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## GUIDELINES FOR THE 2023 NATIONAL ELECTION

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### OVERVIEW

The 2023 National High School Republican elections will be vital for the future of our organization, as the next National Board will chart the course of HSReps for the year to come.

For context, the organization is composed of three national bodies: the National Committee, the National Board, and the Advisory Board. The National Committee, which is the electing body of the organization, is composed of many of the state board members and local chapter presidents within the organization. The National Board, which runs the day-to-day functions of the organization, is composed of seven members elected by the National Committee, and several appointed by the Board itself. Finally, the Advisory Board is composed of distinguished Republican leaders from across the nation, who are appointed by the Board to provide long-term structure, legal counsel, advice, and organizational continuity while maintaining the integrity of a youth-led institution.

Being a member of the National Board is a full-time commitment, as it requires a significant amount of time and energy. Please do not take the consideration of declaring candidacy lightly.

For any questions or concerns, please contact the National Board at [official@hsreps.org](mailto:official@hsreps.org).

**Please be sure to review this entire document before considering candidacy.**

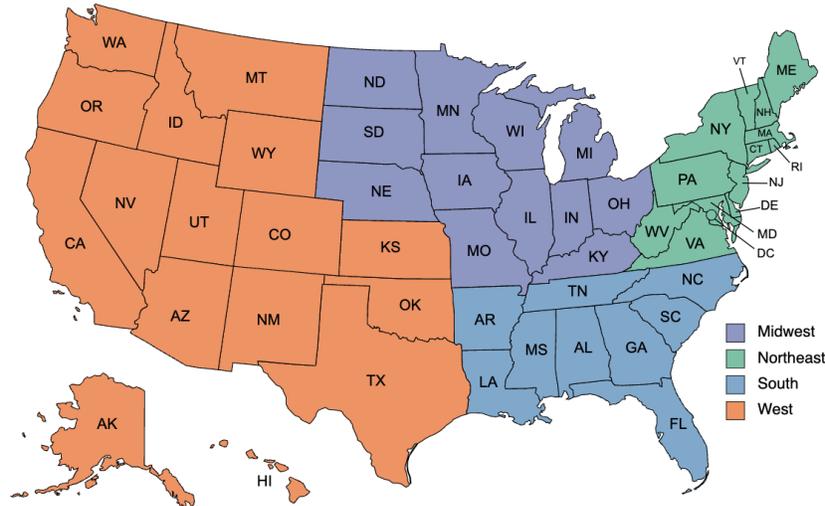
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### ELECTED BOARD POSITIONS

- **National Chairman:** The Chairman serves as the Chief Executive of the Organization, and is the official spokesperson for the High School Republicans. The Chairman sets the agenda for and presides over all meetings of the National Board and National Committee, appoints members of the staff, and serves as an ex-officio member of any committees or associations of the organization.
- **Co-Chairman:** The Co-Chairman fulfills all duties of the Chairman in their absence, serves as an ex-officio member of any committee and association of the organization, serves as liaison to any internal or external parties deemed necessary, and completes any related duties prescribed by the National Board.
- **Regional Vice Chairs (4):** The Regional Vice Chairmen serve as liaisons between the National Federation and chapters, help expand the presence of High School Republicans in their region, help organize and arrange regional events and efforts, coordinate with regional Republican campaigns, ensure that their respective chapters have the resources necessary to thrive and expand and coordinate the efforts of chapters with the National Federation. (see below for the Regional Vice Chair map)
- **Secretary:** The Secretary records the functions of the organization, keeps the minutes of the Board and Committee, works in coordination with all members of the National Board to ensure proper filing and organization of records, and fulfills any other duties and obligations as prescribed by the Board.



