

NRP POLICY BOARD ELECTION RULES
for representative-based election process (revised as of July 26, 1999)

Election rules are to be published and distributed before the election. Four Neighborhood Representatives and four alternates will be elected to serve one-year terms on the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board.

- Candidates must be a resident of their neighborhood type (i.e. protection, revitalization, redirection) for a minimum of 30 days prior to the date of the election.
- Candidates must be 21 years of age or older as of the date their term of office begins and must declare their intent to run for neighborhood representative 60 days in advance of the election. This candidate-filing deadline is to be established annually.
- Members of underrepresented groups (such as people of color, the physically disadvantaged, gays and lesbians, renters, etc.) will be encouraged to run for the Board.
- To participate in the candidate forums and to be included in the Voter's Guide, a candidate must agree that they will not:
 - Raise money or use personal funds to promote their candidacy.
 - Create or distribute literature, lawn signs, buttons or other campaign materials promoting their candidacy.
 - Create radio or television commercials, or web pages to promote their candidacy.
 - Organize a phone bank to promote their candidacy.(Candidates will be asked to sign a pledge that they will not engage in the above activities if they wish to participate in the forums and be included in the Voter's Guide.)
- The filing form will include a candidate questionnaire. The completed application must be received by the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis no later than 4:30 p.m. on the filing deadline date.
- The League of Women Voters will facilitate four candidate forums prior to the election. One forum will be held in each category--at-large, redirection, revitalization, and protection.
- Electors must be Minneapolis residents and be 18 years of age or older, as of the date of the election.
- To vote, electors must present either a valid Minnesota ID or Minnesota Drivers License on the night of the election, or be accompanied by a person with a valid Minnesota ID or Minnesota Drivers License.
- The NRP office will encourage all neighborhood organizations to select alternates for each of their electors and to make the names of these alternates available to the elector(s) and vice versa.
- Elector information will be submitted by the neighborhood organizations to the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis.
- For neighborhood organizations representing two or more neighborhoods (i.e. Hale-Page-Diamond Lake), only residents of the individual neighborhood (clarification: membership participation) may vote for the elector/alternate of that neighborhood.

- Nominations from the floor or write-in nominations will not be allowed.
- Endorsements or Testimonials will not be allowed.
- Absentee ballots will not be allowed.
- All candidates are on the first ballot.
- The three candidates to receive the most votes win a place on the second ballot.
- If there is a tie for third place on the first ballot, all candidates tied for third place are included on the second ballot.
- On the second ballot, the candidate with the highest number of votes is the representative and the candidate with the second highest number of votes is the alternate.
- In case of a tie on the second ballot, there is a run-off ballot between the tied candidates (either representative or alternate).
- Only Neighborhood Representative Policy Board members and alternates will be elected by electors. The elected Neighborhood Representatives will appoint the neighborhood representatives to the NRP's Management Review Team.
- NRP, with the assistance of the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis, will produce and arrange for distribution of a Voter's Guide to each neighborhood organization, each elector, and each alternate.
- No more than 500 copies of the Voter's Guide will be printed.
- The Voter's Guide will include candidate phone numbers, if authorized by the candidate, in order to facilitate communication between residents/electors and candidates.
- Daycare arrangements will be made for candidate forums and the election if requested in advance.
- All costs for conducting the election will be paid by NRP.
- Appropriate translation and/or transcription services for candidates or voters will be provided by NRP if requested in advance of the election and/or forums.
- A range of sites will be examined for the NRP Neighborhood Representative election. Site selection will be based on: cost, accessibility to persons with disabilities, proximity to public transportation, available parking and space availability.