



ASCE Texas Section Election Guidelines for officer term of service FY2024-2025

These guidelines only pertain to Nominees of a contested position (where two or more Nominees are seeking the same office). **Any questions, issues, or violations pertaining to these guidelines shall be directed to the ASCE Texas Section Nominations Committee through the Texas Section office.**

*For this guideline, an **Organizational Entity** is defined as any Section, Branch, Technical Institute, Younger Member Group/Forum, Student Chapter, or affiliated subsidiary within ASCE.*

What campaign activity can a Nominee undertake?

Nominees are not permitted to campaign at any ASCE or professional events. Campaigning would be defined as any course of aggressive action, intended to influence voters in an election. Nominees may campaign during one-on-one interactions (using telephone, email, and their personal social media platforms messaging) with their personal ASCE friends and contacts. Nominees shall not campaign by general mass communications, to include but not limited to, email blasts, ASCE webinars and trainings, or social media platform posts to people they are not personal friends with or postings to social media platforms that are not their own.

What campaign activity may an Organizational Entity undertake?

Organizational Entities may not endorse any Nominees. However, they may distribute or post campaign literature approved and distributed by ASCE Texas Section provided they distribute the same literature for each Nominee seeking the same office. Items such as signs, key chains, pens, buttons, pins, press kits, USB drives with campaign material, or similar items are not permitted.

Organizational Entities should encourage their members to vote in the ASCE Texas Section election and publish information regarding the election in their newsletters, social media platforms, and on their website.

Can an Organizational Entity or Individual Member endorse a Nominee for office?

Endorsements by Organizational Entities and Individual Members are not permitted. Organization Entity leaders (current/past elected officers and committee chairs) especially, should not endorse or actively campaign on any Nominee's behalf in any form. They should consider themselves as neutral stewards of the ASCE Texas Section election, **using their influence to promote impartiality, fairness, excitement, and engagement in the election.** They should encourage members to review the qualifications of all Nominees, so they can make an informed decision. ASCE leaders may share their view of the Nominees privately when asked by an individual member in a one-on-one situation.

Can an Organizational Entity make their membership information available to the Nominees?

Organizational Entities shall not provide membership lists (address records, phone numbers, nor email addresses) to Nominees or their supporters. Organizational Entities shall not distribute correspondence on behalf of a Nominee to their membership. Organizational Entities can help advertise the election to the membership but shall not endorse any Nominees for office.

Can our Organization Entity invite a Nominee to attend their meeting?

Organizational Entities may not invite Nominees to attend their event for the purpose of campaigning. An ASCE Texas Section webinar will be setup and a recording will be posted to allow Nominees of contested positions to have a chance to answer questions about their vision, goals, leadership experience, and past ASCE activities (positions, awards, and recognitions). Nominees may continue to make technical presentations at events during the election.