

**ARTICLE VII
NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1
NOMINATION

Nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall consist of a chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors and two or more members of the Association. The nominating committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the members, to serve from the close of such annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting. The nominating committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled. All nomination from the floor must be made at a duly noticed meeting of the members, held at least **27** days before the Annual meeting. **Write in ballots are not allowed and all candidates must be listed in alphabetical order and cannot indicate if they are incumbent members of the Board. The ballot cannot provide space for a signature. If a ballot contains more votes than vacancies, or fewer votes than vacancies, the ballot is invalid unless otherwise stated in the by-laws.**

Section 2
ELECTION

Election of the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot unless this method is waived by a majority of the members in attendance at the meeting. At such election the members shall cast one (1) vote per each vacancy. Members not present at the meeting may vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots must be requested at least three (3) weeks prior to the meeting and must be returned not later than one (1) week prior to the meeting. The persons receiving a plurality of the votes cast for that office shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted. ~~Thirty (30%)~~ **(723) at least 20 percent of eligible voters** of the membership is considered a quorum for election purposes. **An election is not required unless there are more candidates nominated than vacancies that exist on the board.**