



RPENM 2019 Election Calendar of Events

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1/18/2019 – By this date, the Executive Director (ED) will mail a cover letter and candidate application forms to the Raton and Albuquerque Chapter Chairpersons. In addition, this packet will be mailed to all Board of Directors whose terms expire in 2019 and are eligible to run for a second consecutive 4-year term (Joel Pafford, Oliver Tapia, Frank Rendon). The following RPE Board Members have served two consecutive 4-year terms and cannot run: (Stephanie Goodrich, Charles Miller and Daniel Mayfield). By this date, the ED will ensure that the Board of Director Elections process and election documentation is available (printable format) within our website. The ED will also have available on the same page as the election documents the latest PDF versions of the RPENM Articles of Incorporation, RPENM Bylaws, and RPENM Procedures.

2/22/2019 – Latest acceptable postmark date for candidate's forms. To qualify for the ballot, candidates must return a completed Board of Directors Nomination Form (including a 100-word maximum biography) and one or more Board of Directors Nomination Petition Forms by this date and only by mail (USPS). Any nomination form or petition form delivered in any manner other than via the USPS will not be considered valid. The RPENM address can be found at the bottom of this page. Each candidate will need to get signatures of 20, or more, RPENM members in good standing to be nominated. The definition of a "member in good standing" is an RPENM member at the state level whose membership dues are up to date.

2/27/2019 – The Election Committee will meet on this date to review all nomination forms submitted by the deadline to determine each potential candidate's eligibility.

- If a pool of eligible candidates is equal to or less than 6 (the number of positions being elected) there will not be an election. The Election Chairperson will notify the RPENM President, RPENM Executive Director, and all the candidates of this condition. The President will entertain a motion to declare the candidates "elected by acclamation" at the Spring Membership Meeting. The rest of this calendar will not apply.
- If the pool of eligible candidates is greater than 6, the Election Committee will blind draw for each candidate's ballot position, prepare a ballot information sheet and a mailing list of members to be delivered to the election vendor this same afternoon. The ballot information sheet will have the candidate's name and biography in ballot position order. The election vendor will produce and mail the ballots within one week.

3/08/2019 – Ballots must be mailed to the membership by this date.

4/08/2019 – Ballots must be mailed back to our election vendor and postmarked by midnight of this date.

4/12/2019 – The Election Committee will meet on this date at our election vendor's office for ballot counting and certification of results.

4/15/2019 – By this date, the Election Committee Chairperson will notify the RPENM President, RPENM Executive Director, and all candidates of the election results.