

## NYLA / Section Election Timeline

In an effort to streamline voting participation for NYLA members, it is advisable to coordinate all Section elections onto one consistent time table. The dates for NYLA Council elections, fixed by NYLA Bylaws, serve as our benchmarks.

The timeline for coordinated balloting is as follows:

May 1	Deadline for Write-in Candidates
May Meeting	NYLA Council Candidate Slate Approved by NYLA Council <sup>1</sup>
May 15	Candidate Materials Due Submitted to NYLA <sup>2</sup>
June 10	Candidate Information Appears in June e-Bulletin
June 15	NYLA & Section Ballots Opens
July 15	NYLA & Section Ballots Closes
July 22	NYLA & Section Ballot Results Announced

1. Approval of candidates for Section positions is handled at the Section level.
2. The time required for each Section to solicit candidates, and to ratify the slate, is to be determined by the individual Section.

For all Sections that participate in the coordinated ballot timeline, NYLA will:

- post all candidate materials to the NYLA website,
- develop a secure online ballot restricted based on Section membership,
- and promote the ballot to the Sections membership.

By moving the ballots online and coordinating the timing of the ballots we believe that participation in all ballots will be improved. When a NYLA member logs in to the online membership center to participate in the Council Election Ballot, all section elections in which the member is eligible to participate will be displayed as well; thus allowing the member to vote in both Council and Section elections in one sitting.

Sections are not required to participate in the coordinated timeline.

Questions can be directed to the NYLA Executive Director.