

Run for NYPNU Office

Election Year 2020

Available Elected Leadership Positions

Officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary

Executive Board: consists of the 4 officers + 7 executive board members

Delegates: consists of the Executive Board + 18 delegates

- Plus any additional delegates as are elected pursuant to Article V, sec 9 of the NYPNU constitution

Who qualifies to run?

Who qualifies to vote?

How does voting work?

- The officers, executive board members and delegates have to be current or retired members in good standing.
- Elections are every three (3) years.
- All members in good standing have the right to vote in the election.
- Elections are done by secret ballot.
- If in the event there is only the number of nominees for a position as there is number of positions to be filled, a motion from the floor to elect that position may be made.

Nominations

To be nominated for officer:

A candidate must submit an (electronic) petition signed by at least 10% of the members to the nominating committee.

147 members' signatures

To be nominated for executive board or delegate:

A candidate must submit an (electronic) petition signed by at least 5% of the members to the nominating committee.

At LHH & MEETH: 73 members' signatures

At LHGV: 9 members' signatures

It's strongly recommended to get as many signatures as possible and do not only get the required minimum. Members can sign each petition once, but they're allowed and encouraged to sign an unlimited number of *different* candidates' petitions.

Signatures

Candidates for executive board or delegate **who work at sites with a membership of less than 100** must submit a petition signed by 20% of that site's membership. In 2020, this rule applies only to LHGV (to be reviewed by nomination committee).

Deadline to submit petitions is October 3, 2020 (10 days prior to election)

We are planning to schedule our membership meeting and election on Wednesday October 14th. This date may need to change due to COVID-19 emergency.

Campaigning

Every candidate has the right, within the 30 days window prior to the election (Sept 13 - Oct 13), to inspect the membership list, which will include addresses.

NYPNU will comply with all reasonable requests by candidates to distribute campaign literature by mail (email) or otherwise at the candidate's expense.

No union funds or resources shall be used to promote any candidate.

How the election works

Officers

Election of the officers shall be by a majority vote of the members voting.

A majority is 50% + 1 of all valid votes cast.

Executive Board Members & Delegates

Do not require a majority.

The 7 candidates for Executive Board and 18 candidates for delegate receiving the highest number of votes being elected will fill the positions.

How the election work - continued

Nominating Committee

The Executive Board appoints a committee of 4 members for the nomination committee. The committee will elect by majority vote a chairperson from among their members.

The committee will accept nominations for officers, executive board members, and delegates.

Monitors and facilitators

The presiding officer of the annual meeting (the President) will name a monitor of the election and appoints people to conduct the election. Candidates may have an observer present at the polls and when ballots are counted.

Duties & Responsibilities

Delegates

(includes Executive Board
Members & Officer)

Commit to attend the monthly delegate meetings (first Wednesday of every month @ 3 pm)

Delegate Assembly determines whether a grievance will be pursued to arbitration

Represent members in the grievance process

Provide support enforcing the CBA

Serve as communication disseminator and gatherer among the membership

Duties & Responsibilities

Executive Board Members

Meets quarterly (March, June, September, December) and on the call of the President

Is the governing body of NYPNU between meetings of the membership.

Approves the annual budget

Appoints the Executive Director

Approves salaries and expenses of staff

Oversees the investment of surplus funds

Appoints special committees as it deems appropriate

Duties & Responsibilities

Officers

President presides at all regular and special meetings of the membership, Executive Board, and Delegate Assembly.

In the absence of the President, the **Vice President** assumes the duties of the President. S/he also assumes other duties as assigned by the Executive Board or President.

Secretary records all minutes of every meeting, handles all necessary correspondence and notifies NYPNU members of the time and place of membership meetings.

Treasurer receives and takes charge of all money, property, and securities of NYPNU. Treasurer invests a surplus of funds of NYPNU as directed by the Ex Bd.

Timeline

(dates may need to be modified to accommodate COVID-19 emergency)

- **September 29:** Deadline for membership to receive notice of election. Any amendment proposals must be included in mailing.
- **September 14:** Proposed constitutional amendments must be advertised to membership (at least 30 days prior to membership meeting)
- **Sept 13 - Oct 13:** Candidates have the right to inspect the membership list in the NYPNU Office
- **October 3:** Deadline to submit petitions to be nominated for elected office
- **October 4:** Deadline for any resolutions to be submitted
- **October 14:** Membership Meeting & Election (election will be online)
- **October 24:** Deadline for any election challenges