

NATIONAL ELECTION CANDIDATE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q: *When is the slate of candidates ratified?*

A: Following the election candidate application submission deadline, the Nominations and Elections Committee will review all candidate applications to verify eligibility. In addition, a limited background check verifying personal identity, professional licensure, highest academic level and an investigation for criminal activity will be conducted.

The Nominations and Elections Committee will ratify the slate of candidates in late April/early May. The slate of candidates will be provided to the ENA Board of Directors and then announced to the membership.

Q: *What does it mean to submit a professional digital portrait photograph of myself as part of the candidate application?*

A: The nominee must submit a digital portrait headshot photograph dressed in professional attire (no uniforms, scrubs, t-shirts, state council specific attire, etc.). The photograph must be:

- Taken within the past three years
- At least 5" x 7"
- High resolution

Q: *What opportunities do I have as a candidate to inform members about my candidacy?*

A: "Meet the Candidates" biographical information will be made available to the membership in June.

ENA Board of Director and Nominations and Elections Committee candidates are invited to attend a Candidates Meet and Greet in conjunction with the Emergency Nursing 2018 in Pittsburgh. This is optional and not required; however, highly encouraged to allow members the opportunity to meet all candidates. *Note: No expense reimbursement will be provided to attend this event.*

Further information regarding candidates' ability to campaign can be referenced in the [ENA Election Rules](#).

Q: *How can I be recognized as a national election candidate?*

A: Candidates may be identified as a candidate at any local, regional, state, or national ENA function or activity by wearing the candidate ribbon provided by ENA. Candidates may not wear such ribbon during an actual presentation. Candidates may send a request for candidate ribbons to elections@ena.org.

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- Q:** *If speaking at an ENA event during the election cycle, am I permitted to refer to my personal platform and my intention to seek office at the national level during or as part of my presentation?*
- A:** Candidates or non-candidates who speak at ENA national, state, local, or regional conferences or meetings during the election cycle may not make verbal reference to their candidacy or any candidate during presentations or introductions.
- Q:** *Can a state council send out an e-mail to all members encouraging a vote for a particular candidate?*
- A:** Use of ENA membership lists (national, state, local, or regional) by anyone other than ENA in connection with campaign activities of any nature (e.g., phone calls, emails, faxes, etc.) is strictly prohibited. Candidates and non-candidates may use email to support candidates and may post supporting information on their personal social media sites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.).
- Q:** *Can a candidate solicit a recommendation and support from a current board member?*
- A:** No member of the ENA Board of Directors, ENA national office, or the ENA Nominations and Elections Committee is permitted to endorse any candidate at any time.
- Q:** *What is considered the election cycle?*
- A:** From the time the slate of candidates is ratified (e.g., May) until the close of the voting period (September).
- Q:** *When can candidates start campaigning?*
- A:** Campaigning may begin to campaign as soon as the Nominations and Elections Committee has ratified the slate of candidates.
- Q:** *Can candidates develop campaign materials on their own?*
- A:** Yes, there are no specific rules prohibiting the development and distribution of campaign materials. However, any material created and distributed should be modest and respectful of all other candidates.



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Q: *Can candidates create and distribute their own items such as ribbons, stickers, or pins?*

A: Yes, to maintain a fair campaign the Nominations and Elections Committee recommends that each candidate limits their budget for campaigning materials to a total of \$100.00.

Q: *How do candidates go about campaigning?*

A: Please reach out to your Nominations and Elections Committee liaison for guidance.

Q: *What are the restrictions about campaigning near the voting polls?*

A: There will be no campaigning allowed within 100 feet of the voting polls.