

## SUMMARY (2017)

# ELECTION RULES & GUIDELINES

### FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:

**All Executive Board candidates who have submitted a Declaration of Candidacy form for the 2017-2018 term have agreed to abide by HSDA's bylaws (you can read them here: [bit.ly/2pO9XBU](http://bit.ly/2pO9XBU)) and these important guidelines:**

- 1) Candidacies:** Only individuals who have properly filed the Declaration of Candidacy form will have their bios and platforms included in HSDA's election packet, and their name on the ballot. HSDA's bylaws prohibit write-in candidates or candidates running from the floor from being considered.
- 2) Campaigning:** Candidates may not announce their candidacies or begin campaigning publicly until May 1, 2017. Candidates are encouraged to provide the Development Director with links to all social media sites and handles used in the campaign.
- 3) Slates:** Candidates may run together as a slate if they mutually desire to do so; however, candidates for Development Director may not run on any slate.
- 4) Spending:** Candidates may spend no more than \$60 over the course of their campaign.
- 5) Behavior:** Candidates must respect all other candidates and behave in a manner appropriate for a member of the Executive Board. Malicious behavior, slander/libel against another member's campaign, and willful dissemination of false/misleading information are prohibited.
- 6) Appointments:** Candidates are strictly prohibited from promising, discussing or campaigning on possible National Staff appointments before they are elected to the Executive Board.
- 7) Endorsements:** Candidates are allowed to receive endorsements from state chairs, members of HSDA, and other officials; please note that current National Board and National Staff members are prohibited from making public endorsements in these elections.
- 8) Summit:** Candidates attending HSDA's annual strategic summit in Washington, D.C. on June 25-29, 2017, may give a presentation for no more than five minutes before HSDA members at the George Washington University.
- 9) Recordings:** Candidates unable to attend HSDA's annual strategic summit must have an audio or video recording sent to the Development Director at least a week prior to Election Day. If no recording is submitted, a candidate's platform and bio will be read to the present members.

The Development Director reserves the right to impose penalties, including revoking a candidacy, if a candidate is found to have violated HSDA bylaws and/or the guidelines outlined above. **Questions may be directed to Development Director Anthony Luongo at [aluongo@hsdems.org](mailto:aluongo@hsdems.org).**