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UNAA Electoral Commission Official Communication

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

To: All UNAA Members

From: Florence Bazanye, UNAA-EC Chairperson

Re: 2021 UNAA General Elections COVID-19 Preparations.

Dear UNAA Members,

Greetings and best wishes from the UNAA Electoral Commission (UNAA-EC)!

The Electoral Commission (EC), would like to inform you that we are taking precautions to ensure safe elections. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the EC will utilize two voting options: electronically onsite (at the UNAA Convention in Cincinnati) and off-site (on-line via email) and voters will choose one of the methods. To reduce long lines and adhere to CDC guidelines, the EC will hold Elections on Saturday, September 4, 2021 through Sunday, September 5, 2021. Using CDC guidelines, the UNAA EC is taking every precaution to make the voting station/location safe and healthy for voters. Pursuant to CDC guidelines, the EC plans to conduct on site elections as follows:

Voting Guidance for Voters

1. Election officials will ensure that the voting station has adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including the use alcohol-based hand sanitizer, paper towels, tissues, disinfectant wipes, and no-touch trash cans. Election officials will ensure that hand sanitizer will not interfere with or damage election material, such equipment.
 - Election officials will frequently disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched by Election officials and/or voters, such as the check-in station, ballot tables, electronic



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- touchscreen voting equipment, printers and any election equipment that exposes either them or voters to surfaces touched by others
- Gloves will be available to Election officials for performing cleaning duties and assisting voters where possible. After each glove use, Election officials must throw away the gloves and wash their hands with soap for 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Gloves should be disposed of after each cleaning duty.
 - Election officials are encouraged to wash their hands throughout the day with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
 - Voters will be provided a single stylus to use on touchscreen voting equipment. Election officials will disinfect any used stylus before it is provided to another voter
2. Election officials will minimize or get rid of the handling of shared items, such as pencils/pens. Any item that is not possible to convert to a single use item will be disinfected between uses.
 - Voters are encouraged to bring their own pens/pencils to the polling station.
 3. Election officials will utilize signage to encourage voters to follow necessary health precautions.
 4. All voters, and Election officials must wear cloth face coverings at the polling location. must wear a cloth face covering while inside or in line to vote at the polling location.
 - Voters may wear face shields. However, the CDC and medical professionals agree that a cloth face covering is more effective in preventing transmission of the virus.
 - Voters do not need to provide proof of a medical condition to vote.
 5. Touchless thermometers will be used to take Temperatures prior to entering the voting station or polling location.
 - All Election officials will have their temperature taken the day before and morning of Election Day. If an individual has a temperature above 100.3 degrees Fahrenheit, they will not be allowed inside the voting station.
 6. Election officials will maintain at least six feet of distance between each other and voters as much as is practicable. Election officials' check-in stations will be set up so that those working the check-in table are at least six feet apart from each other.



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- Election officials will utilize volunteers to monitor the lines to ensure social distancing and other health precautions are followed and encouraged.
- Election officials will place obvious markers such as tape to manage lines and remind voters to maintain social distancing while in line.

The Electoral Commission will continue to uphold a high ethical code of conduct, and adhere to its values of transparency, fairness, integrity and Independence.

Respectfully,

Florence Bazanye

UNAA-EC Chairperson