



FROM: Branch Director of Research and Election
TO: Branch Executives, Chapter Executives, Branch Council Of Elders and All Members.
SUBJECT: 2022 Chapter and Branch Annual Delegates Conference and Elections
DATE: March 05, 2022
CC: National Chairman, General Secretary, Director of International Affairs, Director of Research and Elections

Under the direction and instruction of the Branch Secretary, following the directives from the mother party with further direction and approval from the Branch Executive Committee, below are pre-election rules and regulations covering the conduct of Chapter and Branch Conference and Elections. Further directives and instructions may follow as the Chapter Election Committees and the Branch Election Committee are constituted. Find below are the pre-elections rules, regulations, and other requirements.

ELECTION OF CHAPTER EXECUTIVES

1. The Chapter Annual Delegates Conference of the party shall be held to elect NPP-USA Chapter Executives. There shall be constituted, a Chapter Elections Committee which shall see to the conduct of the elections. NPP-USA Branch Executive Committee directs that the Chapter Elections Committee shall comprise the following.
 - a. Branch Executive Committee shall appoint from within the Chapter Membership One (1) Representative who shall be the Chairperson of the Committee in consultation with the Chapter Executive Committee.
 - b. One Chapter Representative appointed by the Chapter Executive Committee
 - c. One Representative appointed by the Chapter Council of Elders and Patrons
2. A member of the Chapter Elections Committee shall not be eligible to contest for any position in the Chapter elections.
3. All Chapters must conduct and complete their elections between **April 1st, 2022 to May 1st, 2022.**
4. A voter for the Chapter elections must be a registered member of the Chapter and the Branch for at least **one (1) year (meaning 12 months) as of the financial year ending on December 31st. 2021 as provided in Article 3.4(k) of the Byelaws.**

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5. An aspirant for the Chapter elections must be a card bearing, dues paying, an active and known member and in good standing for **two (2) consecutive years preceding the year of the elections. Since the election is in 2022, the member must be in good standing for the financial years 2020 and 2021 as stated in Article 7.5(b&c) of the Byelaws.**
6. An aspirant who wishes to contest in the Chapter elections may procure Application Form electronically from NPP-USA website (link will be shared with members)
7. Nomination Fee
 - a. **Chapter Chairman - \$150.00**
 - b. **All other position - \$100.00**
8. An aspirant for any of the Chapter executive positions shall be nominated by one (1) registered member and seconded by two (2) registered members of the party who are known, active and reside in that Chapter, all of whom shall be of good standing.
9. In adopting these Rules and Regulations, the Chapter Elections Committee, with recourse and notice to the Branch Secretariat, can make some necessary modifications if it becomes necessary to suit their peculiar situations.
10. The positions to be contested as sanctioned by the mother party and adopted same by the Branch are:
 - a. Chapter Chairperson
 - b. Chapter Vice Chairperson
 - c. Chapter Secretary
 - d. Chapter Treasurer
 - e. Chapter Organizer
 - f. Chapter Women Organizer
 - g. Chapter Youth Organizer
11. The Chapter Elections may be conducted either in person or through electronic means as the Chapter Election Committee in consultation with the Chapter Executive Committee may agree to.
12. Where Chapter positions were not contested for, the elected Executive Committee shall make appointments into those positions and the appointed persons shall act in those positions for the duration of the term.

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13. The elected Chapter Executives shall appoint persons to occupy deputy positions as stipulated in the Byelaws of the Branch.
14. The Chapter Elections Committee is responsible for all aspect of the conduct of the elections from nomination, vetting, timelines, schedules, and deadlines.
15. The Chapter Elections Committee shall present a report of the conduct of the elections and the outcome to the Branch Secretariat in one week from the date of the completion of the elections.
16. **As provided in Article 7.5(j), the two-year requirement of good standing eligibility to contest is waived in the case of newly formed Chapter. In newly formed Chapter, all members who have been duly registered by NPP-USA and have a membership card or assigned membership number and have fulfilled their financial obligations to the newly formed Chapter (meaning paid their first Chapter dues shall be eligible to contest and vote in their Chapter election.**

ELECTION OF BRANCH EXECUTIVES

1. The Branch Annual Delegates Conference shall be held to elect Executives for the NPP-USA Branch Officers of the party. There shall be constituted, a Branch Elections Committee which shall see to the conduct of the elections. Per the directive of the party and as per the Byelaws of NPP-USA Branch, the Branch Election Committee shall comprise the following:
 - a. One (1) Representative from the Branch Council of Elders who shall be the Chair of the Committee
 - b. One (1) Representative appointed by the Branch Executive Committee
 - c. One Representative appointed by the National Steering Committee
 - d. Branch Director of Elections and Research
 - e. Branch IT Director
2. A member of the Branch Elections Committee shall not be eligible to contest for any position in the Branch elections.
3. Branch must conduct and complete the elections on **June 3 to 5, 2022.**

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4. A voter for the Branch elections must be a registered member of the Chapter and the Branch for at least **one (1) year (meaning 12 months) as of the financial year ending on December 31st. 2021 as provided in Article 3.4(k) of the Byelaws.**
5. An aspirant for the Branch elections must be a card bearing, dues paying, an active and known member and in good standing for at least four (4) consecutive years prior to the year of the elections. An aspirant must have paid all Branch dues for the past **four (4) consecutive years (2018 to 2021) ending on December 31, 2021 as contained in Article 6.1(e) & Article 6.2(a) of the Byelaws.**
6. **By the operation of Article 5.2 (g) of the Byelaws which states that: “The Voters’ register for the election of the Branch Executive Officers shall be compiled and closed on the December 31st. of the year preceding the election year”, the voters list closed as of 31st December 2021 at 12:00 midnight.**
7. An aspirant who wishes to contest in the Branch elections may procure Application Form from the Branch Elections Committee electronically.
8. Nomination Fee
 - a. **Branch Chairman - \$500.00**
 - b. **All other position - \$400.00**
9. An aspirant for any of the Branch executive positions shall be nominated by one (1) registered member and seconded by three (3) registered members of the Branch who are known, active, all of whom shall be of good standing.
10. In adopting these Rules and Regulations, the Branch Elections Committee, with recourse to the Branch Secretariat, can make some necessary modifications to suit some peculiar situations.
11. The positions to be contested for are:
 - a. Branch Chairperson
 - b. Branch 1st Vice Chairperson
 - c. Branch 2nd Vice Chairperson
 - d. Branch Secretary
 - e. Branch Treasurer
 - f. Branch Organizer
 - g. Branch Women Organizer
 - h. Branch Youth Organizer
 - i. Branch Nasara Coordinator

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12. The elected Branch Executives shall appoint persons to occupy deputy and directorate positions as stipulated in the Byelaws of the Branch.

13. The Branch Elections Committee shall be responsible for all aspect of the conduct of the elections from opening of nomination, vetting, timelines, schedules, and deadlines for the entire exercise.

CONCLUSION

The party wishes to once again, make a passionate appeal to all stakeholders especially the would-be candidates for the various positions in the upcoming elections and their supporters to respect the rules of engagement and conduct this exercise with the necessary maturity so that we would have free and fair elections without incident.

Thank you.

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