

Election Pitfalls

Nominating Procedures:

- Not informing your members of the nomination process
- Not having nomination forms available
- Just asking or picking someone to go to the convention instead of running an election

Election Procedures:

- Having voice votes at association meetings
- Changing procedures or timelines during the course of an election
- Involving yourself in conducting an election in which you are a candidate
- Not using pre-printed signature rosters
- Not allowing the people in your local the opportunity to vote
- Not running the election on the posted date
- Using dues money to finance an election campaign
- Giving advantage/disadvantage to any candidate

Ballot Information/Storage:

- Not including space for write-in candidates
- Having IEA staff deliver or return ballots
- Including on the ballot the name of an individual you know is running a write-in campaign
- Leaving ballots unattended at the polling place
- Leaving all counted ballots, pre-printed signature rosters and tally sheets unsecured
- Leaving blank ballots unsecured
- Not including the pre-printed signature rosters with the voted and tallied ballots

Tally Procedures:

- Delivering ballots to the place of tally after the ballot return date

Miscellaneous:

- Sending alternates when none are elected