

# International Polka Association

## Election Process

Only I.P.A. members in good standing for 30 days prior to the election day are allowed to vote.

### Nominations

Nominations are accepted at the time of the annual meeting or in writing prior to the annual meeting.

The nominated candidate must accept the nomination, either verbally or in writing, at the time of the nomination.

### Ballots

Individual paper ballots will be given to all voting IPA members in attendance.

The ballot packet will contain only those positions up for election.

There will be 1 ballot paper for each of the open Officer positions.

There will be 1 Stapled Ballot Packet with 3 ballot papers for the 3 open Illinois Director positions.

There will be 1 Stapled Ballot Packet with 3 ballot papers for the 3 open Non-Illinois Director positions.

Valid Officer Ballot: Each Officer ballot will require the voter to write in one name only.

Invalid Officer Ballot: An Officer ballot where more than one name has been written and will be disqualified.

Valid Director Ballot:

A Director ballot packet: Is a packet that is stapled together with 3 ballot papers.

One name per ballot paper.

Invalid Director Ballot:

A Director ballot packet that is no longer stapled together.

A Director ballot packet that contains duplicate names (meaning voted for the same person twice).

A Director ballot paper with more than one name on it.

If any of the above discrepancies are present, the entire Ballot for that position will be discarded and not counted.

Note: A voting IPA member can vote for less than 3 Directors, but cannot vote for more than 3 Directors. A director packet containing less than 3 names is considered a valid ballot. However, a director packet containing more than 3 names, constitutes an invalid ballot and will be discarded.

The order of the ballots will match the order of the election.

Ballots will be collected by a designated Election Judge and Tally Persons. Their decisions on ballot validity are final.