

1994
PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES
AND ELECTION OF QUOTA INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS

NOMINATIONS - Any club or district having a member who is eligible and is deemed to be qualified for office in Quota International may nominate from its own membership a candidate for any international office.

Offices for which nominations are in order for 1994 are:

PRESIDENT-ELECT	AREA DIRECTOR	U.S. South
VICE PRESIDENT		U.S. West
TREASURER		Canada

Nominations shall take place in a regular meeting of a club, at a district conference or at a special meeting called for that purpose, respectively. (See Article XV, Section 2. A on district meetings.) Nomination shall be by ballot and a majority affirmative vote of those present and voting shall be required for nomination.

In the event there are no nominations for any given office, a special committee shall be appointed by the president of Quota International within 15 days from the closing date of nominations to act as a nominating committee for that office. (See Article VIII, Section 1.C.)

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ELIGIBILITY - Eligibility for international office shall consist of:

- 1) Active membership in a club which is in good standing;
- 2) Previous service of one term as governor;
- 3) Not holding office in either a club or district;
- 4) Residence in the respective geographic area (for area director only);
- 5) Have served one term as area director (for president elect or vice president);
- 6) Have financial experience (for treasurer only).

SUGGESTED PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION OF A CANDIDATE

Club - Opportunity for any member to propose the name of a candidate should be given before a ballot vote is taken. Consent to serve if elected should be obtained before a candidate's name is proposed.

District - The same as for a club. Any voting member at the conference may propose the name of a candidate. Consent to serve if elected should be obtained before a candidate's name is proposed.

When all proposed candidates have been named, a ballot vote must be taken. A majority of the vote cast is required to nominate. If no candidate received a majority vote on the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken. Where there are more than two candidates to be voted upon, with consent of the assembly, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest votes only on the first ballot may be placed on the second ballot, provided that the combined vote shall be at least a majority of all the votes cast on the first ballot.

NOTIFICATION - The club or district shall then send the necessary information by January 1 to the office of Quota International on forms provided TO ALL CLUBS AND DISTRICT GOVERNORS for that purpose.

Note: A candidate may be nominated both by their club and their district. Both nominations shall be published by the executive director. The one received first will be the first on the listing. The nominations of a candidate by a club or by a district or both shall not preclude the nomination of another candidate within the district.

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ELECTION - Election to International offices will take place at convention. Delegates to the 1994 convention in Orlando, FL will vote for president elect, vice president, treasurer, South Area Director, West Area Director and Canada Area Director.

ABSENTEE - Absentee voting is provided for in the bylaws - Article VIII, Section 2, B. The amendment gives all clubs an opportunity for a voice in the election of Quota's international officers, so that will be clubs "governed, by the consent of the governed."

The privilege of absentee voting, in emergency, in no way negates the sworn duty of Quota clubs, whether large or small, to participate in the annual conventions which are the governing body of Quota International.

A club that participates only in the election of officers through the absentee ballot forfeits participation in equally important business of bylaw changes, adoption of policies that effect every club and not least of all, the inspiration of meeting with friends united in a common cause. Clubs unable to send a delegate to convention miss a vital part of being in Quota.

All Quota clubs assume the obligation when they are chartered to actively be involved in Quota affairs on all levels. The annual convention is the place where club involvement is vital both for the international organization and for the clubs. It is representative government in action.

Secrecy of the ballot is preserved in absentee voting because the voter casts their own ballot which remains sealed until it is officially opened at convention along with the ballots cast by delegates at the convention. After the canvass of the votes by the election committee, the results announced include ALL votes cast, present and absentee.

(See Bylaws - Article VIII, Section 2, B.)

To be valid, nominations must be submitted on an official form.