

**Subject:** Important Decisions by Election Committee  
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**To:** Elections Committee  
**BCC:** Candidates  
**Attachments:** Post-Election Challenge Rules.pdf

Dear OFNHP Candidate:

I am writing you about three important decisions by the OFNHP Election Committee concerning observers of vote counting, runoff elections, and procedures for post-election challenges.

First, the Election Committee is taking steps to ensure that the vote count is conducted transparently while protecting all involved from COVID-19. The Election Rules state that candidates are limited to **one observer** -- either themselves or another member. The Rules also require **advance notice** of any observers. Please send your notice to [elections@ofnhp.org](mailto:elections@ofnhp.org). These rules will be **strictly enforced** so we can minimize the size of the gathering.

Candidates are **strongly urged** to coordinate with each other and agree to one observer for their group. If the number of observers is too great to allow social distancing, the Election Committee may consider additional limits for safety reasons.

The Election Committee is also considering live-streaming the vote count so that as many members as want to can watch safely. Please let us know at [elections@ofnhp.org](mailto:elections@ofnhp.org) whether you or someone you know would be interested in having a live stream available.

Second, the Election Committee has set dates for any runoff election. Ballots will be mailed April 1 and counted April 23.

Third, the Election Committee has adopted the attached procedures for any post-election challenge. We are not assuming there will necessarily be any post-election challenges. However, the timeline for challenges is very short. By adopting these procedures now we can make sure that if there are any challenges, they run as smoothly as possible. In particular, please note the dates for hearings.

Feel free to email [elections@ofnhp.org](mailto:elections@ofnhp.org) if you have any questions. Thank you for running for office!

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