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I. ELECTIONS

A. Ballot Distribution

The Orthopaedic Section will utilize an electronic ballot for all members who have e-mail and a U.S. Postal Service mail ballot for all members who do not have e-mail or for those members who request a hard copy of the ballot.

B. Candidate Profile/Statement must be written in the First Person

All candidates should write their statement/profile in first person for consistency and fairness.

C. Destruction of Election Ballots

An announcement will be placed in *Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Practice* after each Section election that states the Orthopaedic Section will destroy all election ballots from the last election within 90 days of the election results being presented at the Business Meeting at the Annual Meeting if no one has contested the vote.

D. Inform Candidates of Actual Number of Votes they received

Individual letters to the candidates will contain only the actual number of votes the candidate received in relation to the overall number of valid ballots returned.

E. Notary to Tally Election Ballots

A notary public will be hired to tally the election ballots each year for the Section election. The ballots will be returned to a post office box where the notary will pick them up. After the election has closed, the notary will compile and cross-reference the election results and submit a written report to the Section office. All ballots will be returned to the Section office at that time and stored until they can be destroyed.

F. 'Official Ballot Enclosed' must appear on all Ballots

Ballots will be printed on heavy, colored paper stock and the outside will be stamped with "OFFICIAL BALLOT ENCLOSED".

G. Publishing Election Results

When the election results are published, the results will not include the individual votes each candidate received. Information published with the results will include the total number of ballots received, the percent of the total membership that responded, comparison to previous years, and the total number of invalid ballots.