

## **Election Conduct**

### **Ethics**

It is not appropriate for candidates to conduct on-the-air campaigning for elected office in the ARRL. The ARRL does not, therefore, sanction such on-the-air activity. Because incumbent directors are in a policy-making role in a corporation, it is better if their campaign activities are conducted in some fashion other than via Amateur Radio.

Articles by or about, or photos of, an incumbent director, or a candidate, will not be published in an issue of QST that will appear during the campaign period.

No candidate or person on behalf of a candidate shall distribute campaign literature on official ARRL stationery, except that ARRL member or club stationery may be used. "Campaign literature" is defined as any item in support of a specific person for the office of Director, Vice Director, or Section Manager.

### **300-Word Campaign Statements**

Each candidate for Director, Vice Director, or Section Manager may submit a 300-word statement for inclusion with the ballot. The submission of this statement shall be filed as elsewhere required and must be, in all material respects, truthful and not misleading. The standard of truth applies to all campaign material by a candidate. Campaign statements may include opinions (stated as such). Only complaints from a member eligible to vote in that election shall be accepted. All matters concerning campaigns, including remedies for issues that arise, will be conclusively determined by the Ethics and Elections Committee.

### **Mass Communication During the Election**

In any contested election for Director, Vice Director, or Section Manager, during the campaign period no mass communication at ARRL expense, in whole or in part, dealing with any candidate in any way or issued by a candidate, or any ARRL official in the Division of the candidate, shall contain election campaign material.

### **Definitions**

Campaign material is defined as any material that might reasonably be expected to affect the outcome of such election. Mass communication is defined as communications by mail, electronic distribution, posting to a website, email, hand delivery, or by any other means of distribution to ARRL members in the contested election.