

RCDP Standing Rule 20
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All votes at RCDP Meetings may be provided by voice, hand, or voting card. An eligible voting member may make a motion for a ballot vote. Exception: For votes dealing with any contested RCDP elections, a ballot vote must be used.

When voting is achieved through a ballot: Blank ballots will be available at all meetings. Ballots should all be the same color and a different color should be used for succeeding votes. A blank index card, sheets of paper, or other means may be used as a ballot.

Immediately before balloting begins, the number of eligible voters will be announced to the body by the Credentials Committee Chair. The process for filling out the ballot shall be explained.

1. Name of the candidate receiving the person's vote.
2. Printed name of the voter.
3. Signature of the voter.

Ballots will then be distributed to each member holding a voting card. The balloting will officially close when all ballots are collected, and the counting of the ballots has begun.

The RCDP Chair will choose two or more people to count the ballots. The Credentials Chair will observe the count to ensure proper procedures are followed. If the vote is for an Election, each candidate may choose one person to observe, but not interfere or participate, in the count. If an Observer has any issues or concerns he/she shall contact both the Credentials Chair and RCDP Chair for adjudication.

Vote Counts shall be tallied on a sheet of paper which clearly shows the results of the vote. The ballots will be counted twice and the members counting the ballots will need to agree on the results of the count. All Counters will sign the sheet of

paper when the votes are tallied and agreed upon and then present to the Credentials Chair along with the ballots for records retention for ninety (90) days.

If a ballot is disqualified all Counters and the Credentials Chair must agree with disqualification. If no agreement on disqualification of a ballot, and that vote would affect the outcome of the vote, the RCDP Chair will make the final determination and will orally present his/her decision to the membership.

The Credentials Chair will share all results with the RCDP Chair. Unless there is an active motion on the floor the Chairperson (or designee) shall announce the results of the election.