

# 2020 RTDNA Board of Directors Info, Guidelines & Timeline

## 2020 Open Seats

*Unless otherwise noted, board members serve for two-year terms*

- Chair-elect (3-year term: 1 as chair-elect, 1 as association chair, 1 as foundation chair)
- Treasurer (3-year term)
- Regions 3 Director (Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming)
- Region 4 Director (Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin)
- Region 5 Director (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska)
- Region 6 Director (Oklahoma, Texas)
- Region 9 Director (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi)
- Region 10 Director (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)
- Region 13 Director (Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands)
- Director-at-large (2 seats)

## Qualifications

**Chair-elect and Treasurer:** Be active members of the association in good standing, including TV News Director/Manager, Radio News Director/Manager, TV News Staff, Radio News Staff, Online and Emerging Media News Professional, New Professional, Educator, Life and Retired, *and* have served on the Board of Directors for at least one year.

**Director at Large and Regional Director:** Be active members in good standing, including TV News Director/Manager, Radio News Director/Manager, TV News Staff, Radio News Staff, Online and Emerging Media News Professional, New Professional, Educator, Life and Retired for *at least one year*. Candidates for or holder of the office of regional director must be employed within that region. Candidates for or holder of the office of RTDNA Canada/International Director must be employed outside the United States.

## How to Declare

1. Read important election information:
  - a. [Board Roles and Responsibilities](#)
  - b. [What makes a great RTDNA board member](#)
2. [Fill out this form](#) to let the Nominations Committee know you're interested

3. Chat with a Nominations Committee member about what it takes to serve on the RTDNA/F Board of Directors and ask questions about the commitment
4. When you're ready to declare, email our Elections Team at [elections@rtdna.org](mailto:elections@rtdna.org) and the RTDNA staff will be in touch with next steps based on the timeline below

## Guidelines for Campaigning

- Each candidate is offered the opportunity to publish a public statement and headshot on the [RTDNA Election Homepage](#).
- Each candidate will have the opportunity to submit three additional campaign messages which may include text, links and an image. These messages will be compiled by RTDNA and sent to voting members by region (or to all voting members for association-wide seats), with candidates' materials presented alphabetically. These messages will be sent:
  - Prior to opening of online voting
  - Upon the opening of online voting
  - Prior to the online voting deadline
- Due dates for materials will be set each year based on the conference-determined election dates. Late materials will not be accepted.
- Send dates are subject to change based on RTDNA communications priorities and breaking news. Candidates will be informed in advance if send dates change.
- Candidates **may not** use the RTDNA logo on campaign materials.

## Election Timeline

**July 10:** Candidates' public statements and headshots are due

**August 7:** First candidate campaign message due

**August 11:** 30 days of online voting begins

**August 24:** Second candidate campaign message due

**September 4:** Third candidate campaign message due

**September 10:** Opening Member Meeting at EIJ20; all candidates have the opportunity to address the membership (5-minutes for Chair-elect, 2-minutes for Treasurer, 2-minutes for Directors)

**September 12:** Voting ends (specific time TBD); candidates are notified of election results; results are publicly announced at Closing Membership Meeting

**September 12/13:** Newly elected board members attend post-EIJ board meeting