11. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND RATIFICATIONS

11.1 Eligibility
Officers and other members of the Executive Board shall be elected by and from the membership of the Association.

11.2 Eligibility Restrictions for Constituency Representation
Nomination and election of the Vice Presidents, the At-Large Representatives, and the MJC College Council Representative shall be limited to the membership of their respective colleges or campuses.

11.3 Election of Full-Time Faculty Representative Council Members
Full-Time Faculty Representatives to the Faculty Representative Council shall be elected from the faculty members who are assigned to their respective Division/Area.

11.4 Election of Part-time Representatives At-Large
Part-time Representatives at-Large to the Faculty Representative Council shall be elected by Part-time faculty at each college, respectively.

11.5 Nomination of Officers to the Executive Board

11.5.1 Self-Nomination for an Executive Level Office
Any member, at his/her request, shall have his/her name placed upon the ballot for an office of the Association. This request must be submitted on the nomination ballot with signature. Nominations by email will also be accepted by the Elections Committee Chair.

11.5.2 Nomination by Another Member for an Executive Level Office
The name of any member may be placed in nomination for an office of the Association by any other member with the written consent of the nominee. Written consent shall be submitted on the nomination ballot with signature. Nominations by email will also be accepted by the Elections Committee Chair.

11.5.3 Verification of Nomination
It is the responsibility of the nominee and nominator to verify that his/her nomination ballot has been received by the Elections Committee.

11.6 Nomination of Faculty Representatives

11.6.1 Self-Nomination for Faculty Representative Council
Any member in a division, at his/her request, shall have his/her name placed upon a divisional ballot when a vacancy occurs on the Faculty Representative Council, or when a representative’s term expires.

11.6.2 Nomination by Another Member for Faculty Representative Council
The name of any member may be placed upon a divisional ballot by any other member within that division, with permission of the nominee, when a vacancy on the Faculty Representative Council occurs or when a representative’s term expires.

11.7 Nomination of Part-Time At-Large Representatives to the Faculty Representative Council

11.7.1 Self-Nomination for Part-Time At-Large Representatives to the Faculty Representative Council
Any Part-time faculty, at his/her request, shall have his/her name placed upon a ballot when a Part-Time At-Large vacancy on the Faculty Representative Council occurs or when a Part-Time At-Large Representative’s term expires.

11.7.2 Nomination by Another Part-Time Faculty Person for Part-Time At-Large Representatives to the Faculty Representative Council
The name of any Part-Time faculty member may be placed upon a ballot by any other Part-Time faculty, with the permission of the nominee, when a Part-Time At-Large vacancy on the Faculty Representative Council occurs or when a Part-Time At-Large Representative’s term expires.

11.8 Elections

11.8.1 Open Nominations and Secret Ballots (See Appendix A, Procedures for the Nominations/Elections/Ratification Committee)
The election of Officers, other Executive Board Members, and Faculty Representatives shall be conducted by secret ballot of the appropriate constituencies of the membership. (See Section 6.1, 7.4.2, 8.4, and 8.5 for Election Rotation Sequences)

11.8.2 Elections Committee Appointed by the President
The President shall appoint a Nominations/Elections/Ratifications Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Elections Committee”) one of whom shall chair, subject to the approval of the Executive Board. The Elections Committee shall conduct the nominations and election of Association Officers and it shall coordinate all elections/ratifications voted on by the entire membership of YFA. Executive Board members may not serve on this Committee.

11.8.3 Uncontested Nominations
In the event of a single nomination for any open position, the nominee will be declared elected by default. The name will be forwarded to the President of the Association for immediate release to the constituency.
11.9 Special Elections Due to Vacancies
A vacancy shall be deemed to exist in the case of death, resignation, or inability to serve in the identified position.

11.9.1 Office of the President
A vacancy in the office of the President triggers a special election.

The first Vice President of the Association shall temporarily assume the office of the President until a special election is held by the membership to choose a replacement.

The first Vice President informs the Elections Committee of the need for a special election.

A special election follows the same procedure as a normal election.

11.9.2 Other Executive Board Vacancies
In the event that any other office is vacated, the position shall be open to all YFA members for nomination for an interim replacement.

The President shall inform the Elections Committee of the need to publicize a call for nominations. Once nominations have been collected by the Elections Committee, they are turned over to the President of the Association and shared with the Representative Council.

Nominated YFA members will be invited to present their qualifications before the Representative Council.

After consulting with their constituencies, the members of the Representative Council will vote on who shall fill the interim position. The newly elected interim officer will serve until the next regularly held election.

11.9.3 Representative Council and Part-Time At-Large Positions
Vacancies shall be filled by balloting and election procedures established by the appropriate membership.

11.10 Interim Elections
Interim elections may be called if an election is contested and the Elections Committee determines violations of process have occurred.

The Elections Committee is the sole arbiter of any complaints regarding election procedures involving the entire membership of YFA.

11.10.1 Contested Elections
In the event of perceived violations of the election procedures, the complainant shall notify the Chairman of the Elections Committee. The specifics of the complaint shall be submitted in writing.

The Elections Committee determines whether area ballots are to be disseminated, when voting has begun, whether an election goes forward or is stopped, and/or makes arrangements for a special election.
All recommendations of the Elections Committee shall be reviewed by the Executive Board of the Association.

11.10.2 Notification of Interim Election
In the case of a contested election, the Elections Committee first informs the President of the Association and then the membership that an Interim Election needs to be held.

The nomination and balloting process follows the prescribed procedures for a regular election.

11.11 Recall Election

11.11.1 Initiation by Petition
A recall of any person in an elective position may be initiated by a petition signed by one-third (1/3) of the membership of their particular constituency. A statement of the reasons for the proposed recall shall be part of the recall petition.

11.11.2 Right to Rebuttal
Each person named in the recall petition shall have the right to make a rebuttal statement which shall be distributed to their constituency at least ten (10) calendar days before the recall election.

11.11.3 Elections by Secret Ballot
Votes in recall elections shall be by secret ballot.

11.11.4 Approval of Recall
It shall take approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of their particular constituency who vote to recall a person from office.

11.12 Ratifications Made by a Vote of the YFA Membership
Ratifications shall be conducted by the Elections Committee according to the procedures outlined in Appendix A.