comments general?
4. Do they have leadership qualities necessary for the job? Have they been successful in their previous efforts? Will they be able to appoint dedicated committee members to share in the work of the Society? Can they motivate people who are not working and replace them with able people?

This year's Director of Elections is Dr. John Turner. The following procedures have been established to govern the election activities for the National Convention in 2017.

## PROCEDURES FOR NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDACY, NOMINATION AND ELECTION

**1. DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY:** Candidates for an open position on the Board of Governors should review the duties and responsibilities of that office as outlined in the *Constitution* and *Bylaws*. **Then each candidate must complete an online Candidate Declaration form on the NBS website (NBS-AERho.org)** declaring his or her candidacy for a Student Governor position, a Professional Governor position, or the position of President of Alpha Epsilon Rho (to serve on the Board of Governors). All completed Candidate Declaration forms will be posted on the NBS website for review by the membership.

**Candidates who have declared their candidacy by submitting the appropriate online form may begin campaigning for the position. All campaigning will be conducted in a professional manner with good taste and dignity. An opportunity for the membership to question potential candidates will be provided during the business meeting in convention.**

**2. NOMINATION AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION:** **Names of declared candidates will be placed in nomination at the business meeting of the convention by the Election Task Force Director or the Director's authorized representative.**

**In the event there is an open position for which there is no declared candidate, the Board of Governors shall appoint a member to the Board for a term of one year.**

**3. THE ELECTION:** The election will take place at the business meeting of the convention. Each authorized voting delegate will cast one vote for each of the vacant seats. Voting will be by secret ballot, and the ballots will be counted by the Election Task Force. The election results will be announced immediately.

Any questions related to the above outlined procedures of candidacy, nomination, and election should be addressed to the Director of Elections, Dr. John Turner at [jturner@towson.edu](mailto:jturner@towson.edu), with a copy to the National Office at [nbsaerho@swbell.net](mailto:nbsaerho@swbell.net).

**To fill out an online candidate declaration, choose the appropriate link.**

Student Governor: [Click Here](#)

AERho President: [Click Here](#)

Professional Governor: [Click Here](#)