



Rules for Regional Executive Committee Member Elections

Some rules for the election of regional executive committee members are established in the NACo bylaws. Other rules not in conflict with the bylaws may be adopted by the board of directors. Below are rules for the conduct of the regional executive committee elections.

1. Each region caucus will be chaired by the elected regional executive committee member from that region. However, if an election for regional executive committee member will be conducted during a region caucus, then the caucus will be chaired by a NACo officer. Immediately after the election, the newly-elected regional executive committee member will assume the chair for the remainder of the meeting.
2. A regional executive committee member shall be elected from each of four (4) geographic regions, from among those elected officials of member counties in the states in each region.*
3. Each state is allowed only one vote during each regional executive committee member election ballot.*
4. A past president of the association is ineligible to serve as a regional member of the executive committee; however, a past president may participate in regional caucuses in all other respects.*
5. A regional member of the executive committee may not be elected from a state that is the home of a current officer of the association.*
6. The term of office for a regional member of the executive committee is two (2) years.
 1. There shall be a limit of 3 consecutive two-year terms for the office of regional representative.
7. Five minutes before a regional caucus is called to order, the chair of the caucus shall request that each state determine, in a manner of its own choosing, who will be the spokesperson for that state during the caucus.
8. Immediately after the meeting is called to order, the chair of the caucus shall call the roll of the states in the caucus. As each state's name is called, a person designated by that state shall identify himself or herself as the spokesperson for that state. The designated spokesperson is the only person who may place names in nomination and cast the vote(s) for that state.
9. After names have been placed in nomination, each nominee may address the caucus for no more than two minutes to discuss the individual's qualifications for the office and the reason(s) for desiring it.
10. A candidate must receive more than 50 percent of the eligible votes to be elected.

11. If more than two persons are nominated, after each ballot, if none of the candidates receives more than 50 percent of the votes, the candidate with the lowest number of votes will be dropped from subsequent ballots. If two or more nominees are tied with the lowest number of votes, each will be dropped from subsequent ballots.

12. If there is a tie vote between the final two candidates, another ballot shall be taken. If the candidates remain tied after that ballot, then the candidates shall draw lots to determine the winner.

13. Votes shall be cast by secret ballot. Paper ballots will be distributed to the spokesperson for each state.

14. A state may not split its vote.

*Rule established in the NACo Bylaws, July 2017.



NACo Bylaws

Regional Representative Excerpt

Article V. Executive Committee

Section 3. Regional Representatives; Eligibility, Election Procedures, Terms of Office and Vacancies

A. One (1) regional member of the executive committee shall be elected from each of four (4) geographic Regions (Northeast, West, South and Central – as designated by the Board), from among those elected officials of member counties of the states in each region.

1. The states comprising each region shall be determined by the board of directors prior to the regional caucuses, and may be changed by the board from time to time.

B. Elections of regional executive committee representatives shall occur during regional caucuses held at the annual conference each year, after the annual business meeting, and at such other times as necessary to fill vacancies.

C. Each state is allowed only one vote during each regional representative election.

D. The board of directors may establish such other rules regarding regional representative elections not in conflict with these bylaws.

E. A past president of the association is ineligible to serve as a regional representative; however, he or she may participate in regional caucuses in all other respects.

F. A regional representative may not be elected from a state that is the home of a current officer of the association.

G. The term of office for a regional representative is two (2) years.

1. There shall be a limit of 3 consecutive 2 year terms for the office of regional representative.

H. Vacancies occurring among the regional representatives shall be filled for the unexpired term by the same regional caucus that made the previous selection.

1. A regional caucus to fill the unexpired term of a regional representative shall be held at either the Legislative or Annual Conference, under such rules as the board of directors may prescribe.

2. Interim appointments may be made until said election by a conference call of state presidents or their designee.