

Election: 2023 NABJ Board of Directors Elections

Results by Question

President

Total Voters:**2261**

	Choice	Votes		Percentage
Tre'vell Anderson		236	34.00	
Ken Lemon		467	66.00	

Vice-President-Broadcast

Total Voters:**2261**

	Choice	Votes		Percentage
Walter Smith Randolph		636	100.00	

Vice-President-Digital

Total Voters:**2261**

	Choice	Votes		Percentage
Vance Lang		206	31.00	
Amir Vera		448	69.00	

Secretary

Total Voters:**2261**

	Choice	Votes		Percentage
Madison Carter		635	100.00	

Region I Director

Total Voters:**863**

	Choice	Votes		Percentage
Vacant (To be appointed by the President-Elect)		75	100.00	

Region III Director

Total Voters:**762**

	Choice	Votes		Percentage
Eva D. Coleman		235	100.00	

Student Representative

Total Voters:**863**

	Choice	Votes		Percentage
Anthony Council		24	29.00	
Grant Hines		31	37.00	
Alex Perry		29	35.00	

CHAPTER 2 Article I. Elected Leaders. Section 4. Board of Directors.

Proposal No. 1

PROPOSAL SUMMARY: Service on the board of directors is volunteer-based. NABJ board members may not take a salary from NABJ. Board members may only be compensated for pre-approved required expenses related to their board service, per operating procedures.

Proposed Language: (d) The board of directors shall not receive any salary or compensation for their

services. Any board member may be reimbursed for prior approved, out-of-pocket expenses.

Current Language: There is no language in the constitution addressing whether board members should be compensated beyond pre-approved required board expenses.

Total Voters:**2261**

	Choice	Votes		Percentage
YES		599	88.00	
NO		85	12.00	

CHAPTER 4 Article I. Composition of the National Membership and Membership Eligibility.

Proposal No. 2

PROPOSAL SUMMARY: Emerging Professional Members, members with less than five years experience in journalism, will be eligible to serve on the NABJ Board but not the NABJ Executive Board Committee i.e. President, VP Broadcast, VP Print, VP Digital, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. Previously, Emerging Professional members were not eligible for any board position.

Proposed Language: Section 4. Emerging Professional Members. Emerging professional membership shall be open to anyone who otherwise meets the criteria for professional membership as provided above but is also within the first five years of their journalism career. Emerging professional members are ineligible to seek election to executive board positions but may be elected for other board of directors positions and may vote in any NABJ matter calling on the entire membership to decide, except for the election of the academic, media-related or student representatives to the board of directors.

Current Language: Section 4. Emerging professional membership shall be open to anyone who otherwise meets the criteria for professional membership as provided above, but is also within the first five years of his or her journalism career. Emerging professionals may not serve on the board of directors, but may vote in any NABJ matter calling on the entire membership to decide, except for the election of the academic, media-related or student representatives to the board of directors.

Total Voters:**2261**

	Choice	Votes		Percentage
YES		573	85.00	
NO		103	15.00	

CHAPTER 4 Article I. Composition of the National Membership and Membership Eligibility.

Proposal No. 3

PROPOSAL SUMMARY: Membership may be terminated/suspended for malfeasance i.e. misappropriation of funds, other criminal acts and inappropriate behavior as defined by NABJ Operating Procedures, Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics. This proposal formalizes an appeal process, puts it in the Constitution backing up what is already said in the Operating Procedures Code of Conduct and strengthens a board's decision.

Proposed Language: Section 14. Suspension/Termination of Membership: Membership shall be terminated immediately upon the death or resignation of a member, or upon the members failure to renew dues in arrears of no more than 30 days. Membership may also be terminated if: (i) the member commits acts of financial misconduct, or physical violence associated with their local chapter or the national organization, or (ii) the member violates the Code of Conduct. Any person whose membership is terminated shall be informed in reasonable detail at least 10 days prior to the

effective date of the termination by a written notice sent to the mailing address and email address of the member listed on their membership application with the national office. The member can file an appeal and request to be heard by the board of directors. If an appeal is requested, the termination of membership will not be effective until the hearing process has been completed and the board of directors has rendered a final decision.

A membership can be suspended or revoked based on terms outlined in the Operating Procedures and Code of Conduct. If a membership is suspended or revoked, a subsequent Board of Directors cannot overturn that decision.

Current Language: There is no current language in the constitution instead it is in Operating Procedures under Code of Conduct.

Total Voters:**2261**

Choice	Votes	Percentage
YES	561	83.00
NO	119	18.00

Chapter 4, Article II. Membership Meeting, Powers and Voting Section 3. Voting and Voting Eligibility

What Constitutes a Quorum?

Proposal No. 4

Proposal Summary: This proposal brings clarity to what constitutes a quorum that is needed to conduct business at the annual conference. 51 percent of voting membership must be at the conference which is well over the normal attendance and only 5 percent need to be at the business meeting for members to vote on a resolution or business matter affecting the organization.

Proposed Language: Any member as defined in Chapter 4, Article I, Sections 2-6, can vote in accordance with this Constitution, the Operating Procedures and Election Committee guidelines. A quorum of 51 percent of a majority of the voting membership must be registered at the convention, and no less than 5 percent of that number must be present at a duly called and authorized annual meeting for any resolution to be considered adopted and binding on the organization. The membership shall have the authority to adopt, subject to ratification by a simple majority of those members.

Current Language: Any member as defined in Chapter 4, Article I, Sections 2-6, can vote in accordance with this constitution, the operating procedures and election committee guidelines. A quorum of 51 percent of a majority of the voting membership must be registered at the convention. The membership shall have the authority to adopt, subject to ratification by simple majority of those members voting at a duly called and authorized annual meeting, any appropriate resolution, including, without limit, any emergency resolution.

Total Voters:**2261**

Choice	Votes	Percentage
YES	563	84.00
NO	104	16.00