

2026 WGAE Nominations and Election Policy for Officers and Council Members

Hello! If you're reading this, you are likely a WGAE member considering running for Council or an Officer position, a member of the WGAE Election Committee, or a member of Guild staff charged with overseeing the election. Union elections are among the most important things that a union does. They are the mechanism by which a union ensures that it is truly member-led.

This document is the **2026 WGAE Nominations and Election Policy for Officers and Council Members ("Policy")**. Simply put, these are the rules of the road for the 2026 Officer and Council election. These rules were established and voted on by the WGAE Council on May 7, 2026. They are consistent with the 2022 WGAE Constitution and Bylaws and applicable federal law.

It's very important to understand that once these rules are adopted by Council, **they cannot change**. No staff member, Council member, Officer, or member of the WGAE Election Committee can change the rules as they are set forth in this Policy. The reason for this is very simple: We need the election to be free and fair for everyone, and the only way for that to happen is to have consistently enforced rules.

So, please read this Policy and take the time to understand it. We tried to write this Policy in plain language to make it as accessible as possible. That said, questions will come up! If you have any questions, you can email elections@wgaeast.com.

I. **WGAE Governance Structure and Open Seats**

The WGAE Council is the governing body of the Guild. It consists of five (5) Officers and twenty (20) Council members (apportioned by sector based on membership numbers):

- **Officers**
 - President
 - Secretary-Treasurer
 - Film/Television/Streaming (F/T/S) Vice President
 - Broadcast/Cable/Streaming News (BCSN) Vice President
 - Online Media (OM) Vice President
- **Council Members**
 - Twelve (12) F/T/S Council Members
 - Three (3) BCSN Council Members
 - Five (5) OM Council Members

All Officers and Council members are elected to two-year terms. The terms are staggered, and the Guild has elections every year, so roughly half of the Council is up for election each year.

This year, the following seats are open for election:

- **Officers**
 - BCSN Vice President
 - OM Vice President
- **Council Members**
 - Six (6) F/T/S Council seats
 - Three (3) BCSN Council seats
 - Two (2) OM Council seats

II. **Eligibility**

A. **Who Can Nominate?**

1. All candidates for Council or Officer positions must be nominated. They can either be nominated by themselves or by another Guild member.
2. All current members in good standing¹ may nominate or self-nominate a candidate for President and/or Secretary-Treasurer.
3. All current members in good standing of a particular work sector (F/T/S, BCSN, OM) may nominate or self-nominate a candidate for the Vice President or Council seats for that work sector.

B. **Who Can Run for Council or Officer?**

1. In order to run for a Vice President seat, a member must be a current member in good standing in the relevant work sector for at least one (1) year prior to the date of the election.
2. In order to run for a Council seat, a member must be a current member in good standing in the relevant work sector for at least one (1) year prior to the date of the election.
3. Any member holding a seat on Council whose term does not expire in 2025 may run for an Officer position without resigning their seat. If they win, their Council seat will be filled through the provisions set forth in the WGAE Constitution and Bylaws.
4. A member who is eligible for both an Officer and Council seat may be nominated or self-nominated for both seats. If they are successful in winning the Officer seat, they will be removed from the tally in the Council election.

¹ A current member in good standing means that you are a member of the Writers Guild of America East, that you are current on basic dues, and that you have had work effort in the past ten years under a collective bargaining agreement, or are a life member.

C. Who Can Vote?

All current members in good standing are eligible to vote. New members, members who are postcurrent, and members who are not in good standing have until August 21, 2026 to become current members in good standing in order to vote in the election.

D. Who Can Endorse?

All current members in good standing of WGAE are eligible to endorse candidates through the processes set forth in Section V(G) of this Policy. Current members in good standing of WGAW, as defined by WGAW's election rules, are eligible to endorse candidates through the processes set forth in Section V(G) of this Policy.

III. Notice of Nominations and Elections

On or about July 1, 2026, the WGAE will mail and/or email a Notice of Nominations and Election for Officers and Council Members (the "Notice") to each member at their last known mail and/or email address. Current members in good standing and members in bad standing who can come into good standing by paying their outstanding dues balance will receive both a mailed and emailed notice. Members who become eligible after the notice mailing, or who join after the notice mailing, will be mailed the Notice of Nominations and Elections after they become eligible. The Notice will also be posted on the WGAE website.