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### DATES & PROCEDURE

Campaign Registration Opens: **April 10, 2023**

Campaign Registration Closes: **May 21, 2023**

Election: **June 10, 2023**

Candidacy registration for any of the National Board positions shall require the support of two members of the National Committee (see below for “National Committee”). Once the designated Board Members confirm the individual’s registration, and verify the committee members’ support, the individual shall be considered properly filed as a candidate.

The form for campaign registration will be found at [www.hsreps.org/elections](http://www.hsreps.org/elections), starting on April 10.

The election process will be overseen by the following individuals, unless otherwise stated by the Board:

- **National Advisor** John Koons ([johnkoons1997@gmail.com](mailto:johnkoons1997@gmail.com))
- **Chairman** William Atkins ([watkins@hsreps.org](mailto:watkins@hsreps.org))
- **Communications Director** Landon Elks ([lelks@hsreps.org](mailto:lelks@hsreps.org))
- **Development Director** Sam Widener ([swidener@hsreps.org](mailto:swidener@hsreps.org))

Throughout the campaign season, the National Federation will host virtual candidate town halls. Furthermore, the organization will send out candidate info/Q&A posts on HSReps social media pages, in order to familiarize members with all candidates.



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### RULES

Campaigning may include, but is not limited to:

- Creating social media campaign accounts
- Circulating campaign materials, graphics, or posts
- Holding campaign events
- Raising awareness or broadcasting the campaign in any way
- Creating campaign websites
- Creating campaign videos
- Posting campaign imagery or logos

Candidates who are confirmed as properly filed shall be entitled to campaign starting on April 10. Individuals found to be conducting any active campaigns for national office before confirmation of proper filing shall not be eligible to file for candidacy.

Candidates may choose to run together in slates. Candidates who are members of a slate will not appear together on the ballot, but may publicly associate with themselves.

Candidates shall not engage in any type of defamatory or slanderous campaigning.

Candidates who are members of the National Board shall recuse themselves from any process of overseeing the election day processes, unless otherwise determined by the National Board. Such members shall be allowed to certify the vote on June 12, 2023.

**Any individual who does not follow these election guidelines, or the National Bylaws, shall be issued a written warning upon their first offense. Upon their second offense, they shall be withdrawn from the election by a 2/3 vote of the National Board.**

**The National Board reserves the right to determine if any first offense constitutes removal from the ballot, or ineligibility to run, by a 3/4 vote.**

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### NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The National Committee is the electing body of the organization, and as such is made up of club presidents and state board members. The following of those individuals shall be made members of the National Committee.

- The two highest state board members of **unfederated state chapters** (under 3 chapters and 40 members)
- The four highest state board members of **federated state chapters** (at least 3 chapters and 40 members)
- The club president of each **credentialed local chapter** (at least 15 members)



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If an individual holds both a state board position and local chapter presidency, then they shall be admitted to the National Committee as a local chapter president, and the next highest state board member shall fill the board's National Committee seat. However if a state chair is also a local chapter president, then the vice president of the local chapter shall assume the position, and the state chair shall retain their seat.

The deadline for admitting new chapter presidents into the National Committee will be April 10, 2023.

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### **ELECTION**

The National Committee will be convened on June 10 at 3:00pm ET, presided over by the National Chairman. A zoom link will be sent out to all committee members in advance. Each committee member will be previously assigned a unique ID to ensure election integrity. Candidates shall give remarks of no more than 2 minutes each, after which the vote shall be opened and held by secret ballot. The National Advisor shall oversee the vote count, alongside the aforementioned members of the National Board (see "Dates & Procedure")

Votes for the Regional Vice Chairmen shall be taken only among members from each respective region.

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### **TRANSITION**

The National Board shall certify the election results on Monday, June 12. Over the next week, the current and elected board shall work to ensure a smooth transition of administration. The first meeting of the elected board shall be on June 19, which the previous board may attend as ex-officio members. The elected National Board shall then prepare to take applications for the appointed Board positions, including but not limited to:

- Executive Director
- Communications Director
- Development Director
- Political Director
- Digital Media Director