

**Liberian Community Association of the Washington DC
Metropolitan Area, LCA-DC**

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Guidelines for General Elections 2016

Mandate of the Commission

Whereas the Constitution of the Liberian Community Association of the Washington DC Metropolitan Area mandates the holding of General Elections in the Month of October;

Whereas due to circumstances beyond the control of the Board of Directors the conditions set forth in Article 11 of the Constitution could not be adhered to;

Whereas the General Assembly asserting its role as the highest decision making organ approved the establishment of an Interim Administration with a mandate to create the conditions for an Election in the soonest possible time,

Whereas the Administration acting on its mandate constituted the Elections Commission and submitted its recommendation to the Board of Directors;

Whereas the Board of Directors endorsed the recommendation for the composition of the Elections Commission and furthermore mandated the Elections Commissions to proceed with the electoral process,

And now therefore, consistent with the constitution and mandate of the Administration, the Commission met, deliberated and presents the following as a framework for the conduct of LCA-DC Elections 2016.

Date, Time & Location

General Elections will be conducted on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at the Long Branch Community Center commencing at 2:00 PM and extending to 9:00 PM.

Positions

The positions to be contested are:

President

Vice President

General Secretary

Treasurer

Financial Secretary

Chaplain

Qualification and Requirements

Candidates

- * Consistent with Article XIX-2, candidates for office must be a registered member meeting all membership requirements for a period of at least two years.
- * Submit a written letter of Application including a listing of at least fifteen endorsers each for the candidates for President and Vice President and ten each for all other candidates with contact information (email address or phone number) from amongst qualified voters who must meet membership requirement for a period of at least two years;
- * Pay the appropriate Application Fee to the Treasury of the LCA and submit a receipt of the payment to the Commission

Voters

- * In keeping with Article XVI-2 and Article XIX-2, eligible voters shall include members of the LCA who have maintained good standing for at least one year
- * Be resident of the Washington DC Metropolitan Area (to be validated by an unexpired driver's license, a state identification card or a bill no more than sixty days old bearing the name and address of the prospective voter)

Application Procedure

- * Submit a typewritten/computerized letter of application to the Commission by the specified date
- * Include List of Endorsers with the necessary signatures and contact information
- * Submit Payment Receipt to the Commission consistent with the timeline
- * Respond to the Commission’s follow up inquiry, if necessary, in a timely fashion

Application Fees

- * President & Vice President..... \$500 each
- * All other Candidates \$100 each

Timeline & Schedule

- * Re-release of Elections Guidelines September 20, 2016
- * Submission of Application and Requirements..... October 3, 2016
- * Release of Qualified Candidates..... October 6, 2016
- * Campaigning..... October 6 – November 5, 2016
- * First Publication of Voter’s Roll October 5, 2016
- * Pre Elections Gathering October 9, 2016
- * Second Publication of Voter’s Roll October 19, 2016
- * Release Debate Format..... October 23, 2016
- Debate October 30, 12-3 P.M at
Long Branch Community Center
- * Elections-Polling November 6, 2016

Note: The timeline and schedule will be adhered to; however, any change in the timeline or schedule will be communicated to the candidates and voters.

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