The Notice will contain a list of Officer and Council seats that are up for election, the terms of office, the method of nomination, a summary of the eligibility requirements, the deadline for submitting nominations, the election date, the nomination form, information on requesting a mail ballot, their individual code for online voting, and a summary of the role of the WGAE Council members and officers.

IV. Nomination Process

To nominate, any current member in good standing must fill out a nomination form nominating their preferred candidate. Members may fill out the form on the WGAE website or send completed forms to elections@wgaeast.org. Completed forms must be received by Guild staff by no later than 5:00 pm EDT on July 21, 2026. This deadline will be strictly construed and cannot be waived or extended. On July 22, 2026, all nominees will receive an email listing the other nominees in their category.

A Nominees Reception, where nominees can ask questions of WGAE staff and current WGAE Officers and Council members prior to accepting their nomination, will be held on Zoom on July 22, 2026.

All nominees must accept their nomination by notifying WGAE staff at elections@wgaeast.org. Acceptances must be received by Guild staff no later than 5:00 pm EDT on July 31, 2026 in order for a candidate to appear on the ballot for the 2026 election. This deadline will be strictly construed and cannot be waived or extended. Candidates who self-nominate will be deemed to have accepted their nomination.

Candidates wishing to withdraw their acceptance must do so by August 14, 2026. Withdrawals must be received by Guild staff at elections@wgaeast.org by 5:00 pm EDT on August 14 for a candidate to be removed from the ballot. All candidates who accept their nomination and do not withdraw prior to this deadline will remain on the ballot. In the event that a candidate decides they do not wish to serve after the deadline to withdraw but before the election and declines to accept their seat, Council will fill their vacancy pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws. This deadline will be strictly enforced and cannot be waived or extended.

All candidates must attend a mandatory meeting on either Monday, August 3, 2026 at 6:00 pm EDT via Zoom or Wednesday, August 5 at 12:00 pm EDT via Zoom.

V. **Campaigning and Access**

A. Candidate Statements

1. A candidate statement and photo (if supplied) will be emailed to all eligible WGAE voters in the relevant work sector for the position, posted on the WGAE website, and linked on the digital election ballot in the order the candidates appear on the election ballot pursuant to Section VIII (G)(3). Candidates may also request that their statement and photos be mailed to the membership at their own expense.
2. Each candidate may submit a statement and photo. The suggested word count for statements is 500 to 1000 words.
3. Candidates are responsible for submitting the final typed statement and photo to the WGAE staff at elections@wgaeast.org. Statements must be received by no later than 5:00 pm EDT on August 14, 2026. Statements must be sent to staff in Word document or other text format. This deadline will be strictly enforced and cannot be waived or extended.
4. Candidate statements will be e-mailed to all WGAE members in good standing and in the relevant work sector on August 28, 2026.

B. Candidate Communications

1. **Scheduled Emails.** In addition to the candidate statements emailed on August 28, 2026, WGAE will send two email communications on behalf of each candidate to eligible voters in the relevant work sector.

The first scheduled email will be sent on September 8, 2026. Candidates are responsible for providing the text of their email message to Guild staff at elections@wgaeast.org. Emails must be received by 5:00 pm EDT on September 7, 2026. This deadline will be strictly enforced and cannot be waived or extended. Candidate messages will appear in ballot order.

The second scheduled email will be sent on September 15, 2026. Candidates are responsible for providing the text of their email message to Guild staff at elections@wgaeast.org. Emails must be received by 5:00 pm EDT on September 14, 2026. This deadline will be strictly enforced and cannot be waived or extended. Candidate message will appear in reverse ballot order.

The subject line of the email will read “WGAE Election Campaign Message” and will be preceded by the following statement:

This e-mail is not an official communication from WGAE. All candidates for the relevant office have an equal opportunity to provide a message for this communication. The enclosed messages have been prepared by the candidate. They have not been endorsed or reviewed by WGAE. The candidates have not been provided with your contact information and will not receive any responses.

2. If a candidate requests another candidate eblast message beyond these two (2) communications, each additional candidate communication will incur a \$200 administrative fee paid to WGAE by the candidate. Each paid eblast will have the subject line “WGAE Paid Election Campaign Message: NAME OF CANDIDATE(s)” and be preceded by the following statement:

This e-mail is not an official communication from WGAE and has not been transmitted at WGAE expense. This email is a paid eblast and the candidate has paid \$200 in administrative fees to transmit the message.

