

2016 Credentials Task Force

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Purpose:

The Credentials Task Force is charged with knowing who the voting delegates are for both the Governing Board Meeting and the General Membership Meeting. The Task Force also organizes the check-in, seating and vote counting at these meetings. Credentials Task Force members should be very familiar with the By-laws governing elections and voting. They determine who votes and how many votes each delegate has during the Annual Election of Officers. The Task Force should see that the check-in area prior to voting has signage, which makes it easy and orderly for delegates. (Usually check-in is divided into two or more lines, alphabetically by chapter.) Each person at check-in should have a list of voting delegates, usually the LCP's. If the voting delegate cannot attend, a letter from same designating an alternate should be provided at check-in. Have each delegate sign on by their Chapter name in the list. The meeting room should have signage designating the front half of the room as VOTING DELEGATE SEATING. A sign for General Membership Seating is also helpful. In the event of a write-in vote during the election, the Credentials Task Force should have COLORED paper ballots available and will count the ballots and report the outcome to the State President. In the event of a Show of Hands vote, the task force will be responsible for properly identifying the voting delegates and counting the votes. A Sargent-At-Arms should be appointed to serve in the voting meeting. This person should be sure that there is either an easel with paper or board to write names of nominees on at the front of the meeting.

Specific Goals for 2016:

- Prepare a list of the Local Chapter President (voting delegates) by Chapter.
- Obtain a list of current Members-at-Large from National as they can vote as a General Member.
- Provide Letter of Designation on the wcrflorida website under forms.
- Have a list of current Governing Board Members, including any past State Presidents in attendance. Give copy to Secretary during Elections.
- The Chairman should check on the wcr.org for a membership count by Chapter as reported at month end prior to voting. Forward to the President.
- Organize check-in at meetings to ensure proper delegates are voting. Only give ballots to voting delegates.
- Organize seating at Governing Board and General Membership Meetings.
- Contact the Local Chapter President, Business Resource Group Chair and Governing Board members to encourage attendance at State Meetings. And LCP and BRG Chairs prior to National Annual Election Meeting to encourage them to attend and vote or select an alternate according to National's direction.