



## *2009 Election Procedure*

The Election for the 2010 Board of Directors will occur at the National Membership Meeting.

The order of the Election will be:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Ombudsman
6. Employment Concerns Chair
7. International Student Concerns Chair
8. Legislative Concerns Chair
9. Public Relations Chair
10. Social Justice Chair

During the election, each candidate will be allotted three minutes to speak on his/her behalf. Three minutes will be allotted for questions.

If a candidate is not elected for a particular position, he/she will be eligible to run for another position that has not yet been filled. The candidate will have two minutes to speak on his/her behalf and two minutes will be allotted for questions.

Prior to voting for each position, five (5) minutes will be allotted for a closed discussion by the membership. No candidate for the position under consideration will be present during this time. The vote will be by secret ballot, the votes will be tallied in full view of the membership, and the results of the election disclosed immediately.

If there are more than two candidates for a position, Preferential Voting will be used.

1. Each voter will rank the candidates in order of preference.
2. No candidate will be ranked twice and no candidates will be ranked equally.
3. The candidate that receives a majority of the first preference ranking will win the election.
4. In the case that no candidate receives a majority of the first preference ranking, the candidate with the fewest number of first preference ranking will be eliminated and the candidate's ballots will be redistributed at full value to the remaining candidates according to the next ranking on each ballot. If a ballot has no more available choices ranked on it, the ballot will be declared "exhausted" and not counted. This process will continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes.