



ELECTION PROCEDURES

A. Candidate Requirements

Eligibility: Only active, paid-up members by the nominations deadline (Sunday, November 17, 2024, by end of day) are eligible to nominate, run, or vote.

Nominee Acceptance: Candidates must confirm their acceptance of the nomination in writing and agree to serve if elected.

B. Election Procedures

1. Nomination Process

- **Deadline:** Nominations must be submitted by **November 17, 2024 (EOD)**.
- **Submission:** Send nominations to Bert Golla, COMELEC Chair, via email at bgolla3615@aol.com, by mail to PO Box 55371, Seattle, WA 98155, or by written notice.
- **Confirmation:** If a position remains unfilled, the FCCPNW President may appoint a member, subject to Board approval.
- **Nomination from the Floor:** There will be no floor nominations on election day.

2. Election Day – Saturday, November 23, 2024

- **Candidate Presence:** Candidates must be present on election day to participate unless they have a valid reason (e.g., illness, travel). In such cases, candidates must notify COMELEC in advance with written or emailed confirmation of their intent to run and serve.
- **Candidate Speech:** Candidates may address members within an allotted time. If a candidate is absent, the nominator may speak on their behalf.
- **Voting Format:** Voting will be conducted by secret ballot unless there is only one candidate for a position, in which case a unanimous consent vote may be used.
- **Ballot Security:** Ballots will be pre-numbered and controlled. Proxy voting is not allowed.

3. Voting Order and Eligibility

- **Order:** Voting will start with the President, followed by the Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor, and Board members.
- **COMELEC Members Running for Office:** Any COMELEC member running for an office will step down temporarily during the consideration of their candidacy.
- **Membership Requirements:** Members must be active and paid-up by 10:00 AM PST on election day to vote. Members who settle their 2024 dues on election day will have their 2025 membership fee waived.

4. Ballot Handling

Ballot Disposal: All ballots will be shredded or destroyed after the election.