

## **ELECTION OF STATE OFFICERS**

The election of the six Oregon FFA State Officers will use the following guidelines:

1. Each chapter may have up to two official delegates that must check-in with the State FFA Secretary (or their designated representative) on the morning of the election process. If at anytime during the election process a delegate needs to leave the floor they must check out at the secretary's station. They will need to check back in at the Secretary's Station upon their return to the delegate floor.
2. The Secretary will maintain the roll of delegates so that the total number of voting delegates is known for voting purposes during each balloting.
3. Candidate names for each office and those candidates named at large will be announced by the Chairman of the Nominating committee to the delegate body at the beginning of the voting process.
4. Each candidate (starting with candidates nominated for president and proceeding down the list until all candidates have spoken) will then be given 2 minutes to present an election speech (No props will be allowed). Their microphone will be shut off at 2 minutes.
5. The current State FFA President will announce the names of the candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee for the Office of President then open the floor for nominations from the floor. Any Official Delegate may nominate any of the top 10 candidates for the office of President. Each candidate so nominated will be asked if they accept the nomination. Each Official Delegate may nominate more than one candidate but must be recognized by the Chair for each nomination as a separate nomination.
6. Voting will be by use of electronic "Clickers" or by paper ballot. If Clickers are used the Chair will have the Delegates vote on 1 to 3 different questions so that the technical advisors can calibrate the equipment at the beginning of the election process. (this calibration will only need to be done once) If using paper ballots then the first ballots will be handed out to the delegates at the start of the voting process and then new ballots handed out after the collection of the current vote. (This will insure that the voting time runs quickly)
7. To determine the outcome of the voting a candidate must have at least one vote more than 50% of the total number of delegates voting (total number is stated by the secretary before each balloting) to be elected on the first balloting if more than two candidates are nominated. If there are more than two candidates nominated and there is no one candidate with more than the 50% then there will be a run-off announced between those top candidates whose combined votes equals 50% of the votes. There must be a state staff person (or designated State Staff representative) present during the counting of the ballots.

8. If the total number of votes counted is less than the number of delegates present, then the number of votes not present are considered to be abstentions.
  
9. Candidates slated by the nominating committee for an office and not elected to that office will automatically be nominated for the next position to be voted on. (Example: Candidate slated at president by nominating committee and if not elected will automatically be put on the ballot for the office of Vice President. If not elected as Vice President, will automatically put on the ballot for the office of Secretary and so on until all offices have been filled).
  
10. The results of the last balloting for each office must be kept for one year by the State FFA Office. These results are to be used in the unfortunate situation in which a state officer can no longer fulfill the duties of office and must be replaced by the FFA Board of Directors.