

2024 FRRS Board of Directors Election

- Matthew S. Shuman

Yet again a post COVID operational year for the FRRS has passed and we are moving forward with the 2024 election and the Election Committee is ready to serve again for the 2024 elections.

The three upcoming seats, presently being held by Matt Elems, Steve Habeck and Eugene Vicknair, are available for the June 2024 FRRS election. Nominations will open from January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024. Nominations can be submitted by voting members of FRRS (IN WRITING) to the Nomination and Election Committee or personally delivered to the Election Committee. Email is an accepted form of written communication for the FRRS. Nominations received earlier than January 1, 2024, will not be accepted and will be rejected. Nominations received later than January 31, 2024, will not be accepted and will be rejected.

Any person eighteen (18) years of age or older who has been a FRRS member of a voting membership unit in good standing for a minimum of one (1) year at the date of the election or appointment shall be eligible to election or appointment as a director.

Please be sure to read the Election Policy at the bottom of the Membership web page (membership.WPLives.org) for additional dates and details if you might be interested in running for the FRRS Board in the 2024. If you have any questions about the election process, please feel free to contact the FRRS Elections Committee at election@wplives.org.

If you have an e-mail address the FRRS and WPRM would like to have it for multiple reasons including news announcements, elections, Train Sheet delivery by e-mail and more. You may update your contact information here Membership Change of Address in the middle of the Membership web page (membership.WPLives.org). These are used exclusively for the FRRS and WPRM, and will not be sold or given out.

Election Policy Changes

The FRRS recently updated the Election Policy. The changes are indicated below. The full text is available in the middle of the Membership web page (membership.WPLives.org).

(G) Ballots shall be mailed by the committee on or before the 3rd Monday of April to paid members in good standing, as of the 28th of February. *All ballots will be mailed via First Class Mail to the membership with "Return Service Requested."*

(P) Should a re-count be requested by a candidate, the Nomination and Elections Committee shall consult with the FRRS Board of Directors as to the process to be used. This may be just a general re-count and/or if necessary, the FRRS Board of Directors may advise the Nomination and Elections Committee to use a third party for the recount. *Persons requesting the recount will be responsible for all costs (if any) involved to the society to perform the recount.*

~~(Z) No cumulative voting for members of the FRRS Board of Directors shall be permitted. If at the end of the nomination period the number of nominees equals the number of open positions, commonly known as a white ballot, the following shall occur:~~

- ~~a) The voting members of the corporation shall be notified in writing that a white ballot exists.~~
- ~~b) The member notification shall contain instruction for petitioning, in writing, the FRRS Board of Directors to conduct a write-in campaign.~~
- ~~c) Petitions shall be accepted during the period set aside for the acceptance of candidate statements.~~
- ~~d) The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for verifying the petition submitter is qualified to hold the position of director.~~

(AA) If a white ballot exists at the end of the period for candidate statement submission, then the nominees shall be considered elected and the membership notified of the election results *electronically and via the Train Sheet and the FRRS/WPRM website.*