



# **HỘI ÁI HỮU PHÚ YÊN BẮC CALIFORNIA**

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### **ELECTION RULES (ER)**

#### **ER 1. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES AND NOMINEES:**

- 1.1. Presidential Candidates must be at least 25 years old and enthusiastic active Members for at least one year.
- 1.2. Nominees must be at least 18 years old and enthusiastic active Members for at least one year.

#### **ER 2. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY:**

- 2.1. Incumbent Executive Board forms an independent Election Committee of 3 to 5 members including 1 Executive member. This Committee will elect its Chairperson to organize and handle a potential election. After the successful election, the Committee will be automatically disbanded.
- 2.2. The Election Committee is supposed to encourage the Members to run, to nominate and to vote enthusiastically, but not to support any candidates in the election.
- 2.3 Candidates, nominees or nominators may self-campaign or campaign for others to get the maximum votes in accordance with the NORCAL PYFA'S Election Rules in positive manners, and respect opponents' differences.
- 2.4. Right before voting, the election Committee may give the campaigners the last chance to persuade the voters.
- 2.5. The Election Committee reserves the right to call off the election to arrange another election if:
  - 2.5.1. Less than of half of Electorate present. (Ref. ER 3.).
  - 2.5.2. The election rules are rigged or violated. Re-election to be held during 60 days from the cancelled election. The outgoing Executive Board will continue its duties during the vacancy.
- 2.6. Presidential elections are held in secret ballots in the period of 6 months before the expiration date of each term.

#### **ER 3. VOTERS AND BALLOT-PAPERS**

- 3.1. Each of eligible voters has his/her suffrage.
- 3.2. Each voter has only one ballot.

#### **ER 4. ELECTION RESULTS:**

- 4.1. The sole candidate or nominee must secure at least two-thirds of total casting votes to be declared the winner (Ref. ER 3); if not, an additional election to be held within 60 days from the previous one. The outgoing Executive Board will continue its duties during the vacancy.
- 4.2. More than one candidate or nominee:
  - 4.2.1. The first round: the winner will be the one who secures at least two-thirds of total casting votes.
  - 4.2.2. If there is no winner, the Election Committee will arrange a second round (or runoff) for the 2 candidates who have the highest casting votes; and this time whoever gets the most casting votes will be declared the winner.

#### **ER 5. TRANSFERRING PROCEDURE**

- 5.1. The transition period between 2 terms: After a successful election, the elected Executive Board is to take its responsibility right away, and have one month for the outgoing to transfer liability. During this one month transition period, the two Executive Boards will work together for a smooth transfer.

#### **ER 6. ELECTION RULES AMENDMENTS**

- 6.1. Any amendments of these Election Rules must be approved by a referendum by hands, votes or (e)mails.