

time a candidate applies to run and the preparation of the ballot.

B. Voting is done by secret ballot placed in a box, with the Election Committee monitoring to ensure voters that their ballot has been cast in secrecy. A plurality of votes cast will determine the election of candidates. Six (6) of the eighteen (18) elected Trustees shall be elected by written secret ballot at each annual meeting and shall hold office for three (3) years thereafter. Each LJCPA Member may cast votes equal to the number of vacant Trustee positions. They may cast fewer votes than the number of vacant positions, but not more. They may not cast more than one vote for any candidate. If any ballot is received which indicates votes exceeding the number of positions available or more than one vote per candidate, then that ballot will be void and will not be counted. The individuals who receive the most votes will be elected, with those receiving the greatest number of votes being assigned the longest available term. The Election Committee is responsible for determining the validity of ballots.

C. The Election Committee shall create a clear and simple ballot. The ballot must clearly state the number of open seats available and how many candidates for which to vote. The ballots must stipulate that only pens may be used to mark the ballots. Write-in candidates are allowed and space must be provided on the ballot for write-ins.

D. The polling location shall be the La Jolla Recreation Center located at the intersection of Prospect Street and Draper Avenue. The polls shall be open and monitored from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the date of the election. Proxy and absentee ballots are not allowed.

E. The President of the LJCPA will announce the close of the elections and shall state that ballots will not be accepted after the polls close. All the ballots will be collected and counted by the Election Committee. In the event of a tie vote, a coin toss will determine the winner, with the candidates having an opportunity to be present. Upon final verification of the count, the Election Committee shall report the results to the LJCPA President who shall certify and immediately announce the results. The President shall cause the results to be posted on the LJCPA website and offer the results for publication in the local newspapers.

#### Section 6.

##### Election Results and Challenges

The annual election becomes final one week after announcing the validated election results at the conclusion of the noticed, regular March monthly LJCPA meeting if no challenge to the election results has been filed. The President is responsible for preparing, certifying, and forwarding the election results to the City. New Trustees shall be seated in April at the start of the regular meeting in order to allow their full participation as Trustees at the April LJCPA meeting.

Special elections become final one week after the votes are tabulated following the election if no challenge to the election results has been filed. Trustees elected at special elections shall be seated at the next regular or special meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The Chair of the Elections Committee shall take custody of election ballots. Any challenge to the election results must be filed with the Chair of the Elections Committee in writing within one week of the announcement of the results of the election. If no challenge to the election results has been made within said time period, the ballots shall then be destroyed.