

## **Online Elections**

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)/Rationale**

**Q. What is the process for conducting online elections?**

A. Chapter board appoints an online elections coordinator. The coordinator is responsible for carrying out all of the responsibilities in the Online Elections Timeline.

**Q. Is the chapter board involved in the elections process?**

In some parts prior to the start of the elections: The board confirms which positions should be in the ballot, e.g. if there have been vacancies since the last member election. They also provide a volunteer to handle Call for Candidate communications, e.g. email blasts, website, newsletter & social media. The rest of the elections process is administered by the online elections coordinator and third party vendor.

**Q. Who conducts online elections?**

A. The online elections vendor handles creating and sending out the ballot to chapter members. They send out the information to Professional Members/ eligible voters, collect votes, and provide overall results to the online elections coordinator.

**Q. Is there any cost to the chapter?**

No

**Q. How will I be notified to vote?**

A. The online elections vendor sends an email with a link to the ballot.

**Q. Is voting confidential?**

A. Yes, all votes are confidential.

**Q. How do I find out the election results?**

A. Election results are announced at the chapter annual meeting and are then posted on the chapter website and/or in the chapter newsletter.

**Q. What is the purpose for moving to online elections?**

A. The chapter board believes this will increase member participation in the voting process and provide more transparency about who is running for office, as well as encourage members to run for office.

**Q. Are other chapters conducting online elections?**

A. Yes, more than 50% of AMTA chapters are or have been conducting online elections. Chapters started conducting online elections in 2013.

**Q. Has online elections increased voter participation?**

A. Yes, voter participation has increased on average by 7%-8%.