

Policy Title: Candidate Campaigning	
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I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

It is essential that NAGC encourage an election process that is equitable for all candidates for positions on the NAGC Board of Directors and discourage activities that may negatively impact the Association, the Board of Directors, or the staff.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

1. NAGC shall provide various impartial means by which the qualifications and perspectives of the candidates can be provided to the eligible voting membership prior to Voting, including a Personal Statement, Biography, Mission-related question responses, digital photograph, and professional qualifications. The Elections Committee may request additional information or materials before voting begins to aid in the equitable presentation of candidate qualifications. All candidates must be informed of the request on the same day and offered the same amount of time to respond.
2. Candidate information will remain on the NAGC website throughout the campaign and voting period.
3. Individual candidates may not directly solicit votes. At no time may a NAGC staff member, Network Leader, Committee member, Elections Committee member, Leadership Development Committee member, or member of the Board of Directors directly promote or facilitate the election of any specific candidate(s). No member of the Board of Directors, Leadership Development Committee, or Elections Committee may write a letter of recommendation for any candidate.
4. NAGC members, including candidates, may distribute information about the election by sharing the website where other members can access information about all candidates.
5. Neither candidates nor their supporters may spend any funds or engage in any organized effort, including through social media, to promote or enhance the candidacy of an individual.
6. Any violation of the Campaigning Policy shall be reported to the Chair of the Elections Committee. The Chair of the Elections Committee will recommend possible actions to the Board of Directors, which will determine what action may be taken.
7. A copy of the Candidate Campaigning Policy will be provided to each potential candidate. At the time a candidate submits his/her nomination documents, the candidate must sign an agreement both acknowledging the Candidate Campaigning Policy and agreeing to abide by the policy throughout the election cycle.