WGAE is required by federal law to comply with all reasonable requests by candidates for union office to distribute campaign literature at the candidate’s expense. The following message has been prepared by the candidate. It has not been endorsed, reviewed, or edited by WGAE. The candidate has not been provided with your contact information and will not receive any response.

Paid Eblasts may be sent from September 9 to September 21. Eblasts will be sent within one (1) business day of receipt. No paid eblasts received

after 9:00 am EDT on Monday, September 21 will be transmitted. Eblasts will not be sent on September 15.

An eblast sent on behalf of a slate of candidates counts as an eblast for all candidates. The slate will be charged the \$200 administrative fee.

3. Candidates may also send postcards at their own expense, beginning on August 28, 2026. Postcards will be sent only to the candidate's work sector (unless running for President or Secretary-Treasurer, in which case postcards will be sent to all members) and within four (4) business days of being received by WGAE Staff.

Candidates will pay for Guild staff time in mailing postcards at a rate of \$50/hour, as well as the following rates below, which are subject to change based on WGAE membership numbers and postage rates:

Large 5 ½ X 9 ½ size postcards - Film/TV/Streaming Sector - \$2,834.24; Online Media Sector - \$1,479.68; Broadcast/Cable/Streaming News Sector - \$765

Small 4 X 6 Postcards - Film/TV/Streaming Sector - \$2,209.68; Online Media Sector - \$1,153.28; Broadcast/Cable/Streaming News Sector - \$596.25

Postcards will contain the following disclaimer:

This postcard is not an official communication from WGAE and has been transmitted at the candidate's expense.

WGAE is required by federal law to comply with all reasonable requests by candidates for union office to distribute campaign literature at the candidate's expense. The following message has been prepared by the candidate. It has not been endorsed, reviewed, or edited by WGAE. The candidate has not been provided with your contact information and will not receive any response.

C. General Rules for Candidate Communications

1. All candidate statements and communications for work sector VPs and Council members will be sent only to that candidate's work sector.
2. Eblasts may be sent in either plain text or rich text format. The communications may not include attachments but may include links to websites.

3. WGAE may not refuse to process or distribute any candidate's statement and communications on the basis of its content, nor may it edit any candidate's campaign literature.
4. Suggested length for emails is 500 words.
5. Candidates must include their name, work sector, and position for which they are running at the top of all paid candidate statements, eblasts, or postcards.
6. To ensure uniformity, candidate communications will be listed in text form, including no graphics or emojis and published in the same font size.

D. Inspection of Membership Lists and Eligibility Challenges

Each candidate has the right, on one (1) occasion during the thirty (30) days before the ballot count, to inspect, but not copy, a list containing the names and last known addresses of WGAE members within their work sector. Candidates inspecting the list must maintain the confidentiality of all personal and address information regarding members. WGAE shall not discriminate in favor of or against any Candidate with respect to the membership list. Eligibility challenges will be handled by the procedures set forth in Section VIII(A), below.

E. Freedom to Exercise Political Rights

Subject to the limitations set forth in Article IV below, members retain the right to participate in campaign activities, including the right to run for office (if they meet the eligibility requirements set forth above), to openly support or oppose any candidate, to aid or campaign for any candidate, and to voice any comments in support of or opposition to any candidate.

F. Election Website

1. The Council Election Page will go live when all nominations are announced to members, on or about August 17, 2026. The Council Election Page will be located on WGAEast.org; all candidates will be listed. The Council Election Page will display candidates by the seat for which they are running. Candidates will be listed in ballot order, determined pursuant to Section VI G(3) of this policy, along with their photo. Photos must be received by 5:00 pm EDT August 14, 2026. This deadline will be strictly enforced and may not be waived or extended. If a candidate does not provide a photo, the Guild will use a placeholder image containing the candidates initials in lieu of a photo.

2. Each candidate will have their own individual landing page linked from their profile on the Council Election Landing page. Each individual candidate page may include a photo of the candidate (if timely submitted), a candidate statement (if timely submitted), and a list of the endorsements from Guild members.
3. The Council Election Page is recycled at the end of each Election Cycle and will not be preserved between elections.

