

Business Professionals of America Wisconsin Association

OPERATING POLICY

Appendix A.2



ARTICLE I - OFFICER CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

Section 1. A person wishing to run for an office must meet the following requirements:

- A. The person must be a member of Business Professionals of America and a state-affiliated Business Professionals of America chapter.
- B. The person must carry a minimum of six credit hours and must reasonably expect to maintain the said load for the duration of the office sought and maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average in their program based on a 4.0 = an 'A'.
- C. The candidate must submit the online officer applications found on the organization's web page.
- D. Enrolled in a one-, two-, or four-year program and submit required materials prior to February 1.

ARTICLE II - CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS

Section 1. A chapter may run an unlimited number of candidates in the Officer elections.

ARTICLE III - NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATES AND DELEGATES

Section 1. National Officer Candidates: They shall submit the candidate materials required in the national guidelines by the last day of the State Leadership Conference to the State Director. A committee appointed by the Executive Board shall interview and select the national candidate(s) fifteen (15) days prior to the national submission deadline. The screening process will be left to the discretion of the said committee.

Section 2. Preference for National Voting Delegates for the national conference shall be selected in the following order:

Current State Officers.

1. Newly elected state officers attending the National Conference.
2. Volunteers solicited from members attending the National Conference.

Section 2. The National Head Voting Delegate will be selected by the group of voting delegates.

ARTICLE IV - GUIDELINES

Section 1. State Director: In the event that the number of candidates is fewer than the number of positions available plus one, the State Director shall notify local advisors of a one-week deadline extension for the Fall Leadership Conference and a two-week extension for the State Leadership Conference.

Section 2. Open Position: In the event that an officer position is vacated before the end of the term (prior to October 1), the position shall remain vacated until the Fall Leadership Conference

elections. If the position is still vacant or becomes vacated after October 1 and prior January 1, the remaining officers shall divide the responsibilities of the vacated position until the State Director appoints a replacement.

Section 3. State Officer Conduct: Any state officer who is not fulfilling his/her responsibilities will be given a written warning of misconduct for the first infraction. A second violation will result in dismissal. At any time during an officer's term the Executive Board may, with a two-thirds (2/3) vote, remove an officer. A vote for dismissal shall be called by the State Director.

ARTICLE V - ORIENTATION PROCESS

Section 1. All candidates must attend the officer orientation on the first day of the conference.

Section 2. The state officers, State Director, and/or an Administrative Team Member shall give orientation to each officer.

ARTICLE VI - CANDIDATE SPEECHES

Section 1. Candidates may make a speech (length to be determined by the Executive Board) at the General Assembly indicated by the Executive Board. Each candidate for an office shall be given the same amount of time to address the organization.

Section 2. Candidates must participate in the Candidates' Forum during the session where speeches are given.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Operating Policy can be amended at any Executive Board meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided that previous notice has been given; or, without notice, can be amended at any business meeting by a majority of the voting delegates.

ARTICLE VIII – CAMPAIGNING

Section 1. Any member of the Executive Board may not actively endorse a candidate.