

NATIONAL ELECTION CANDIDATE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

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

A: Following the ENA Election application submission deadline, the Leadership Development and Elections Committee reviews and vets all candidates. Candidates are vetted based on competencies, key criteria and a formal interview process.

The Leadership Development and Elections Committee ratifies the slate of candidates in Q2. The slate of candidates will be provided to the ENA Board of Directors for review and discussion and then announced to the membership.

Q: *How are candidates listed on the ballot?*

A: The Leadership Development and Elections Committee is dedicated to the ongoing assessment of enhancements to ENA's election processes. The committee implemented a ranking system. These candidates are ranked based on competencies, key criteria, and a formal interview process. Based on the results of this vetting, only candidates that met the qualifications are placed on the ballot.

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 August.

ENA will be posting candidate videos on Facebook. Candidates may share their video with their members.

ENA Board of Director and Leadership Development and Elections Committee candidates are invited to attend the Meet the candidates event held in conjunction with the annual Emergency Nursing Conference. 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 an election candidate?*

A: Candidates may be identified as a candidate at any 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 governance@ena.org.

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?*

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- A:** Candidates or non-candidates who speak at ENA 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 by anyone other than ENA in connection with campaign activities of any nature (e.g., phone calls, emails, etc.) is strictly prohibited. Candidates and non-candidates may post supporting information on their personal social media sites (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, Tik Tok, etc.); provided, however, all such information must comply with ENA's Election Rules.
- Q:** ***Can a candidate solicit a recommendation and support from a current board member?***
- A:** No member of the ENA Board of Directors, ENA office, or the ENA Leadership Development 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 announced to the membership until the close of the voting period.
- Q:** ***When can candidates start campaigning?***
- A:** Candidates may begin to campaign as the slate of candidates has been announced to the ENA membership.
- Q:** ***Can candidates develop and distribute their own campaign materials such as ribbons, stickers, or pins?***
- A:** Yes, Candidates and their ENA member supporters are allowed to create, purchase, produce, circulate, handout, and otherwise distribute materials and items (collectively, "campaign materials") in support of a candidate for office. However, the total cost of all campaign materials and supplies used to produce such materials may not exceed \$250. Candidates must maintain receipts documenting the cost of all campaign materials, including those distributed by supporters. The \$250 limit includes the cost of all campaign materials distributed by the candidate as well as their supporters. Accordingly, supporters should not create campaign materials without a candidate's prior approval.
- Q:** ***What are the restrictions about campaigning near the voting polls?***

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