G. Endorsers

1. Process for Endorsements

a. WGAE Member Endorsements

- i. WGAE members who wish to endorse candidates in the Election may do so through the Secure Endorsement Webpage hosted on the WGAE website. The Secure Endorsement Webpage will require members to log-in using their WGAEast.org website credentials.
- ii. Candidates will be provided with a link to the Secure Endorsement Webpage on August 3, 2026. Candidates may share the provided link to collect endorsements from WGAE members.
- iii. There will be a button on each candidate's landing page that links to the Secure Endorsement Webpage.
- iv. WGAE members may also follow the process set forth for WGAW endorsers in paragraph G(1)(b) of this section, set forth below.

b. WGAW Member Endorsements

- i. Beginning on August 3, 2026, candidates who want to include endorsements from WGAW members must send an email to elections@wgaeast.org copying the endorsing West member. Alternatively, the endorsing member may send the email to elections@wgaeast.org, copying the candidate. Both the candidate and the endorser must be copied on the email.

- ii. WGAE Staff will update the candidate's list of endorsements on Mondays.
 - c. Endorsers will be listed in alphabetical order by last name.
- 2. Review of Endorsers:
 - a. Candidates are responsible for reviewing their list of endorsements to ensure that they accept the endorsement. Candidates should periodically review their individual candidate page.
 - b. At any time, any candidate may ask WGAE staff to remove an endorsement from their individual candidate page by emailing elections@wgaeast.org. Staff will remove the endorsement as soon as practicable during normal business hours.

VI. Union Funds, Resources, Personnel and Facilities

A. Prohibition on Use of Union Funds

- 1. Except as provided in provisions of this Policy generally applicable to all candidates, no WGAE funds, resources, personnel or facilities may be used to promote the candidacy of any person, and candidates may not receive any contributions or other resources from WGAE given to promote their candidacies. This prohibition includes a ban on monetary contributions and the use of the union's stationery, equipment, facilities, personnel or other resources to promote a candidate. The following are examples of the type of union funds, resources, personnel and facilities that are strictly prohibited:
 - a. Use of the union's offices for campaign purposes;
 - b. Use of the union's office equipment such as telephones, computers, and photocopy machines for campaign purposes;
 - c. Use of the union's stationery for campaign purposes;
 - d. Use of the union's logo and/or name for campaign purposes if such use would reasonably be construed as an endorsement by the union. The use of the union's logo or name in the name of any slate of candidates is prohibited;

- e. Use of the union’s publications, website, Facebook Page, Instagram, Slacks, Signal channels, or social media accounts or messaging platforms for campaign purposes;
 - f. Use of membership contact information acquired while a WGAE Officer or member of Council or any WGAE. Committees (including Negotiating Committees) for campaign purposes.
2. It is also a violation of WGAE policy for any person to use any WGAE resource, including messaging platforms or communications resources, on behalf of or against any candidate or candidate(s). Any member who violates these rules may be subject to discipline per Article X of the WGAE constitution.

B. Employer Resources, Personnel and Facilities

No employer funds, resources, personnel or facilities may be used to promote the candidacy of any person, and candidates may not receive any employer contributions or resources given to promote their candidacies. This prohibition includes a ban on monetary contributions and the use of an employer’s stationery, equipment, facilities, personnel, paid worktime or other resources to promote a candidate.

Please note that this prohibition applies to all employers—any entity that employs workers--not just Guild signatories.

VII. 2026 WGAE Council Election Particulars

A. Election Supervision

The Executive Director and/or their WGAE staff designee will administer the day-to-day mechanics of the 2026 WGAE Council election process. Any and all questions and/or concerns from WGAE Council candidates about election mechanics must be made in writing to elections@wgaeast.org. Should a candidate believe an action or determination of the Executive Director or their designee violates this Policy, they may file a challenge with the Election Committee through the process set forth below.

The WGAE has retained eBallot, an independent election firm, to supervise the tabulation of the election ballots per the WGAE’s Constitution and Bylaws, this Election Policy, and applicable federal law.

B. The Election Committee

An Election Committee will be created according to the WGAE Constitution and By-Laws and WGAE Council Resolution(s).

The Election Committee will adjudicate issues that arise during the election and determine election challenges. A quorum of three (3) members of the Election Committee is required for any Election Committee decision.

The Election Committee does not have jurisdiction over purely administrative issues.

Election Committee members may vote in the election, but they may not endorse or publicly campaign for any candidate for office.

C. Candidate Forum

1. There will be a candidate forum held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026.
 - a. The forum will be divided into three parts, F/T/S Council candidates, one for BCSN VP and Council Candidates, and one for OM VP and Council Candidates.
 - b. The Candidate Forum will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm EDT by Zoom, moderated by former Council members/Guild leaders not running for office approved by the Election Committee.
 - c. Each candidate will have the opportunity to answer each of the questions described in paragraph C(2) of this section. The time each candidate has to answer the questions will depend on the number of candidates. Each candidate will be given equal time to speak.
 - d. In the event a sector does not have more candidates than open positions, the Candidate Forum for that sector will be canceled.
2. The Election Committee shall approve a list of questions for the candidates for the Candidate Forum. In creating the list of questions, the Election Committee may consult with Guild members not running for Guild office, including current Officers and Council members.

