

AREA 36 OFFICER ELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Election Location. Rotational elections for Area Officers shall be conducted in a location central to the Area; e.g., New Ulm, Mankato, Rochester or Owatonna (please see Past Area Action dated October 19, 1985). Elections held to replace a resigning (or recalled) officer may be conducted at the previously-scheduled Assembly location.
2. Time. The Election Assembly location and time shall be posted in the Area newsletter, *The Pigeon*, beginning no later than 1:00 p.m. In an effort to allow all members an opportunity to participate, elections shall commence at the posted time.
3. Voting. Voting members shall comprise all G.S.R.s, Area Officers, Area Standing Committee Chairs, D.C.M.s and Past Delegates.
4. Election Eligibility. All members of the Area Committee (i.e., Area Officers, Area Standing Committee Chairs, D.C.M.s and Past Delegates) are eligible to stand for election as an Area Officer. It is the group conscience of the Southern Minnesota Area Assembly that members with Area committee level experience are best qualified to serve as an Area Officer; however, nominees will be accepted from the floor.
5. Regional Trustee and Trustee-at-Large - U.S. Elections. All past delegates from the West Central Region are eligible to stand for election as our Area's nominee for West Central Regional Trustee. There will be no nominations from the floor.

All past delegates are eligible to stand for election as Trustee-at-Large – U.S. There will be no nominations from the floor.
6. Qualification. Prior to each election, information regarding the service position shall be read from Area 36's *Trusted Servant Guidelines*, as well as *The A.A. Service Manual*. The Area Chair shall poll the Area Committee to determine which members are willing to serve (see No. 4, above). Members standing for election will provide a brief oral service history.
7. Procedure. All elections shall utilize written ballots and be conducted by Third Legacy procedure as set forth in *The A.A. Service Manual*. Only non-voting members (see No. 3, above) may participate in counting election ballots.
8. Recording. The Area Secretary shall record the total votes cast on all ballots for inclusion in the Assembly minutes.