

## Frequently Asked Questions About the Upcoming NSBP Election

### **Do I need to pay my dues? Are my dues current?**

Yes--Consistent with the constitution, only members who have paid their dues will be eligible to vote. You can contact Monique Howard at [mhoward@nsbp.org](mailto:mhoward@nsbp.org) to confirm your dues status. If anyone is concerned about their name being unfairly excluded, they can also contact the committee chair, Jami Valentine at [jami.valentine@gmail.com](mailto:jami.valentine@gmail.com).

### **Why Didn't I get a ballot?**

First check your Spam folder. Look for an email from NSBP Election Coordinator <[noreply@directvote.net](mailto:noreply@directvote.net)>. If it's not there, then NSBP's records don't show that you are current on your dues. Every member who is current on their dues will receive a ballot.

### **How do I pay my dues online?**

Go to [nsbp.org](http://nsbp.org) and at the top select the Regular Membership option under Membership.

### **I tried to pay a long time ago but the website wasn't working. What's up with that?**

We understand that the website was not reliable in the past, but those issues have been resolved. Dues payments are processed through Credit Card or Paypal which is a safe, secure system that provides reliable recordkeeping.

### **Can I vote in person at the business meeting?**

No. All voting will be done online.

### **How will the online voting work?**

- The Online election is being processed by DirectVote and will be open from 10/31 until noon 11/7/18.
- Each regular member who has paid their dues will receive an email from DirectVote with a unique link, identifier and password that they can use to log in to the online election website.
- Once logged in, members will be able to see each candidate's bio/statement and a photo.
- After voting, members will be able to complete a brief survey about the election.

- At the end of the voting period DirectVote will provide a detailed election report including all results and comments.

### **Will Students vote?**

No. Student members do not vote, Per the Constitution:

- Article III Section 3 states that “Associate Membership is open to those persons who do not satisfy the criteria of Article III, Section I, including students, who affirm the purpose of the society and whose interest and activity in physics would make them desirable members”
- Further, Article III Section 6 states that “On all questions requiring a vote, each active regular member shall have one vote in the assembly of active regular members”

### **What about the Student Representative and the Industry Representative? How are they decided?**

Presently, the student representative is not an elected position—it is appointed by the President. Any students wishing to be considered can send their information to the N/S committee and we will forward all submissions to the board, including those already received. The Industry Representative is appointed by the President.