

April 6, 2022 Board 12 Election Rules and Procedures

Voting Eligibility: Must be an Active, Dual, or Honorary Member in good standing with the Board

Offices Up For Election:

Commissioner, Treasurer, Interpreter.

Three (3) Member-at-Large Positions.

Candidates:

- Deadline for inclusion on ballot is March 23, 2022. Send your name and position you are seeking to Doug Datt(ddatt@gavettdatt.com), Jim Jubert(Jubert5@aol.com), or Steve Crews(dukecrews61@gmail.com).
- Nominations from the floor as write-in are accepted

Speeches:

- Time limit by office: Officer and Members-at-Large speaking allotment is 3 minutes which includes those speaking for candidate with 1 minute and 30 second warnings that are given
- If running unopposed, speaking allotment is 2 minutes, with no questions from the membership
- Order to speak will be alphabetical
- After completion of the speeches for a particular office, there will be opportunity for 5 minute question and answer period for members to obtain more information from any of the candidates. The Committee encourages those members with questions to limit inquiries to legitimate issues for the candidate. In addition, the Committee requests that all election related materials be limited to what the candidates are presenting on the Website. Questions from the floor will be managed by the Election Committee Chairman.
- The Committee urges that all questions and any communication with a candidate be respectful and civil in nature.

Voting Area and Procedures:

- Members to check-in at cafeteria tables to verify eligibility while number of voters will be recorded
- Election night ballots will be picked up when eligible voter checks in. There will be 1 ballot containing Officer and Members at Large

- After completion of speeches, voting for Officer and Members-at-Large will occur, followed by a determination of winners
- Each voter will be checked off by Election Committee as his/her ballot is cast.
- Absentee ballots will be opened and tallied by Douglas A. Datt
- Ballot boxes for the return of completed ballots will be kept at tables
- Recording of votes will be completed by Election Committee members using a tally sheet procedure
- Each candidate may have a representative present to observe count
- In the case of a run-off, Absentee ballots will be counted

Absentee Ballots:

- A. Only Members in good standing and who are excused may vote by Absentee Ballot.**
- B. Absentee voting should only be used in the rare occasion when a member is unable to attend the election meeting and has been excused. The absentee ballot is not intended for those members who wish not to attend without a valid excuse. Rather it is a device for voting for those members who absolutely cannot attend.**

In order for an ABSENTEE VOTE to be valid it must meet ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. A request to be excused shall be made in writing via e-mail or other written request to Kurt Klier(kklier@umd.edu) prior to 5:00PM on April 6, 2022.**
- 2. This Absentee ballot must be received in a sealed envelope (including member's signature on the back or seal/flap of the envelope) by Douglas A. Datt prior to 7:00 PM on April 6, 2022. The member must complete in ink, the ABSENTEE BALLOT, in its entirety. Any incomplete Absentee Ballot will not be counted.**
- 3. IF MAILED: The Absentee Ballot may only be mailed to the Chair of the Committee. Ballots that are mailed should be addressed as follows: Douglas A. Datt, Esquire : Gavett, Datt & Barish, P.C., 15850 Crabbs Branch Way, Suite 330, Rockville, Maryland 20855. Absentee Ballots mailed to ANY other address will not be valid.**
- 4. IF HAND CARRIED IN PERSON: The Absentee Ballot may be hand carried by the voting member and provided to Douglas Datt, ONLY, prior to 7:00PM on April 6, 2022. Absentee Ballots hand carried in by other members are not valid.**