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Election Rules Retirant Member to the Police and Fire Board of Trustees

Nominations for Police and Fire Retirant Trustee will open on September 1, 2011 and close at the end of the business day September 15, 2011. Candidates for Retirant Trustee may have their names entered during the nomination period at the RDPFFA office (2525 E. 14 Mile Road Sterling Heights, MI) or at the September 1st General Membership Meeting. (American Polish Century Club 33204 Maple Lane Sterling Heights, MI). All Police and Fire retirees wishing to participate in this election procedure are welcome to attend as well as be eligible to run or vote for the position. Candidates must meet requirements such as be a member of the PFRS and comply with current Charter language requiring that they reside within the city of Detroit. For a Candidate to have his/her name appear on the election ballot, he/she must accept the nomination in writing within 10 days of being nominated.

Following the close of the acceptance period, the RDPFFA Board of Directors/Election Committee will cause the election ballot to be prepared, and insure that all Candidates listed have accepted the nomination and also meet the other requirements for candidacy. If a Candidate is found not to be eligible/qualify for the position the RDPFFA Board of Directors will make every effort to contact the candidate and offer him/her an opportunity to make an appeal to the RDPFFA Board of Directors, following this the Board of Directors of the RDPFFA will make a final decision regarding his/her eligibility. If only one Candidate has been nominated and accepted the nomination for the retirant PFRS trustee position, then that Candidate will be considered elected and no election shall take place.

Ballots will be prepared and the election will be conducted at the RDPFFA General Membership meeting held on October 6, 2011 (Location 19801 Farmington Rd Livonia, MI) the Board of Directors/Election Committee will count and tally the ballots prior to the conclusion of the October 6, 2011 General Meeting and announce the results at the meeting. During the ballot count observers will be allowed as well as candidates or their designated representatives. It shall be the duty of the Election Committee Chairman to provide instructions and appoint personnel to count ballots.

The Committee/Board of Directors at their discretion may recount any or all ballots cast. Any candidate may request the Committee to conduct a recount if he/she is contesting the results. This protest must be received prior to close of business at the RDPFFA office on Oct 14, 2011. The request to the Board of Directors must be in writing and signed by the candidate making the request. Recount request shall not be honored by the Board of Directors if their count shall show an identical count for two consecutive tallies. The decision of the RDPFFA Board of directors is final.

Once the election process has been completed the President of the RDPFFA will notify in writing the P&F Board of Trustees and the City of Detroit and cc the four labor associations of the results, and request that the elected candidate be seated as the duly elected representative of Retired Police & Fire Fighters.

All Retired Police Officers and Fire Fighters who are members of the Police & Fire Retirement System are eligible to fully participate in this process regardless if they are members of the RDPFFA. Any matter not provided for in these election rules shall be governed by applicable law and/or the By-Laws of the Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association.

(Please note that this is an interim election and the winner of this election shall hold office from the date the P&F Board of Trustees officially seats him/her until the annual election takes place in May 2012, as called for by city ordinance 19-93 and the winner of that election will than be seated and this annual election will be for the full three year term. The election process followed in this interim election may or may not be the same for the regular full term election).