

Campaign/Election Guidelines for Virtual Elections

1. Campaign posters and related literature may be posted, disseminated, or shared with schools with the permission of the school SGA sponsor.
2. During the candidate Q&A, no question may be directed at one particular candidate. All questions screened and posed will be answered by all candidates. All candidates will receive the interview questions to view and the questions from the audience will be screened prior.
3. On the day of elections, **No campaigning will be permitted.**
4. We have two hours to hold elections. Avoid doing anything that could result in a grievance being filed. We have no real time to deal with that sort of thing on election day. Follow these guidelines and use your common sense to avoid unnecessary drama.
5. We cannot tell you to avoid campaigning via social media as social media is considered a norm for millennials – but must caution you to use your best judgment. If anything seems to be crossing a line or can be perceived by others as inappropriate – do not do it. That is taking a huge and perhaps regrettable risk.
6. Do not smear or negatively campaign against another candidate, verbally or electronically while using social media platforms or in any other way. Keep everything clean – treating others just as you would want to be treated.
7. Candidates may only campaign at a school other than their own with the approval of that other school's SGA advisor, principal and your school administrator and your parents (if during a school day).
8. You may **not** have anyone campaigning for you, which includes: any student from another county, any current or former PGRASG elected officer, current or former SMOB, any adult, any real politician – even via social media. In short, only current PGCPs students may campaign for another student. Parents and family members may be present at elections but may not interfere in any way – not even in putting up campaign literature. They can buy it but that is it. They may not assist or campaign for candidates in any way unless that family member is a PGCPs student as well.
9. The method of voting will be by google forms. There is no “preferential anything” associated with this voting process. Delegates should select one (1) candidate name per office only. If any ballot has more than one candidate selected for any given office – that vote will be discarded.
10. The candidate receiving the largest number of delegate votes for any given office shall be declared the winner for that particular elected office.
11. Candidate speech order will be determined alphabetically, by last name.
12. You are expected to give a campaign speech and participate in the Q&A. There will be mic screeners to screen questions for appropriateness.

*****Any violations of these rules/guidelines may result in your name being removed from the ballot.**

Please note the following Speech and Q&A times:

Treasurer

Speech 3 minutes per candidate

Q&A 10 minutes

Secretary:

Speech 3 minutes per candidate

Q&A 10 minutes

2nd Vice President (VP) (Middle School)

Speech 3 minutes per candidate

Q&A 5 minutes

1st Vice President (VP)

Speech 3 minutes per candidate

Q&A 5 minutes

President:

Speech 4 minutes per candidate

Q&A 15 minutes

Student Member of the Board (SMOB):

Speech 4 minutes per candidate

Q&A 15 minutes