

ELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Purpose and Scope

This document specifies procedures, other than those specified in the WES Constitution, for the Lay Leadership Development Committee (LLDC) to follow in conducting elections for the LLDC itself and for the Board of Trustees.

2. Electronic Voting

Ballots are accessed online, through unique, single-use links sent to each member's email address in the WES database. Members who share an email address with another member and members who do not have email accounts may access their ballots in either of two ways:

- By requesting a ballot access code from the LLDC and using it on their own; or
- By voting at WES, using a computer provided by the LLDC, after a platform on the Sunday of the relevant membership meeting or the previous Sunday.

Those options will be publicized in any announcements or communications about the election that occur before voting closes.

3. End of Voting Period

Balloting ends one hour after the scheduled start of the relevant membership meeting.

4. Identification of Winning Candidates

Winning candidates in Board elections and any LLDC elections with multiple openings are those receiving the highest numbers of votes; the winning candidate in an LLDC election with a single opening is the one with the highest number of votes. If an inter-election vacancy produces open positions of different durations, they are filled according to length of term: the longest term is filled by the candidate receiving the most votes, and so on.