

As currently written

**Section 5. Election of Officers and Directors.**

(a) At least two (2) months before the annual election, a Nominating Committee of nine (9) REALTOR® members shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall select any number of candidates for each position to be filled on the Board of Directors and at least one candidate for each office. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be disseminated by mail, e-mail, fax, or any other electronic means to each member eligible to vote at least three (3) weeks preceding the election. Additional candidates for the offices to be filled may be placed in nomination by a petition signed by at least 100 REALTOR® members eligible to vote. The petition shall be filed with the CEO at least two (2) weeks before the election. The CEO shall send notice of such additional nominations by mail, e-mail, fax, or any other electronic means to all members eligible to vote not less than seven (7) days before the election.

(b) The election of Officers and Directors shall take place on the day prescribed as the annual meeting and election. The President-Elect shall automatically assume the position of President. The election shall be by ballot or other methods as described in (c) below, and all votes shall be cast in person, except as allowed in (c) below. If a REALTOR® member is unable to attend the annual meeting and cast their vote in person, an “absentee ballot” will be provided upon request. All requests for absentee ballots must be submitted in writing to the Association office at least five (5) working days prior to the annual meeting. All absentee ballots must be returned no later than the close of voting at the annual meeting and will remain sealed until such time that the Election Committee counts the ballots received at the annual meeting. The ballot shall contain the names of all candidates and the offices for which they are nominated.

(c) The Association may adopt rules allowing electronic voting in conformance with the Illinois Statute and Rules including but not limited to digital, fax or email.

The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint an Election Committee of three (3) REALTOR® members to conduct the election. In case of a tie vote, the issue will be determined by the candidates drawing straws. The holder of the shortest straw will assume the position.

**Section 2. Association Audit.** The Association will have an external audit of the financial record of the Association beginning with 2015-and every three (3) years thereafter.

Proposed Changes 2018

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(b) The election of Officers and Directors shall take place ~~on the day prescribed as the annual meeting and election during a two week period in August predetermined by the Board of Directors using electronic voting or by voting in person by paper ballot at the Association office. The President-Elect shall automatically assume the position of President. The election shall be by ballot or other methods as described in (c) below, and all votes shall be cast in person, except as allowed in (c) below. If a REALTOR® member is unable to attend the annual meeting and cast their vote in person, an "absentee ballot" will be provided upon request. All requests for absentee ballots must be submitted in writing to the Association office at least five (5) working days prior to the annual meeting. All absentee ballots must be returned no later than the close of voting at the annual meeting and will remain sealed until such time that the Election Committee counts the ballots received at the annual meeting.~~ The ballot shall contain the names of all candidates and the offices for which they are nominated.

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(d) The annual meeting of the Association and the installation of officers shall be held during September of each year, with the date, place, and hour to be designated by the CEO and Board of Directors.

**Section 2. Association Audit.** The accounts of the Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS® shall be audited every three (3) years as needed by a Certified Public Accountant. An Accounting firm is selected by the CEO and Finance Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.