

Sample Script for the Association Elections

Association Chair says: *Next on the agenda is the election of the*

Spring	Fall
<i>Association Chair, Assistant Association Chair and Nominating and Referral (N&R) Committee Members</i>	<i>Council Delegates and Alternate Delegates</i>

As you may know, the Nominating and Referral Committee has a very important job to find candidates for elected positions within the Association, to verify that these candidates are registered members of GSUSA and our Association, and to ensure that the nominees are willing to accept the positions.

*At this time, I would like to present _____, the Chair of the
(Name of N & R Chair)
Nominating and Referral Committee, who will present the slate for our election.*

N&R Chair says:

Spring	Fall
<i>This spring, the N&R Committee was charged with selecting a single slate of nominees for the positions of Association Chair, Assistant Association Chair and Nominating and Referral Committee Members.</i>	<i>This fall, the N&R Committee was charged with selecting a single slate of nominees for the positions of Delegates and Alternate Delegates</i>

We have found a terrific group of volunteers who not only are registered with GSUSA and our Association, but also are willing to accept these positions. Would you please stand when I call your names?

Spring	Fall
<i>Copy the list from your slate.</i>	<i>Copy the list from your slate.</i>
<i>For a three-year term (July 1, 2005-June 30 2008) for the position of Association Chair, the nominee is _____. (name of nominee)</i>	<i>For an unexpired, two-year term (July 1, 2005-June 30 2007) for the position of Council Delegate, the nominee is _____. (name of nominee)</i>
<i>For an unexpired, two-year term (July 1, 2005-June 30 2007) for the position of Assistant Association Chair, the nominee is _____. (name of nominee)</i>	<i>For a three-year term (July 1, 2005-June 30 2008) for the position of Council Alternate Delegate, the nominee is _____. (name of nominee)</i>
<i>For a three-year term (July 1, 2005-June 30 2008) for the position of Nominating and Referral Committee Member, the nominee is _____. (name of nominee)</i>	

This completes our slate. [The N&R Chair sits down and the Chair conducts the election.]

Association Chair says:

*Thank you, _____, for presenting the slate for our election.
(Name of N & R Chair)*

At this time, the N&R Committee will distribute the ballots to all registered members of our Association (14 years old and older). Please do not mark your ballot until you receive instructions to do so.

[Pause until all ballots are distributed.]

Association Chair says: <i>Have all registered members of our Association (14 years old and older) received a ballot?</i>	
If no	If yes
[Distribute the additional ballots]	[Continue with the text in box below]
<i>Do all registered members of our Association (14 years old and above) have a ballot now?</i>	

*For a three-year term (July 1, 2005-June 30 2008) for the position of _____,
(name of position)
the nominee is _____.
(name of nominee)*

Association Chair says: *Are there any nominations from the floor?
[The Association Chair surveys the room.]

If no	If yes	
<i>Hearing none, I declare the nomination for _____ (name of position) closed. [Proceed to next position]</i>	The Chair recognizes the speaker and says: <i>*Are they (or you) a member in good standing with GSUSA and our Association and are they (or you) willing to assume the position?</i>	
	If yes	If no
	<i>Do I hear a motion to approve the nomination of _____ as a _____? (name of nominee) (name of position)</i>	
	Speaker: <i>I move that the nomination of _____ (name of nominee) be approved.</i>	
	Association Chair: <i>Is there a second?</i>	
	If yes <i>The nomination of _____ has been (name of nominee) approved and seconded. Please write the name of _____ (name of nominee) for the position of _____ on your (name of position) ballot.</i>	
[Proceed to next position]		

Association Chair says: *Are there any other nominations from the floor?*

[Repeat the text above until there are no further nominations]

[Move to the next position on your slate and repeat the above process until all nominees are presented.]

[SAMPLE text that you can copy and paste.....]

For an unexpired, two-year term (July 1, 2005-June 30 2007) for the position of Association Chair, the nominee is _____.
(name of nominee)

For an unexpired, two-year term (July 1, 2005-June 30 2007) for the position of Assistant Association Chair, the nominee is _____.
(name of nominee)

For a three-year term (July 1, 2005-June 30 2008) for the position of Nominating and Referral Committee Member, the nominee is _____.
(name of nominee)

We have one vacant Nominating and Referral Committee Member position for a three-year term (July 1, 2005-June 30 2008).

The GSCNC Bylaws require a minimum of 5 members on the Nominating and Referral Committee. It has been our practice to try and have representation from all of our Service Units on this Committee. Would someone please step forward to either nominate themselves or someone else for this position?

For a three-year term (July 1, 2005-June 30 2008) for the position of Delegate, the nominee is _____.
(name of nominee)

For a three-year term (July 1, 2005-June 30 2008) for the position of Alternate Delegate, the nominee is _____.
(name of nominee)

Association Chair says: *At this time, we will proceed with the election. I have asked _____ to serve as the Head Teller for our election.*
(name of Head Teller)

Will the tellers come forward?

If no nominations from the floor have been received

Association Chair says: *Since there were no nominations from the floor, I would entertain a motion to accept the slate by acclamation.*

Speaker says: *I move that we accept the slate by acclamation.*

Association Chair says: *Do I hear a second?
The motion has been approved and seconded.*

Could I please have a show of hands from all those who are in favor of accepting the slate by acclamation? [The Chair looks for a majority of hands.]

Those opposed? [The Chair keeps a mental note.]

Those abstained? [The Chair keeps a mental note.]

Since the majority voted for the slate by acclamation, I hereby declare the slate to be elected.

[If it is not clear whether or not there is a majority vote, the Chair can ask for a show of hands again and ask the tellers to count.]

If nominations from the floor have been received

Association Chair says: *Since we received a nomination(s) from the floor, you can neither check the single slate box at the top of the ballot nor vote to accept the slate by acclamation.*

Using the instructions on your ballot, would you please vote for no more than the number of positions indicated. Marking more than what is requested will result in invalidating your ballot.

Please mark your ballot at the time and fold your ballot in half.

[The Chair votes and waits until it is apparent that most have voted.]

Association Chair says: *Has everyone voted?*

If no	If yes
[The Chair waits a little longer then repeats the question until everyone has voted.]	<p>Association Chair says: <i>Tellers, would you please collect the ballots?</i></p> <p>[When the tellers have collected the ballots],</p> <p>Association Chair says: <i>We will continue our meeting and hear a report from our head teller later in the agenda.</i></p>

Report of the Head Teller:

Association Chair says: *We will now have the election report from our head teller, _____.*
(name of Head Teller)

Head Teller says: *There are _____ voting members of the Association present for this election.*
(number)

For the position of Association Chair _____ has received _____ votes.
(name of nominee) (number)

For the position of Assistant Association Chair, _____ has received _____ votes.
(name of nominee) (number)

For the position of Nominating and Referral Committee Member, _____ has received _____ votes.
(name of nominee) (number)

For the position of Delegate _____ has received _____ votes.
(name of nominee) (number)

For the position of Alternate Delegate _____ has received _____ votes.
(name of nominee) (number)

Association Chair says: *At this time, I declare the following individuals duly elected to the positions. Please stand when I call your names.*
[Copy the list of names here].....

Association Chair says: *Congratulations to all of you!! [Applause!!]*

Association Chair says: *I would like to thank the Nominating and Referral Committee for their hard work in preparing the slate for our election and the tellers for assisting with the election. Would you please stand? [Applause!!]*

Association Chair says: *This concludes our election. We will now resume with our agenda.*