



Nominations and Elections Committee

(Policy Adopted and Approved by Governing Board 4/12/22)

The Nominations and Elections Committee accepts responsibility for facilitating the selection and election of qualified candidates for the NvSCA Board of Directors. Nominations and Elections guidelines shall be developed by the Nominations and Elections Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

1. The Nominations and Elections Committee Chair is a member of the Board of Directors who is not eligible for re-election that year.
2. The committee shall send out a statewide call for nominations through the NvSCA website, social media sites, and email blast no later than March 31. Nominations and Elections Policies will be included in the call for nominations
3. The committee will review the nominations to determine eligibility as outlined in the NvSCA Bylaws.
4. If there are more than 12 nominations, the committee shall then meet to determine which candidates will be placed on the ballot. Careful attention should be paid to representing the following factors: region, gender, level, and underrepresented members. It is the responsibility of the committee to assure the selected candidates are members in good standing of NvSCA and ASCA.
5. The committee shall create an official ballot of up to 12 eligible candidates and submit it to the Board of Directors for approval as per NvSCA Bylaws.
6. The committee shall distribute the ballot to voting members no later than May 1 and manage the online voting.
7. The Committee Chair will receive the ballot results no later than May 29 and notify all candidates of the election results within two business days of the ballots being counted. Election results shall be sent electronically to all members and posted on the NvSCA website no later than June 1.



Nomination and Election Policies

Bylaws Article III, Section 4

(Policies Updated and Approved by Governing Board 4/12/22)

1. Three Directors shall be elected annually through a general election except for the 2022-23 election where six Directors will be elected. Of the six elected Directors in 2022-23, three directors will serve a three-year term, one will serve a two-year term, and two will serve a one-year term.
2. An individual can be nominated by another NvSCA member, or one may nominate themselves. All nominees must be notified by the nominator before submitting the nomination.
3. Prior to the deadline for nominations, potential nominees must:
 - Be employed full-time for at least three years in Nevada as a school counselor, supervisor of school counselors, or counselor educator in a school counselor education program on the due date for the submission of candidate applications,
 - Have been a practicing school counselor for at least three years,
 - Hold a valid school counselor license by the Nevada Department of Education,
 - Be a NvSCA Professional Member and must have been ASCA Professional Member for at least the one year immediately preceding the due date for the submission of candidate applications, and
 - Be willing and able to attend all Board meetings, serve on a committee, and facilitate sharing session(s) at the NvSCA conference and/or other professional development activities.
4. Candidates shall submit nomination forms and any additional documents required by the committee prior to the established deadline. A candidate statement, not to exceed 250 words, shall be submitted for publication and will be sent electronically to all voting members and accompany the ballot.
5. Elections will be concluded by June 1 of each year to allow 30 days for notification to new board members and to plan for their term beginning July 1.

Campaign Policies

1. Campaign policies are effective upon the call for nominations and will be sent out with the call for nominations.
2. Campaigning shall be kept to a minimum and in accordance with the following:
 - generates member interest in submitting nominee statements,
 - is conducted in good faith and without the use of unfair or unethical tactics, and
 - increases membership votes in the election.

3. The Association shall not contribute, budget, nor appropriate organizational funds for support of any candidates for NvSCA Board of Directors.
4. The Executive Board and its committee chairs shall not endorse any nominees and may use only the NvSCA-approved nominees' statements to publish information about nominees in newsletters, on websites, on social media, and/or at conferences.
5. Nominees shall not accept campaign funds.
6. Nominees shall not use NvSCA, school, or district resources such as, but not limited to, websites, membership lists, logos, equipment, or supplies for campaign activities.