

Panel 61 Greater Jacksonville District 3 Election Procedures – Approved 8/12/2023

Election Procedures –

- Each District may choose its own method of electing, including who is eligible to vote (Elections, At the District Level, 2022-25 Service Manual)
- Eligible voters are District 3 Group Representatives (GRs) in attendance during the election. (One vote per group.)
- Each position requires a vote regardless of how many people stand for that position.
 - When two or more people stand for a position all voting is done by secret ballot. (Write the candidates name to vote for that person.)
 - If only one person stands for a position, officers are voted by secret ballot (yes/no) and other positions by a show of hands. Officer positions are defined as: DR, Alt DR, DISL, Alt DISL, Treasurer, LDC, Secretary.
 - If the election is held virtually, the same voting procedures may be followed by using Polls to cast ballots and candidates being moved to a breakout room during poll voting and turning their backs for show of hands voting.
- $\frac{2}{3}$ majority is necessary to be elected.
- Votes will be counted by the outgoing DR or outgoing DISL or their designee. No one will count votes for a position for which they are a candidate.

Recommendation for how to ask people to “Stand” for a position.

1. Read the eligibility guidelines for the position
2. Ask all who are eligible to stand up
3. Pause for about 20 seconds
4. Ask all who are willing to stand for the position to remain standing
5. Pause for 30 - 60 seconds
6. Check to see if anyone is still standing.
7. If there is at least one candidate, proceed with voting as defined on page 1.
8. If there are no candidates, ask everyone to take a minute and talk to their Higher Power. After about a minute, repeat steps 1-6.
9. If there are still no candidates for the position, move onto the next position.
10. Once all positions have been called, go back to vacant positions to see if anyone might have been nudged by the Higher Power to stand for the position.

This will be a long slow process. We have approximately 20 positions to be filled. Allow at least one hour during the District meeting for elections.

Incoming and outgoing panel members are encouraged to meet to coordinate the transition of duties following the election.