September 29, 2026

Special Election Notice

The Executive Board met this morning to discuss and approve the process for the upcoming Special Election for both the offices of President and President-Elect.

The Executive Board will meet the week of November 9th through November 16th to officially call for the Special Election. The Nominating Committee Chair and Election Committee Chair will be notified within twenty-four hours of that meeting. There will be a three-week period for nominations. At the end of the three-week period the nominations will immediately be sent to the Elections Committee. The Election Committee will then open a two-week write-in candidate period the day following the close of nominations. The Election Committee will have one week to formulate the ballot. The ballot will be emailed to the membership with three weeks to vote. The Election Committee will certify the vote within five days and then inform the membership of the results.

Here is the prospective timeline assuming the Executive Board is able to meet Monday November 9th:

Monday, Nov. 9 – Eboard Meeting to call for Special Election

Tuesday, Nov. 10 – Nominating Committee sends out a hotline requesting nominations for President & President-Elect

Monday, Nov. 30 – Nominations close

Tuesday, Dec. 1 – Nominating Committee meets to put forward nominations to the Election Committee

Tuesday, Dec. 1 – Election Committee sends out a hotline notifying that the write-in period is open and will close on Monday, December 14th

Tuesday, Dec. 15- Friday, Dec.18 – The Election Committee finalizes the ballot and submits the ballot to the vendor

Monday, Dec. 21 – Ballots are emailed to the membership

Monday, Jan. 11 – Last day for votes to be submitted

Tuesday, Jan. 12 – Friday, Jan. 15 – Election Committee to meet to certify election results and notify the president to call an Executive Board Meeting to swear in the new officer and notify the membership of the results by a hotline

An Executive Board meeting is called for the purpose of swearing in the President & President-Elect as soon as possible, potentially virtual if held in January.

Additionally, per the By-Laws the current 2026 Committees will continue to serve until the new president is sworn in and able to choose their committee make ups.

Given the unprecedented circumstances, CAAO is in need of volunteers. Hopefully, members will take this time to consider getting involved themselves, or encourage someone they know to get involved. Please remember CAAO is only as strong as our members. Let's keep the association effective and successful so all of our members can continue to benefit from all the services CAAO offers.

Sincerely,
The Officers of the Executive Board