

NCCW Election Guidelines

The Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee encourage members to get involved in the NCCW election process and to support the candidates of their choice. The intent of these guidelines is to encourage a fair and open exchange of candidate information by NCCW members on a level playing field, foster opportunities for candidates to educate their colleagues about the issues and about their experiences and views and maintain a dignified and courteous conduct appropriate to the image of NCCW. **Personal attacks against opponents are not permitted.**

- Once the slate of candidates has been selected by the Nominating Committee and publicly announced, the candidates' picture, biographic information and a statement of the candidates' goals and objectives will be posted on the NCCW website. Candidates contact information will also be available upon request.
- Information on each candidate will also be printed in the *Catholic Woman Magazine*.
- Candidates are encouraged to communicate with members via email, social media (Facebook, YouTube, Twitter), mail and telephone. It is important for candidates to let other members know about their goals for serving on the NCCW Board of Directors or Nominating Committee.
- Candidates and their supporters must use their own methods of communication to provide information to voting NCCW members. The NCCW office will not provide member contact information to any candidate. **The use of any NCCW membership database information, regardless of how it is acquired, is prohibited.**
- Individual members may have conversations, in person, on the phone or via email, with voting NCCW members in support of a candidate. **However, affiliate councils may not endorse a specific candidate or campaign for a candidate.**
- There is no limit on the number of messages that may be sent by e-mail, but members supporting candidates in this way must begin the subject line with the words "NCCW Elections."
- The NCCW Facebook page and Twitter channel cannot be used to post comments for or against any candidate.
- NCCW members are encouraged to prayerfully select and vote for their chosen candidate after reviewing all information on each candidate.

Any suspected breach of the Guidelines should be immediately reported to the NCCW President and the Chair of the Nominating Committee. The President will contact the candidate and request the individual immediately stop any action that may have violated the Guidelines. Should the breach not be remedied, further action may be taken up to and including removal as a candidate for office.

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