



2017 SASES Officers Election Process

*all times listed in this document are Eastern Time for the 2017 elections

All ASA, CSSA, and/or SSSA undergraduate student members are eligible for SASES national office, providing they will attend the 2018 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD. This includes both voting and nonvoting delegates. Officers cannot succeed themselves in the same office.

Students wishing to be elected as president, vice president, membership relations, corresponding secretary or recording secretary are asked to complete an online officer profile before the annual meetings. Officer profile submissions will open on October 2, 2017 and completed profiles will be displayed on the SASES website within 1 business day of being submitted. If they are submitted at the Annual Meeting, they will be displayed by Noon on October 22.

All students wishing to be elected as a student officer must be present and submit their names NO LATER THAN at the end of the Business Meeting on Saturday, October 21, 8:30 – 9:30 PM.

Any ASA, CSSA, or SSSA undergraduate student member not attending the Annual Meeting who wishes to be a candidate for an officer position must notify the current SASES President, Kathryn Rocha (kathryn.rocha13@gmail.com) and Staff Member Rachel Leege (rleege@sciencesocieties.org), via email, no later than Monday, October 16 of their intention to run for office and which office they will be running for. Their names will then be presented by the SASES President at the Saturday, October 22 Business Meeting. Candidates not attending the Annual Meeting must provide a 2 minute video presentation of why they should be elected. This video will be shown to the delegates if the candidate advances beyond the primary. Videos must be submitted by Monday, October 16 to the SASES President and Staff Member.

All profiles MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 11:30 AM on Sunday, October 22 or the candidate will be withdrawn from the election. To better prepare, it is highly recommended that candidates prepare their profile prior to arriving at the Annual Meeting if they are considering running for office.

SASES National Officers

Election Information

- I. Election of officers shall occur in a two-step process consisting of a primary election and a delegate election.
- II. A majority of the valid ballots cast in the primary election shall be necessary to advance the top two candidates for each office to the delegate election. In addition, a majority of the ballots cast by the delegates shall be necessary to elect each officer in the final delegate election. In the event a majority is not achieved on the primary ballot, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall advance to the delegate election. All ties will be decided by the National Officer team.
- III. The voting delegates at the Annual Meeting shall have the power to elect all officers.

Election Process

- I. At Noon on October 22, all profiles will be posted on the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA SASES webpages. Names, schools, and profiles will be displayed.
- II. By 1:00 PM on October 22, all current ASA, CSSA, and/or SSSA undergraduate student members will receive an email with a link to the profiles and a voting link, which will only allow them to

vote once, per office, in the primary election. A reminder email will be sent one hour before the primary election closes.

- III. The primary election will close at 5:30 PM on October 22.
- IV. After the primary election closes, the two candidates with the top votes, in each office, will have their profiles moved to a final voting round.
- V. Candidates will be notified of the primary election results by email by 6:00 PM on Sunday, October 22.
- VI. The top two candidates running for each of the national officer positions will be asked to give a two minute presentation during the election meeting (Sunday, October 22 at 8:30 pm). Up to one (1) person can give a supporting speech on the candidate's behalf for no more than one (1) minute.
- VII. Candidates running for President or Vice President who are not elected to these positions will have the opportunity to roll down to one other office (Member Relations, Recording Secretary, or Corresponding Secretary) if they are not elected. Candidates who roll down as a nominee to another office can speak for two (2) minutes. No supporting speeches for candidates who roll down can be given. Only candidates who run for President and Vice President will be able to roll down and only to the other three positions. Should either of these candidates roll down, it is likely that there will be more than two candidates for their roll down position(s).

Term of Office

The national officers shall serve for one year with their term of office beginning and ending with the calendar year. If the president cannot serve and/or resigns for any reason, the vice president shall assume the office for the remainder of the term. If any other officer cannot serve or resigns for any reason, the National Officers, in consultation with the National Student Advisory Committee, shall appoint a successor either from the nominees at the previous election or an individual selected from the resigning officer's local chapter.

Order of Events at the Election Meeting

1. President candidates' speeches and supporting speeches
2. Delegates vote for President
3. Vice President candidates speeches and supporting speeches
4. Delegates vote for Vice President
5. Winners of the President and Vice President elections are announced
 - a. Non-winners are given the opportunity to roll down.
6. Member Relations candidates' speeches and supporting speeches (one supporting speech per candidate and no supporting speeches for the candidate(s) that may roll down from the President/Vice President elections).
7. Delegates vote for Member Relations
8. Corresponding Secretary candidates' speeches and supporting speeches (one supporting speech per candidate and no supporting speeches for the candidate(s) that may roll down from the President/Vice President elections).
9. Delegates vote for Corresponding Secretary
10. Recording Secretary candidates' speeches and supporting speeches (one supporting speech per candidate and no supporting speeches for the candidate(s) that may roll down from the President/Vice President elections).
11. Delegates vote for Recording Secretary
12. Winners for each office are announced.