

2018 GLAO Ballot - Trustee Election

DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERENTIAL VOTING PROTOCOL

According to *GLAO Bylaws*, a candidate for AAO Trustee must receive a majority of votes cast in order to be elected (greater than 50%). With multiple candidates running for one position, it is possible that none will receive the required majority on the first vote. For this reason, the GLAO Board of Directors has adopted a Special Rule for Elections, authorizing the following ***preferential voting protocol***.

1. Voters are asked to rank their choices for Trustee in order from first choice through fourth choice.
2. Should a candidate receive a majority when only the first-choice votes are counted, that candidate is immediately elected, and the additional rankings are meaningless.
3. If no candidate receives a majority of first-choice votes, the candidate with the least number of first-choice votes is dropped, and that candidate's second-choice votes are distributed to the remaining three candidates. The first-choice votes plus the distributed second-choice votes are totaled for the three remaining candidates. Should one of the candidates achieve a majority, he/she is elected.
4. If a majority has still not been attained, the new last-place candidate is dropped, and that candidate's second-choice votes are distributed to the two remaining candidates.
 - a. If the new last-place candidate's second choice were eliminated after the first round, then that candidate's third-place choices are distributed instead. One of the two remaining candidates will now have a majority of votes and be elected.
5. A tie is extremely unlikely, but should a tie occur, *GLAO Bylaws* provide for the board to determine a winner by secret ballot.