



## Elections 2025 – Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

QUESTION		ANSWER
<b>1</b>	Must elections be held in May 2025?	<b>Yes.</b> Article V: Parish Chapter, Section 4, Paragraph 1 states this in the Bylaws.
<b>2</b>	Can someone still run for the Board if they have not attended the required number of meetings or any meetings at all?	If the required number of meetings has not been met but the person has participated in activities related to philanthropy and outreach, they can still be eligible to run for the Board. Seek guidance from your Metropolis President if necessary.
<b>3</b>	Can Boards of small chapters that have difficulty recruiting new members be allowed to serve a third term on a case-by-case basis?	If a chapter has the required number of members to serve on the Board, it should discuss the possibility of “switching” roles. For example, the Vice President could become the President, the Assistant Treasurer could become the Treasurer, etc.
<b>4</b>	Will waivers be allowed for President and Treasurer positions?	Waivers for officer positions will only be granted in extreme circumstances and for legitimate reasons. Requests for waivers must be submitted in writing to the Metropolis President for review and consideration. The Metropolis President will then forward these requests along with her comments and recommendations to the National Office at <a href="mailto:elections@philoptochos.org">elections@philoptochos.org</a> . After this, all waivers will be sent to the National President. The National President will provide a written response to these requests, and her decision will be final. As stated in the Bylaws in Article IV: Metropolis Philoptochos Board of Directors, Section 2, Paragraph 5(c), or Article V: Parish Chapter, Section 5, Paragraph 4(c), “ <i>no more than one waiver shall be granted where an elected officer seeks to serve a consecutive term in excess of the limitations.</i> ”
<b>5</b>	Can elections be delayed?	<b>No</b> , “ <i>the chapter board shall be elected at a general meeting, held for this purpose, in the month of May, in the year prior to the National Philoptochos Biennial Convention,</i> ” as stated in the Bylaws in Article V: Parish Chapter, Section 4, Paragraph 1. There will be no exceptions to this requirement.
<b>6</b>	How will very small chapters with 5-7 members fill a board?	Very small chapters could allow officers, except the President and Treasurer, to hold more than one position on the board.
<b>7</b>	Some chapters where the board is serving a second term do not have elections planned to be held. Is that allowed?	<b>No</b> , this cannot be allowed under any circumstances. Article V: Parish Chapter, Section 4, Paragraph 1 states, “ <i>the chapter board shall be elected at a general meeting, held for this purpose, in the month of May, in the year prior to the national Philoptochos Biennial</i> ”

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<b>8</b>	Does the Metropolis President approve waivers before they are forwarded to the National President for approval?	<b>Yes.</b> Waivers will be allowed for officer positions only in extreme circumstances and for a legitimate reason. The waivers must be submitted in writing to the Metropolis President for her review and consideration. The Metropolis President will forward them with her comments and recommendations to the National Office at <a href="mailto:elections@philoptochos.org">elections@philoptochos.org</a> . All waivers will then be forwarded to the National President. The National President shall provide a written response to such requests. As stated in the Bylaws in Article IV: Metropolis Philoptochos Board of Directors, Section 2, Paragraph 5(c), or Article V: Parish Chapter, Section 5, Paragraph 4(c), <i>“no more than one waiver shall be granted where an elected officer seeks to serve a consecutive term in excess of the limitations.”</i>
<b>9</b>	Can the Election Chairperson run for the Chapter Board?	<b>No</b> , as stated in the Bylaws Article V: Parish Chapter, Section 4, Paragraph 2(c), <i>“an Election Committee, consisting of a Chairman and two Tellers, none of whom may be prospective nominees for election, shall be appointed by the President prior to the election meeting.</i>
<b>10</b>	Is the Advisor to the Chapter Board a voting position?	<b>Yes</b> , the position is listed as an officer in the Bylaws in Article V: Parish Chapter, Section 5, Paragraph 5(h), <i>“the Advisor to the Chapter Board, who shall be the immediate past president, shall advise the President, Officers, and members of the Chapter.</i>
<b>11</b>	Can you run for your Chapter Board and Parish Council Board?	Although there is no formal stipulation in the bylaws that precludes simultaneous Executive Board positions on the Philoptochos Board and Parish Council, it is not encouraged as it is a conflict of interest.
<b>12</b>	Where can one find election documents?	All election-related documents can be found on the National Philoptochos website: <a href="https://www.philoptochos.org/chapter-elections/">https://www.philoptochos.org/chapter-elections/</a>
<b>13</b>	How will our chapters be aware of answers to frequently asked election-related questions?	Answers to frequently asked questions related to elections will be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sent to all National Board Members.</li> <li>2. Sent to all Metropolis Presidents requesting they distribute them to all Chapter Presidents and their Boards.</li> </ol> <p>Posted on the National Philoptochos website: <a href="https://www.philoptochos.org/chapter-elections/">https://www.philoptochos.org/chapter-elections/</a></p>