

NOMINATING COMMITTEE PROCESS/ELECTIONS TIMELINE 2021

Governance Board:

- **Governance Board Members are organizations, not individuals.** Individuals sitting on the board are the designated representatives of the member organization and can be replaced at will by the member organization.
- **Only NEUAC members in good standing are eligible for nomination to the Governance Board.** This means your 2021 membership dues must be paid in full prior to nominations. Members can self-nominate or be nominated by another member.
- Members elected in 2021 will serve for three years.
- The Governance Board is elected by the NEUAC membership.
- The Executive Committee will be elected by the existing Governing Board.
- 32 total current Governance Board members
 - Remaining board members with terms not expiring: 24
 - 14 NPs
 - 10 Utilities
 - Expiring and cannot be nominated for another term – 2 (both utilities)
 - Expiring, but eligible to be nominated for a second three-year term – 6 (4 NPs, 2 utilities) **NOTE: Must be nominated and elected to serve second term**
 - Open positions to remain odd number: 7 or 5
- Terming out in 2021:
 1. Spire (Connie Sanchez)
 2. Washington Gas (Michael Bell)
 3. New Jersey Natural Gas (Maria Delaplain)
 4. Salt River Project (Bonnie Temme)
 5. Affordable Housing Alliance (Kathleen Kerr)
 6. Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (Dave Rinebolt)
 7. PACE (Celia Andrade)
 8. Energy Fairness (Paul Griffin)

*Not eligible for re-election *Eligible for re-election

2021 ELECTIONS TIMELINE

- 3/2/21** Governance Board of Directors to establish the number of Governing Board positions to be filled in 2020.
- 3/15/21** Call for nominations for election to the Governance Board sent to NEUAC members in good standing.
- **Staff emails the calls for nominations, including the introductory information and nominations form to all individuals identified with each membership.**

- Nominations are returned to the chair and/or all members of the Nominating Committee.

4/2/21 Deadline for Governing Board nominations – must be submitted by midnight 4/2/21. The Nominations Committee will confirm with NEUAC Staff that all nominees are current members in good standing of NEUAC.

- Staff must verify that each organization nominated is a NEUAC member in good standing.

No later than 4/9/21

Survey Monkey ballots for Governing Board election must be emailed to full membership by staff along with the announcement of the annual meeting (virtual, slated for 6/8/21).

This is a hard date determined by the date of the annual meeting at the Conference. The by-laws require that ballots are distributed to the membership 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

- Ballots are mailed out to only the primary representative from each member organization. Even though some members have more than one actively participating individual, the organization gets only one vote. If the designated member forwards the ballot to another individual, that is fine.
- While the vote is cast on the Survey Monkey application, a description of each nominee is included as a pdf attachment to the email.
- Partial ballots are counted. Unidentified ballots are not.

4/23/21 Deadline for completed ballots – Must be submitted by midnight

5/7/21 Tabulated election results and appropriate documentation forwarded from the Nominating Committee to the Credentials and Elections Committee.

5/10/21 Call for nominations for all Executive Committee open positions sent to Governing Board Members in good standing.

- The Credential Committee verifies the results of the election and presents a recommendation to the Executive Committee for approval, and then to the full board in June.

5/14/21 Ballot for Executive Committee sent to Governing Board members

5/21/21 **Deadline for completed ballots for all officers - due at midnight**
Deadline for nominations for Advisory Board

5/28/21 Deadline for Credentials and Elections Committee to certify all results of the election

6/15/21 **Annual Membership Meeting – acceptance of election results by vote**

Summer NEUAC Governance Board Meeting – approval of election results by vote, last meeting of current Board Members

Results of the election presented by the Chair of the C&E Committee at the Annual Membership Meeting

- This is the date that the rest of the schedule is built around. The new Governance Board members are accepted (not elected) by the membership at this meeting. The schedule builds in extra time to extend deadlines by up to one week, if necessary, and still meet this deadline.