

SECTION 20 – NOMINATIONS

- a) Nomination by Nominating Committee. At least two (2) months before the annual election, a Nominating Committee of nine (9) REALTOR® Members shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall select one candidate for Treasurer and President-Elect, and one candidate for each place to be filled on the Board of Directors. No person may be nominated for office unless they meet all of the qualifications for the office at the beginning of the term for which they are a nominee. Once the Nominating Committee has selected the slate of nominees, it may share it with the Board of Directors for information only; however, the Board of Directors shall not override, revise, or approve the slate. The candidate slate with the report of the Nominating Committee shall be delivered to each member eligible to vote at least four (4) weeks preceding the election.
- b) Nomination by Petition. Additional candidates for President-Elect, Treasurer and Directors may be placed in nomination by petition signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the REALTOR® Members eligible to vote. The petition shall be filed with the Chief Executive Officer at Bay East at least three (3) weeks before the election. Such petition shall contain a statement signed by the candidate that he or she meets the criteria for the Board of Directors position as set forth in the Bylaws and is aware of the duties and responsibilities of the office and agrees to serve. The Chief Executive Officer of Bay East shall deliver notice of such additional nominations to all Members eligible to vote at least two (2) weeks before the election.
- c) Nominating Committee. No member of the Nominating Committee may be a candidate for Officer or the Board of Directors.
- d) Elections. In the event additional candidates for President-Elect, Treasurer or Directors placed in nomination by petition, elections shall be by confidential ballot and the ballot shall contain the names of all candidates and specify the office for which each is nominated. No person may be a candidate for more than one position whether nominated by the Nominating Committee or by petition. Ballots shall be distributed by the date and time specified by the Nominating Committee, however no later than the third Friday in June. There shall be no proxy votes. No more than a single vote may be cast by a member for any given candidate; cumulative voting is prohibited. Should a tie vote occur for a Director position, the winner shall be determined by a drawing conducted by the Leadership Evaluation and Selection Committee at which the tied candidates shall be invited to attend.
- e) Quorum. A quorum shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the number of REALTOR® Members eligible to vote as of the last business day one week in advance of the date of distribution of the ballots.
- f) Election by Acclamation. In the event the time for nomination by petition has passed and the number of people nominated for the Board is not more than the number of Directors, with each and every Director seat up for vote remaining uncontested, in its discretion, the Board of Directors may authorize a vote by acclamation and without further action, declare that those nominated and qualified to be elected have been elected.
- g) Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, balloting shall be closed at 2:00 p.m. on the fourteenth (14th) calendar day after distribution of the ballots or the first normal business day thereafter.