D. Election Mechanics

1. The Election. The 2026 election will be for the following positions: BCSN Vice President, OM Vice President, six (6) F/T/S Council seats, three (3) BCSN Council seats, and two (2) OM Council seats.
2. All members in good standing in the relevant sector are eligible to vote for the Vice President and/or Council members within their own work sector.

3. Mailing of Ballot Information. All members in good standing will receive information about the election and their election code mailed by a third party, bonded vendor via USPS on or about August 28, 2026.
 4. Voting. Voting begins on Thursday, September 10 at 9:00 am EDT. All members in good standing will be sent an e-mail notifying them of such. Members may reach out to eBallot to receive missing or lost election voting codes
 5. Mail Ballots. Members may request a mail ballot by contacting WGAE Staff by 5:00 pm EDT Wednesday, September 1, 2026. All ballots must be received by 5:00 pm EDT on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, to be counted in the election. Members who do not receive a mail ballot may request a replacement ballot by 5:00 pm EDT on September 8, 2026 by emailing elections@wgaeast.org. All deadlines in this section will be strictly enforced and cannot be extended.
- E. Observers. Each candidate has the right to be present and/or designate an observer who must be a WGAE member in good standing to observe all stages of the election process.

This includes preparation of the ballot, mailing of mail ballots, ordering of names on the ballot, and the tallying of ballots. Candidates must indicate the name of their observer by informing the Guild at elections@wgaeast.org by 5:00 pm EDT at least two business days before the observable process.

For purely electronic components of the election process (i.e., emailing of election codes or reminder emails from eBallot), candidates who wish to observe should contact the Guild by 5:00 pm EDT at least two business days before the process in question. The Guild and eBallot will make best efforts to provide a manner by which these processes may be observed.

Candidates may observe a test run of the ballot system at their request. Candidates must make such request by 5:00 pm EDT on Friday, August 28, 2026. This deadline will be strictly enforced and cannot be extended.

F. Election Ballot

1. Official Ballot. All ballots shall be designated as the official 2026 WGAE Council Ballot.
2. All active members in good standing will receive one ballot for President and Secretary Treasurer. Active members in good standing will also receive a ballot for Vice President and/or Council seats in their work sector.

3. Order of Placement. The placement of a candidate's name on the ballot for each position shall be determined by a current member in good standing not running for office drawing names. Ballot placement shall be determined on August 3, 2026.
4. Write-in Votes. Write-in votes are not permitted. Candidates running unopposed will be deemed elected by acclamation.
5. Voter Intent. Any ballot marked in a way as to reasonably indicate the intent of the voter will be counted. All decisions on voter intent will be made by the Election Committee.
6. Over-votes. If a member votes for more candidates than the number of open seats on mail ballots, the member's votes for the position for which the member over-voted will be invalidated.

G. Ballot Count

1. The Count. All ballots will be tabulated by eBallot on Tuesday, September 22, at 5:00 pm EDT at the WGAE office.
2. In Person Voting. Members in good standing may vote in person on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at the WGAE office from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm EDT.
3. Multiple Ballots. If a member submits both an online ballot and a mail ballot, the online ballot will be counted.
4. Plurality Vote. Candidates shall be elected by a plurality of votes.
5. Tie vote. In the event of a tie vote for any elected office, the tie will be broken by drawing of lots or some other neutral method.

H. Election Results Notification

Upon completion of the vote count, the results will be certified in writing by eBallot. All candidates will be notified of the election results as soon as practicable. Public release of the names of those who were elected shall be posted on the WGAE website as soon as practicable.

I. Effective Date

All elected candidates shall assume their offices at 12:01 am EDT on September 23, 2026.

VIII. Eligibility Challenges and Election Protests

A. Eligibility Challenges

1. Voter Eligibility

- a. Voter eligibility must be challenged prior to the start of voting on September 9, 2026. All voting challenges must be sent to elections@wgaeast.org and must be received by 5:00 pm EDT on Tuesday, September 8. This deadline will be strictly enforced and cannot be waived or extended.
- b. Members may challenge the eligibility of a voter by identifying the voter and clearly specifying the basis for objection.
- c. If a voter's eligibility is challenged, their ballots will be segregated and counted only if they could affect the outcome of the election.
- d. The Election Committee will resolve all challenges of voter eligibility, if necessary, after the initial tallying of ballots.

