**AAUP Section**

**Election and Campaign Rules for Election of Section Delegate(s)**

**to the American Association of University Professors Biennial Meeting**

1. Position

These rules govern the nomination and election of section delegate(s) to the biennial meeting of the American Association of University Professors. These do not govern the nomination and election of chapter or state conference officers. The section is made up of eligible AAUP chapters in the state that have opted to participate in the section (“participating chapters”). The section is entitled to one delegate for every 250 aggregate members of participating chapters (for example, 10 members entitles section to 1 delegate, 251 members entitles section to 2 delegates). The section may also have alternate delegate(s) who serve if the delegate(s) are not available. The nomination and election of section delegates and alternates shall comply with these rules, and with the AAUP Constitution, and the federal Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 (LMRDA).

2. Term of Office

The section delegate(s) and alternates will serve a term from the date of the election until the close of the Association Biennial meeting for which they are elected.

3. Eligibility to Hold Office

Any member in good standing of a participating chapter is eligible to run for delegate.

4. Nomination Notice

A nomination notice will be sent by email, or by mail (US or interoffice), to members of participating chapters no later than [April 1] of the year of the Association Biennial Meeting. The nomination notice may also be posted on chapter webpages or otherwise distributed.

 5. Nominations

Nominations for delegate must be made in writing and sent either by email or by US mail to the email or mail addresses specified in the nomination notice and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on [April 14.] In order to nominate a candidate, a member must be in good standing with a participating chapter. A member may self-nominate themselves for the position.

6. Candidate Eligibility Determinations

Nominees will be notified of their eligibility, provided a copy of these rules, asked to accept or decline the nomination, and asked how they wish their names to appear on any ballot. Ineligible nominees will be advised of the reason(s) they are not eligible to run for office.

7. Election by Acclamation and Election Ballots

In the event that there is only one nominee for each position at the time when ballots are to be distributed, that nominee will be considered elected by acclamation and no ballot vote will be held. In the event of a ballot vote, write-in votes are not permitted. The ballot order will be determined by drawing random lots with advance notice to the candidates of the drawing.

 9. Inspection of the Membership List

Each candidate may inspect (not copy) a list of the members of participating chapters once within 30 days prior to the election. No candidate is entitled to receive a copy of the list.

10. Distribution of Campaign Literature

Candidates may mail campaign literature to the home addresses of participating chapters members at the candidate’s expense. Campaign literature must be provided to the section in sealed, stamped envelopes that are ready for mailing. The section will mail the literature to the members a reasonable time period after receipt of the literature.

In addition, the section may at its option provide the candidates with email addresses for, or may otherwise arrange to have email delivered to, participating chapter members.

11. Campaign Restrictions

Federal law prohibits the use of any union or employer funds to promote the candidacy of any person in a union officer election. This prohibition applies to cash, facilities, equipment, vehicles, office supplies, etc., of the chapter and any other union, and of employers whether or not they employ chapter members. Union officers and employees may not campaign on time paid for by the union. Federal law also provides that candidates must be treated equally regarding the opportunity to campaign and that all members may support the candidates of their choice without being subject to penalty, discipline, or reprisal of any kind.

12. Voter Eligibility

Any member who is in good standing in a participating chapter at the time the ballots are mailed will be eligible to vote in this election.

13. Election Notice

In the event of a ballot election, a combined notice of election and ballot will be sent by US mail to the last known home address of each participating chapter member. (The US Department of Labor publication “Electing Local Union Officers by Mail” should be consulted for guidance on the election process.)

A. The notice of election and ballot shall be distributed no earlier than April 14 but no later than April 20. Candidates will be advised of the date and place for the preparation and mailing of ballot packages.

B. Ballots shall be returned and received on or before May 13.

14. Observers

Candidates are entitled to have observers present at the polls, at the preparation, mailing and opening of the ballots, and at the tally of ballots.

16. Tally of Ballots

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. Candidates will be provided with the exact time and location of the ballot count in advance of the mailing of the ballots.

The candidate who receives the highest number of votes cast for each office will be declared elected. Any tie votes will be decided by a coin toss at the conclusion of the ballot count.

17. Election Results

The election results will be emailed to participating chapter members after the tally is completed.

18. Election Records

The section is responsible for ensuring that all nomination and election records are maintained for at least one year after the election, as required by federal law. The above rules are not all inclusive. Additional election rules or clarifications may be issued by the section as needed during the nomination and election period.

19. Election Committee

There shall be an election committee comprised of the president, or their designee, of each chapter that participates in the section, that has the authority to resolve any disputes involving the election.

Election Timeline (for reference only)

March 15 – Deadline for chapters to decide whether to participate in a section

April 1 – Deadline for distributing nomination notice

April 14 – Deadline for receipt of nominations

April 14\_20 – Notice of election and ballots distributed

May 13 – Deadline for receipt of ballots

May 14 – Tally of ballots

May 15 – Deadline for section to submit delegate forms