

Election Guidelines
Louisiana Association of Fairs & Festivals

Who can run for the Board:

Any member in good standing with a fair or festival in good standing with LAFF can run for District Director if the nominating Fair or Festival sends in the necessary nominating letter and they are a registered delegate at the convention. The member must have been a member of the fair or festival for at least one year and must have been an officer, director or committee chairperson for their member festival.

Any person running for District Director must reside in that District and be 21 years of age.

Only qualified members of the current or past Board of Directors or Executive Committee are allowed to run for a position on the Executive Committee.

Who can vote in the Election:

Fairs & Festivals up to date with dues paid and in good standing, will be allowed Two (2) votes. Voting delegates must be identified as such on the registration form sent in for convention.

Members classified as “Event” will have no voting rights.

Associate members in good standing and present at convention will be allowed One (1) vote for their representative on the Board of Directors, either Carnival, Supplier or Talent.

Associate members are not allowed to vote for Officers or District Directors

Nomination Letters:

All nominating letters are to be on Fair or Festival letterhead and signed by an official from the nominating Fair or Festival other than the person being nominated.

The letter must indicate the number of years the nominee has been with the Fair or Festival and a list of positions held or responsibilities assigned to the nominee.

The Fair or Festival that is nominating a person for District Director must be a member in good standing for three (3) years.

The fair or festival nominating a person must have a voting delegate attending the convention.

The Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals and the Election Committee has the right to refuse any and all nominating letters if they do not meet the criteria set forth in the guidelines and bylaws.

Voting Times:

Primary election.	12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. (inside Premier Ballroom 1 & 2)
Run-off election #1	2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (in Atrium)
Run-off election #2.	3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (in Atrium)

Information for Candidates:

No candidate will be allowed to be within 50 feet of the voting table at any time unless he/she is a voting delegate. If the candidate is a voting delegate he/she will be allowed to vote but must leave the voting area immediately after casting his/her vote.

No information will be given out to anyone from the voting table.

Each candidate will be allowed to send one representative inside the room where the votes are being counted. The name of that person must be given to the election committee at the time the nominating letter is turned in.

(See Personal Note above)

Election committee will give each candidate a packet containing the information they need to know to run for the position, including a detailed description of position responsibilities, a form to be signed by the candidate stating that they understand what is expected of them as a member of the LAFF board, and information pertaining to the election procedure during convention: 1. Speech to be given at Showcase Luncheon on Saturday, 2. Attendance at Awards Banquet on Saturday to hear election results, 3. Winner of election must be present at Sunday morning breakfast for installation of the Officers and Board of Directors. 4. Must attend board meeting immediately after Sunday breakfast in the executive board room.

Method used to count votes:

If only two candidates are on the ballot, the candidate with a simple majority will be the winner.

If three or more candidates are on the ballot then the 50% plus 1 method will be used to determine the winner OR determine which two candidate will go into run-off.

Associate Directors

Any associate member who would like to run for the position of director on the LAFF Board must submit a letter of intent to run. The letter is to be given to a nominating committee member or the secretary of LAFF by 5:00 pm Friday. There will be 1 carnival director, 1 supplier director and 1 talent director. The letter should consent of the person's name and the position they are seeking. It should also have the name of the associate member they belong to.