Best Practices for Virtual Elections

Know your Membership.
Small Sections may benefit from direct outreach, whereas larger Sections may benefit from online polling or a live web conference.

Choose the Right Technology.
Holding an election virtually gives you flexibility. You can conduct the meeting via telephone, Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Skype, GoToMeeting, etc.

Know your Bylaws.
Each Section’s bylaws have unique requirements for holding officer elections. Review them prior to holding virtual elections to ensure success.

Make Elections Fair.
Communicate deadlines effectively to your members and let them know they must be current members to be eligible to vote, nominate, and hold office.

Distribute Agenda and Nominations Well in Advance.
To ensure the widest possible participation and member engagement during the election, be sure to prepare and distribute your business agenda/list of nominees before opening the polls or conducting your live web conference.

Model Call for Section Officer Nominations