

**NATIONAL ELECTION CANDIDATE
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

Q: *Am I permitted to tell anyone that I submitted a candidate application to run for an ENA nationally elected position?*

A: The Nominations Committee will not disclose your intent to run until the slate is ratified and formally announced to the membership. If you wish to tell others that you are interested in running for office you may do so on an informal basis. This information will originate from you and not the members of the Nominations Committee or national office staff.

Q: *Can a state council send out an e-mail to all members encouraging a vote for a particular candidate?*

A: Use of ENA membership lists (national, state, local or regional) by anyone other than ENA in connection with campaign activities of any nature (e.g., phone calls, e-mails, faxes, etc.) is strictly prohibited. Candidates and non-candidates may use e-mail to support candidates.

Q: *Can I wear my candidate ribbon, designed by ENA, during any ENA event during the election cycle?*

A: Yes, you may wear your official ENA national candidate ribbon at any event during the election cycle.

Q: *If I am speaking at an ENA event during the election cycle, am I permitted to refer to my personal platform and my intention to seek office at the national level during or as part of my presentation?*

A: Candidates or non-candidates who speak at ENA national, state, local or regional conferences or meetings during the campaign period may not make verbal reference to their candidacy or any candidate during presentations or introductions.

Q: *Does the National Candidate Publicity and Campaigning Policy allow me to remain visible to the membership during my candidacy?*

A: Yes, the policy will allow you to function in your official, appointed or desired capacity at any time and at any level of the association to afford you the opportunity to remain visible to the membership. Members often voice that they are unfamiliar with the candidates, their accomplishments and contributions to ENA, so this is your opportunity to shine. Refer to Policy 3.12 for detailed provisions.

ENA Candidates Election Forum (held at Leadership Conference 2012)

Saturday, February 25, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Q: *Can a candidate solicit a recommendation and support from a current board member?*

A: No member of the ENA board of directors, ENA National Office or the ENA Nominations Committee is permitted to endorse any candidate at any time.

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Q: *I am required to submit a professionally taken digital portrait photograph of myself dressed in professional business attire as part of the full candidate application packet. What does this mean?*

A: The candidate must wear professional business attire (e.g., business suit). No uniforms, scrubs, logo attire, etc. will be accepted. The photograph must have a plain background. Specific details regarding the size and type of electronic photograph are listed in the candidate application packet.

Q: *Are board of director and Nominations Committee candidates required to attend the Candidates Election Forum during the Leadership Conference?*

A: The ENA board of director and officer candidates are invited to attend the Candidates Election Forum during the Leadership Conference to present their platform and answer questions. This is optional and not required, however, highly encouraged. The Nominations Committee candidates will not appear on stage to answer questions but are welcome to attend and network with fellow attendees.