



Union of Liberian Associations in the Americas
Elections Commission – ULAAEC
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2019 Election laws

1. Polls shall open 12:00 P.M Eastern Time and close at 4pm eastern Time on the day of election
2. Voting shall be done by secret ballots.
3. There will be no submission of list of delegates after the deadline of submission
4. Chapters or Federations shall be represented by not more than 50 eligible voters excluding Past ULAA Presidents, Board of Directors Chairmen, National Executive officers and ULAA Board of Directors (SUPER DELEGATES)
5. County Associations shall be represented by not more than 10 eligible voters
6. Each candidate is required to send two representatives to observe the polls
7. Ballot boxes will be checked and sealed in the presence of election commissioners, candidates' representatives and independent poll watchers
8. There shall be no displaying of campaign materials, postal signs or billboards within 100 feet of the polling stations on the day of elections. Candidates or their representatives shall not induce and



persuade a voter anywhere within the vicinity of the polling center on Election Day.

9. There will be no ABSENTEE VOTING
10. Every voter shall be required to present a photo ID before being allowed to vote. FORMS OF PHOTO ID include State of member chapter's Driver license, state ID, a passport or student ID with a most recent (1 to 4 month) bill stating the voter's name from the state of membership.
11. An election officer, at the request of a voter, shall assist a voter in voting if the voter requires assistance due to blindness, physical disability or inability to read or write English. The election officer shall, in the presence of at least two poll watchers, assist the voter without suggestion or influence.
12. A ballot will be replaced if a voter mistakenly spoils or accidentally marks a ballot in a way that does not indicate for whom the voter wishes to vote, and the ballot paper has not yet been placed in the ballot box. The voter may return that ballot paper to the election officer and it shall immediately be stamped with a VOID stamp on the back of the ballot, initial the back of the ballot paper and deposited in a box marked "voided ballots" Only one ballot can be replaced. This will be done with consent of the candidates representatives.
13. No ballot shall be voided by reason of the fact that the ballot is marked other than with an "X" or "check" mark.
14. During voting time, 12PM ET to 4PM ET, no candidate or voter shall be allowed within the premises of the polling center after



she/he has voted. Any candidate or voter caught in violation of this guideline shall pay a fine of \$ 100 for the first offense. Subsequent violation will lead to disqualification of the candidate or voter will lead to suspension of that individual voting rights in the next general election. If any voter or person refuses to leave the premises of the polling center, the commission will inform security to escort the voter/s or person/s out of the polling center.

15. Counting of the vote shall commence as soon as the polls are closed at 4pm central time. Counting of the ballots shall not be delayed because of the departure of any representative(s) from the election center.
16. There will be no re-entry into the election center when a representative leaves during counting of the ballots.
17. Verification of the number of electors that voted, number of void ballots and unused ballots shall be made before counting of ballots.
18. A ballot shall be rejected by the election commission if it indicates the identity of the voter, the ballot is falsified, a vote is marked for more than one candidate for the same office or is not marked in such a way that is not reasonable possible to determine the voter's choice.
19. Candidates shall have the right to file protests. Protests can be filed during the course of the election and after counting of the votes. Protests filed by the candidate shall state specific factual and legal arguments supporting the protest. Protest(s) filed during the course of the election shall be received and investigated immediately after the polls are closed and findings shall be announced before tallying the votes. Protests filed after tallying the votes shall be received



and investigated and findings shall be announced before the certification of winners. All protests must bear the printed name and signature of the candidate or his/her designee.

20. In the event where the ballots do not tally, the candidates or their representatives may request for a recount of the ballots on the same election day
21. The tally sheet shall be signed by all representatives of the candidates and commissioners.
22. The commission shall retain all ballots and other voting and election materials
23. The result of the election shall be announced as soon as the votes are tallied and the tally sheet is signed by candidates' representatives.
24. Unless the election result is contested according to Chapter XX111 of the constitution of the Union of Liberian Associations in the Americas, certification of winners shall be done within four weeks.
25. **ABSOLUTELY, NO ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE ALLOWED WITHIN THE ELECTION CENTER**

2019 ULAA Election Registration fees

National Presidential candidate _____	\$500.00
National Vice Presidential candidate _____	\$400.00
National General Secretary _____	\$375.00



National Financial Secretary _____ \$375.00

National Treasurer _____ \$375.00

Regional Vice Presidents _____ \$375.00

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