2. Candidate Eligibility

- a. Members may challenge a candidate's eligibility to hold office.
- b. Any such challenge must be received by 5:00 pm EDT on Friday, August 21. This deadline will be strictly enforced and cannot be waived or extended.
- c. Upon receipt of an eligibility challenge, the Executive Director or his designee will investigate the challenge and submit their findings to the Election Committee, which will make a final determination.
- d. The Election Committee will communicate their decision to the challenging member and the challenged candidate.

2. Election Protests

- a. Any protest regarding an alleged violation of the Election Policy, the WGAE Constitution and Bylaws, or applicable federal election law must be filed in writing with the Election Committee, c/o elections@wgaeast.org, by 5:00 PM EDT on Wednesday, October 7, 2026. This deadline will be strictly enforced and cannot be extended.
- b. Challenges filed prior to the tabulation of ballots will be deferred to post-election unless the Election Committee determines that a remedy is necessary to preserve the election.

- c. The protest shall set forth with reasonable specificity the nature of the alleged violation, the facts underlying it, and how it may have affected the outcome of the election.
- d. The Election Committee shall consider all facts it deems appropriate to resolve an election protest.
- e. The Election Committee shall render its decision within forty-five (45) days following the date of the election.
- f. The Election Committee's decisions shall be final and binding. Elections challenged by a member are presumed valid unless and until the same or another candidate is elected in a rerun election.

The 2026 Policy is approved by Council and is applicable only to the 2026 WGAE Election. Council has the authority to promulgate additional rules as necessary.

Election Timeline

September 22, 2025 – Deadline to be member in good standing to run for Officer or Council seat.

July 1, 2026 – Notice of Nominations and Elections mailed and/or emailed to all members.

July 21, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT – Deadline for receipt of completed nomination forms to nominate a candidate for office.

July 22, 2026 – Nominees Reception. All nominees receive an email listing all nominees running for the same seat.

July 31, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT – Deadline for receipt of acceptance of nomination for candidates who did not self-nominate.

August 3, 2026 – Candidates provided with a link to the Secure Endorsement Webpage. First day for East and West members to endorse by email. Determination of Ballot Order.

August 3, 2026, 6:00 PM EDT – Mandatory Candidate Meeting (Option 1).

August 5, 2026, 12:00 PM EDT – Mandatory Candidate Meeting (Option 2)

August 14, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT – Deadline for receipt of candidate statements. Deadline for receipt of candidate photos. Deadline for receipt of withdrawals of candidacy.

August 17, 2026 – Nominees are announced to current members in good standing. Council Election Page goes live.

August 21, 2026 – Deadline for new members, members who are post-current, and members who are not in good standing to become current members in good standing in order to vote in the election.

August 21, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT – Deadline for receipt of candidate eligibility challenges.

August 24, 2026 – First day to request inspection of membership list.

August 28, 2026 – Candidate statements emailed to all WGAE members in good standing in the relevant work sector. First day for candidates to send paid postcards. Mailing of ballot information to members in good standing via third party, bonded vendor.

August 28, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT – Deadline for receipt of request to observe a test run of the ballot system.

September 1, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT – Deadline for receipt of request for mail ballot.

September 7, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT – Deadline for receipt of text of email message for the first candidate email.

September 8, 2026 – First scheduled candidate email.

September 8, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT – Deadline for receipt of voting challenges. Deadline for receipt of replacement mail ballot.

September 9, 2026 – First day to send paid emails.

September 9, 2026, 6:00 PM EDT – Candidate Forum.

September 10, 2026, 9:00 AM EDT – Voting begins. All members in good standing receive an email notifying them of the opening of voting.

September 14, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT – Deadline for receipt of text of email message for the second candidate email.

September 15, 2026 – Second scheduled candidate email.

September 21, 2026 – Last day to send paid emails.

September 21, 2026, 9:00 AM EDT – Deadline for receipt of text and administrative fee for a paid eblast.

September 22, 2026, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM EDT – In-person voting at Guild offices.

September 22, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT – End of voting. Ballot Tabulation.

September 23, 2026, 12:01 AM EDT – All elected candidates assume office.

October 7, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT – Deadline for receipt of post-election challenges.