



National Marine Electronics Association

Board Election Policy

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Pursuant to the NMEA Bylaws, Article 4, Section 11, and Article 5, Section 10, “Elections”, the additional information below is a NMEA Board adopted policy with specific rules and requirements regarding NMEA Board elections.

NMEA Board member elections generally occur in the fall of a given calendar year. Based on expiring terms of existing NMEA Board Members, the NMEA Board of Directors determines the number of open board seats in their respective membership categories (Dealer Director, Manufacturer Director, Trade Director, Officer Positions). Existing NMEA board members with expiring terms have the option to leave the board or place their names back on the ballot for voting for the next three-year term.

The NMEA National Office will announce a “call for board members” encouraging NMEA members to put their names forward by the date of the fall board meeting, to be considered by the nominating committee (the NMEA Board of Directors). During the fall board meeting, the Board of Directors will nominate interested parties to be placed on the official ballot. At the conclusion of the fall board meeting, NMEA National Office will then verify all nominees and ensure that their membership is in good standing and all nominees are in the correct membership category.

The voting rules are as follows:

- There is always the provision for a write in candidate on all ballots.
- Per the NMEA bylaws, the associate membership category does not have voting privileges.
- Officer board positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) must be voted on by the entire voting membership body.
- Dealer board positions can only be voted on by the dealer membership body.
- Manufacturer board positions can only be voted on by the manufacturer membership body.
- Trade board positions can only be voted on by the trade membership body.

When a board member is elected to an officer position (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary), the respective membership category where that board member originally came from no longer counts towards board composition requirements.



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An existing NMEA board member or prospective NMEA board member may be employed by more than one NMEA member company, however, must only represent one NMEA member company as an existing board member or perspective board member. Additionally, an NMEA member company, regardless of membership category can only have one single NMEA board member or prospective NMEA board member on the board of directors.

All existing and perspective board members running for office have the right to campaign to other NMEA member companies in their respective membership categories. NMEA cannot provide member contact information for campaigning.

- Generally, NMEA Board elections will end at the beginning of December each year
- The national office will tally and verify all votes
- The NMEA President will then report to the NMEA Board of Directors the voting results

All new board members will then be asked for a quote or comment on their election to the NMEA Board of Directors. New board members will also be notified of the date and location of their first board meeting, which generally occurs in January. All new board members are sent a board member packet to familiarize themselves with the NMEA Board procedures.