

# North Dakota EMS Association

## Election Rules – 2010

- Nomination Committee is in charge of the election process.
- The Executive Committee has the final authority in the election process.
- Nomination Committee will submit the current year election rules to the NDEMSEA Board for approval at the fall board meeting prior to accepting nominations for office.
- Election rules will be made available to all candidates via the NDEMSEA web site..

### Campaigning

- Nominations Chair must pre-approve all campaign posters and other promotional items. Candidates are responsible for checking with facility management as to allowable poster size and acceptable locations to place promotional items.
- Negative promotional items will not be approved.
- Candidates are responsible for promotional item removal and for any damage that is incurred by improper placement.
- No campaigning or promotional items will be allowed in the immediate area of the voting booth.

### Nominations

- Nomination deadline to have a name placed on the ballot is December 31<sup>st</sup>. No nominations will be accepted after that date (no nominations from the floor during the annual meeting, they will be a write in candidate)
- Nomination forms are available from the Nominations Chair or can be obtained on the NDEMSEA web-site.
- Candidates are responsible to submit a picture and campaign information to: *The Response Time* .

### Absentee Ballots

- Absentee ballots must have the voter's information completed and signed.
- Absentee and regular ballots will have the following wording:
- "Select only one candidate per office. Place an "X" beside the name of your choice. If you write in a candidate, an "X" must be placed beside his or her name."
- Pre-marked ballots will not be accepted.
- *The Response Time* issue introducing the candidates will list the location(s) for obtaining absentee ballots.
- Absentee ballots will be available on the [www.ndemsa.org](http://www.ndemsa.org) web-site.
- Absentee ballots must be postmarked 14 days prior to the first full day of the annual conference. Absentee ballots shall have the member's name, home address on the envelope along with the city of origin.
- Absentee ballots will be approved or disapproved by the Nominations Chair based on a current membership list and completion of the required voter information. NO absentee ballots will be accepted after the deadline.
- ONLY OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

### Voting

Signs indicating voting hours and location will be posted.

- Hours:
- Day 1: Immediately after opening session until the end of the final afternoon break. Closed during all sessions. Open during breaks and lunchtime only.
- Day 2: One-half (1/2) hour prior to opening session until the end of lunch break. Closed during all sessions. Open during breaks and lunchtime only.
- Votes will be counted by a four (4) person committee. The Nominations Chair shall appoint three (3) additional people comprised of the Nomination Committee and/or NDEMSEA Board members who will be approved by

the president or a designee appointed by the president.