

Voting at the Board of Governors Meeting

Voting on issues at the National level is done by Chapter Governors in any of the following instances:

- at the regular Board of Governors meeting held in conjunction with the annual Convention
- a specially called meeting as described in Section 8.1(f) of the *Bylaws*
- when a ballot by mail is required

Much of the authority for this section may be found in Sections 4.4 and 8.1(f)(4) and (f)(5) of the Bylaws.

Determination of the Number of Votes to be Cast by Chapter Governor

The number of votes granted to a Chapter Governor is determined by the following factors as of the *date of record* (generally 30 days prior to the meeting or vote):

- A. One vote for each permanent member of the Chapter, as of the “Date of Record” (with 1 to 75,000 manhours in the prior year)
- B. Extra votes for large members are based upon manhours in the prior calendar year, as provided for in Section 4.4 of the Bylaws.
 - One extra vote for each member who worked more than 75,000 manhours, but less than 150,000 manhours during the previous calendar year
 - Each member who worked more than 150,000 manhours during the previous calendar year earns 2 extra votes
- C. Deduct votes for delinquent members, i.e., members who have not paid the annual dues for the current year (if the voting is taking place after the deadline for annual dues payments - \$450) and/or members who are more than 60 days delinquent in the payment of NECA service charges.

A decision at the January 1995 meeting of the NECA Executive Committee determined that any member who has paid **no** service charges during the previous twelve months is delinquent.

Chapters are advised of the date of record, deadlines for receipt of payments at Headquarters, and other pertinent information (including the consequences) via the ALERT. Periodic reminders are also included in the ALERT. Chapter executives are advised in advance of the meeting if their Governor will **not** receive any votes.

Determinations of vote counts are made by the Headquarters staff. Protests of Chapter vote totals may be made to Traci Walker (202-991-6281), who in conjunction with the Credentials Committee appointed each year by the National President, will make final determinations regarding the number of votes that a Governor may cast for a Chapter.

**“DATE OF RECORD” FOR VOTING AT THE
2026 BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

Because the 2026 Board of Governors Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 4, the date of record is Friday, September 4. As of September 4, service charges should be paid through the payroll month of July (2026-07). **Allowing for the 60-day grace period, any members whose service charges are not paid through the payroll month of May (2026-05) by September 4 will not receive a vote. Annual dues (\$450) for 2026 must also be paid by that date.**

Voting on Labor Relations Issues

Section 8.1(f)(4) of the Bylaws provides that on any matter pertaining to labor relations, the number of votes shall be limited to those attributable to members signatory to an I.B.E.W. labor agreement, i.e., the votes attributed to any Non-union member of the Chapter shall be deducted for such ballots. The National President shall determine which matters presented to the Board of Governors meet these criteria.

Ballots presented to Governors will have two “counts” on their ballot book. One will include all qualifying Permanent members of the Chapter and will be the number cast for matters of a general nature, including elections of officers. The other “Labor Relations” count will exclude any non-union members.

Rules for Casting Ballots

In voting the ballot for the Chapter, a Governor must follow the **unit voting** method. This means that a Governor may **not** split his vote. The Governor may cast **all the Chapter's votes** either FOR or AGAINST the proposal. In voting for Candidates, a Governor may cast all the votes for one candidate. Of course, a Governor may abstain from voting on any issue.

The Governor must sign the ballot to ensure that the ballot is being cast by an authorized representative of the Chapter.

Contact Traci Walker (tmw@necanet.org or 202-991-6281) for further information on voting.