

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Board of Directors recommendation (February 16, 2010)

General Membership Approved (April 1, 2010)

RDPFFA 2010 Election Rules

Only Active Members are eligible to run for office, Associate Members are not eligible to run, or vote in elections. Candidates are not eligible to run for more than one elected position within the Association, Candidates may be nominated for any number of positions, but may, only accept and run for one position.

Nominations for offices will open on September 1, 2010 and will close on October 7, 2010, at the General Membership Meeting. Candidates for office may have their names entered into nomination during the nomination period at the RDPFFA office or at the September or October 2010 General Membership meetings.

The Chairman/Representative of the Election Committee will take Nominations from the floor at the September and October General Meetings. At the October General Meeting the Election Committee Chairman/Representative will close the nominations for all offices. For a Candidate to have his/her name appear on the election ballot, he/she must accept the nomination in writing within 14 days of being nominated.

Following the close of the acceptance period, the Election Committee will cause the election ballot to be prepared, and insure that all Candidates listed have accepted the nomination, and that all Candidates are current Active Members of the Association. If only one Candidate has been nominated for an office and has accepted the nomination, then the Candidate will be considered elected, and no election shall take place for that position.

Ballots will be mailed to all currently listed active members on November 1st, 2010; along with the ballot a specially printed return envelope will be included. In order for a ballot to count it must be returned to the RDPFFA office by November 21st, 2010, and must be returned in the specially designated return envelope. As election return envelopes are received at the RDPFFA office, the envelopes will be counted, remain sealed and placed in a lock box designed for such purpose by the Election Committee.

Voided ballots will be kept separately; the Election Committee will count and tally the ballots prior to the December General Membership Meeting. During the ballot count observers will be allowed as well as candidates or their designated representative. It shall be the duty of the Election Committee Chairman to provide instructions and appoint personnel to count ballots.

The Committee at their discretion may recount any or all ballots cast. Any candidates may request the Committee to conduct a recount in any contested position for which they were candidates within 7 calendar days of the December General Meeting. The request to the Election Chairman must be in writing and signed by the candidate making the request. Recount requests shall not be honored by the Committee if their total count for any office being contested shall show an identical count total for two consecutive tallies. All election results will be announced prior to the end of the December General Membership meeting. All ballots will be maintained at the RDPFFA office for a minimum of 60 days following the election.