



AAUP Emergency Election Rules¹

The Council adopts these Emergency Election Rules pursuant to its authority to carry out the purposes of the Association; construe provisions of the Constitution; determine the time, place, and program of the biennial Association Meeting; and establish rules to govern the manner in which elections are conducted (Article IV, Section 2, and Article V, Section 6, of the AAUP Constitution).

The Council has determined that the current COVID crisis constitutes a national emergency that prevents the holding of an in-person biennial Association Meeting in June 2020 (Article VI, Section 1, of the AAUP Constitution). The Council has further directed the 2020 biennial Association Meeting, for the sole purpose of conducting elections, will be held by a mail ballot of delegates.

Therefore, the Council hereby establishes these Emergency Election Rules in order to conduct the election of AAUP Officers and Council members scheduled to take place at the 2020 biennial Association Meeting. These Emergency Election Rules, including the Interpretations, apply solely to the elections scheduled to be conducted at the 2020 biennial Association Meeting.

The election of Officers and Council members scheduled for the 2020 biennial Association Meeting will be held pursuant to, and in compliance with, the AAUP Constitution (including the Constitutional Amendment Proviso on leadership transition), the AAUP Election Rules, the AAUP Weighted Voting and Delegate Credentialing Procedures (“Weighted Voting Procedures”), and other rules applicable to elections, as interpreted or modified by these Emergency Election Rules.

Interpretations

The Council provides, for the limited purpose of these Emergency Election Rules and the 2020 elections, the following interpretation of terms in the AAUP Constitution (including the Constitutional Amendment Proviso), the Election Rules, the Weighted Voting Procedures, and other rules applicable to elections:

- The “biennial Association Meeting,” or similar terminology, when used in conjunction with balloting, voting, or elections will mean the period of the election as conducted under these emergency rules. See, *inter alia*, Article V, Sections 1 and 6, of the AAUP Constitution.
- The 2020 biennial Association Meeting, solely for the purposes of the election, will be considered opened upon the mailing of the election ballots to the delegates.
- The 2020 biennial Association Meeting, solely for the purposes of the election, will be considered “closed,” and the terms of the newly elected officers and Council members will

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begin, upon conclusion of the mail ballot election. See, *inter alia*, Article V, Section 9, of the AAUP Constitution (“The term of office for officers and Council Members shall begin at the close of the last session of the biennial Association Meeting following their election”) and Article IV, Section 1, of same.

- When used in conjunction with balloting, voting, or elections, “at the biennial meetings of the Association” or similar terminology shall mean at and through this mail balloting. See, *inter alia*, Article V, Section 1, of the AAUP Constitution (“Elections shall be conducted every two years, in even-numbered years, at biennial meetings of the Association”); Article V, Section 6 of the AAUP Constitution (“Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot of the accredited delegates at the biennial Association Meeting”); and Article V of the Election Rules.

The provisions of the AAUP Constitution, AAUP Election Rules, and the Weighted Voting Procedures, and other rules applicable to elections, govern the conduct of the election unless interpreted, modified, or replaced by the following provisions of the Emergency Election Rules.

I. Candidates’ Campaign Rights.

- a. Candidates, or their designees, will have the opportunity to provide a recorded speech (audio or video with audio) that will be made available to delegates and AAUP members. The length of the speeches is not to exceed three minutes. Recorded speeches must be provided to the AAUP no later than May 15, 2020 and will be posted no later than June 1, 2020. This provision *replaces* Article III, Section A(3), of the Election Rules.
- b. Candidates will also have the opportunity to campaign with AAUP members and delegates. This provision *replaces* Article III, Section A(4) of the Election Rules (campaigning at the meeting).

II. Quorum. The quorum requirement for a biennial Association Meeting will be waived for the purpose of conducting the mail ballot. See Article VI, Section 1, of the AAUP Constitution.

III. Election Schedule and Methodology.

- a. The election shall be conducted by secret ballot of the credentialed (also called accredited) delegates. See Article V, Section 6, of the AAUP Constitution.
- b. Election ballots will be mailed on June 19, 2020, or if such mailing is not feasible on that date, no later than July 19, 2020. Ballot packages shall be mailed to credentialed delegates’ home addresses. Ballots shall be returned and received on or before 28 days after mailing or the next business day. Counting of ballots shall begin on the business day immediately following the last date for the receipt of ballots and continue until such counting is complete. This provision *modifies* Articles V and VI of the Election Rules.

IV. Delegate Credentialing. In order to be credentialed for the purposes of voting in the emergency election, delegates must complete steps 1 and 2 of the delegate credentialing process.

1. Chapters and sections must submit to the AAUP a delegate registration form listing all of their proposed delegates, and any alternates, by May 15, and

2. The AAUP will determine the eligibility of the proposed delegates and alternates and will notify each chapter and section by May 30.

This provision *replaces* Section 5 of the Weighted Voting Procedures.

V. Member List and Records of Vote Allocation.

- a. A list of the number of votes that each chapter and section is entitled to cast shall be available for inspection by delegates upon request between June 1 and June 15, 2020, and a list of chapters and sections which have cast votes shall be maintained and available for inspection in the national office. This provision *modifies* Section 4 and *replaces* Section 8 of the Weighted Voting Procedures and *replaces* Article VI, Section D(2), of the Election Rules (list available “at the registration table”).
- b. A list of all AAUP members shall be available for inspection, but not copying, by candidates upon request once between January 30 and June 15. This provision *modifies* Article III, Section C, of the Election Rules (list available “at the AAUP’s national office”).

VI. Challenges to Delegate Election or Eligibility, Vote Allocation, or Chapter or Section Eligibility.

Any challenges to the election or eligibility of a delegate, to the number of votes allocated to a chapter or section or its delegates, or to the eligibility of a chapter or section to vote must be filed with the Credentials Committee no later than June 15. Any Credentials Committee report will be submitted to Council for approval. This provision *replaces* Section 9 of the Weighted Voting Procedures and Article VI, Section D(3), of the Election Rules.

VII.

Observers. Each candidate is permitted to have an observer present for the preparation, mailing, opening, and tally of the ballots. Observers will be provided the ability to observe remotely if feasible. A candidate may serve as his or her own observer, or he or she may designate an alternate observer. Observers should not interfere with or disrupt the casting or counting of the ballots. Their role is limited to observing the election process, asking procedural questions, challenging defective ballots, and lodging protests with AAUP election officials as appropriate. This provision *replaces* Article VI, Section C, of the Election Rules.