

Electing the President & Vice President

Summary: In congruence with the GSDA ByLaws, the process described below will be used to elect the President and Vice President of the GSDA for a term of two years each.

I. Secretary Requests Nominations

- ◆ The GSDA Secretary, (or assignee), will request nominations from the GSDA Membership (in good standing) at least six weeks prior to the GSDA Annual Membership Meeting.
 - ✓ This request will be the official “Opening of the Nominations”.
 - ✓ The request for nominations shall be in writing through typical channels, which includes but not limited to, (a) web site form, (b) email, (c) U.S. Postal Service.
 - ✓ The request for nominations will include an explanation the “Election Process”, including the “Nomination Process”, and the Responsibilities of the Membership who wish to submit a nomination for consideration.

II. Secretary Accepts and Validates Nominations

- ◆ The GSDA Secretary, (or assignee), will accept and validate nominations in writing from the GSDA Membership up until the time that nominations are officially closed.

III. President Closes Nominations at GSDA Annual Membership Meeting

- ◆ The GSDA President, (or assignee), will officially call for Nominations to be closed at the GSDA Annual Membership Meeting.

IV. Secretary Provides Ballot Template for Voting

- ◆ The GSDA Secretary, (or assignee), will provide a Ballot Template for Voting to GSDA Members in good standing.

V. President: Voting begins at GSDA Annual Membership Meeting

- ◆ The GSDA President, (or assignee), starts the voting after . . .
 - ✓ Nominations have been closed.
 - ✓ Ballot Templates are available.

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VI. Secretary Accepts and Validates Votes

- ◆ The GSDA Secretary, (or assignee), will accept and validate votes from the GSDA Membership (in good standing).
 - ✓ Votes will be accepted, in writing, from the time voting is begun until the stated “Voting End Date” has been reached.

VII. President: “Voting at the Meeting” is closed

- ◆ The GSDA President, (or assignee), will close “Voting at the Meeting”.

Important Note : Voting will continue until the stated “Voting End Date” has been reached. (Even after the “Voting at the Meeting” has been closed.)

VIII. Voting Ends via the stated “Voting End Date”.

- ◆ No additional votes will be accepted after the stated “Voting End Date”.

IX. GSDA Secretary Counts Valid Votes

- ◆ Valid votes are counted by the GSDA Secretary, (or assignee), to determine results.

X. GSDA Election Results are Published

- ◆ Publishing method(s) to be determined.

XI. Winners’ Circle Party

- ◆ To be determined.

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