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2020 National Officer Elections

For the 2020-2021 Membership Year

The National Leadership Conference scheduled for May 6-10, 2020 was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic across the United States. This decision for cancellation was made keeping the health and safety of our student members in mind. It is our hope that the following contingency plan will provide opportunity for membership engagement and growth.



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Election Timeline and Procedures

	Date	Event	Notes	Participants
P R E E L E C T I O N P R O C E S S	Thursday, April 9	National Officer Election Webinar	This webinar shares the updated National Officer election process. The webinar will take place at 7:30 pm ET . registration is: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-IE7OfayQdmehYZoldllsA	Open to All Members
	Friday, April 10	Voting Delegate Spreadsheet release	A spreadsheet that will be used to track the usernames and passwords for all voting delegates will be provided to all state advisors. This spreadsheet should be shared with each respective divisional Head Voting Delegate. State advisors will confirm with Brigette Bethea, Director of Leadership Development, at bbethea@bpa.org when all voting delegates are confirmed no later than Friday, April 24.	State Advisors and Head Voting Delegates
	Friday, April 17	National Officer Application Deadline Extension	Only candidates approved by their respective State Associations are permitted to apply.	National Officer Applicants
	Monday, April 20 – Tuesday, April 21	Applications Reviewed by committee	All submitted application items will be reviewed. Transcripts that are not currently obtainable will be due once schools are operational. Please contact Brigette Bethea at bbethea@bpa.org if there are any other documents that cannot be obtained. Extenuating circumstances will be handled on a case-by-case basis.	Application Review Committee
	Wednesday, April 22	National Officer Candidates notified and Merit Scholar Study Guide delivered	Student members running for national office informed of candidacy status via email. Approved candidates will receive a study guide for the BPA Merit Scholar Test.	National Officer Applicants and State Advisors
	Thursday, April 23	Candidate and Head Delegate Briefing with Q&A	Candidates and Head Voting Delegates will be provided instructions and guidance on the electronic election process via a Zoom meeting at 5:30 pm ET . <i>All candidates & head voting delegates are required to attend. General Voting Delegates are invited to attend, but not required.</i>	Candidates, Campaign Managers, and Head Voting Delegates
	Thursday, April 23	BPA Merit Scholar Test Opens	7:00-8:00 pm ET – The BPA Merit Scholar Test will be administered via quia.com. The test will be password protected and will be available for one hour.	Candidates
	Friday, April 24 – Tuesday, April 28	Candidate Campaign Period	In lieu of the Campaign Rally, candidates will have a week-long campaign period where they can use	Candidates

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P R E E L E C T I O N P R O C E S S			approved campaign mediums to promote their candidacy (please reference the National Officer Election Handbook). A photo, 60-second video, 100-word statement, and answers to social media questions will be published on the bpa.org website.	
	Monday, April 27	Electronic Caucus protocol published	A protocol will be shared with all electronic caucus participants. The caucus protocol will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caucus schedule • State Association-specific Zoom links • Additional caucus logistics Candidates will have an assigned alumni volunteer support that will join the call in order to keep time and count voting delegates in attendance.	Candidates, State Advisors, and Voting Delegates
	Friday, May 1	Candidate Speeches due	All candidate speeches and signed updated expense reports are due by 11:59 pm ET . Speeches must be pre-recorded following the same guidelines as outlined in the National Officer Election Handbook.	Candidates
	Monday, May 4	Candidate Speeches published	Speeches will be distributed to state advisors, head voting delegates, and voting delegates via email/Google Drive and on the BPA website.	National Staff
E L E C T I O N P R O C E S S	Tuesday, May 5 – Wednesday May 6	Secondary Primary Election	The Primary Election will open at 8:00 a.m. ET on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 and remain open until 4:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday, May 6, 2020	All active Secondary Members
	Thursday, May 7	Electronic Caucus Session	Each state association will have their own caucus room opening at 7:30 pm ET . Specific schedules will be provided within the Caucus Protocol communication.	Candidates, State Advisors, and Voting Delegates
	Thursday, May 7	General Election	The State Advisor or Head Voting Delegate will receive unique codes for voting delegates to cast their vote via vote.bpa.org The vote will be held in accordance with the published schedule.	Candidates, State Advisors, and Voting Delegates
	Friday, May 8 Saturday, May 9 Sunday, May 10	Candidate Placement Interviews	Individual National Officer Candidates will be interviewed by the Placement Committee via a scheduled Zoom Meeting on May 8 or 9 (May 10 is an alternate date should more time be necessary).	Placement Committee and Candidates

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P O S T I E L E C T I O N P R O C E S S	Date TBD – Virtual General Session	National Officers announced	The 2020-2021 National Officer Team will be announced in a ceremony hosted by the current National Officer Team. This announcement will take place during the Virtual General Session	Open to All Members
	Thursday, May 14 or after Electronic General Session	2020-2021 National Officer Team Meeting	The new National Officer Team will meet with the Executive Director and Director of Leadership Development via Zoom at 7:30 pm ET . This meeting will provide information and guidance for the start of the Executive Council's term.	2020-2021 National Officer Team and National Staff