With the recognition that seeking office in the Association is a political process, it is the intent of these Rules to minimize the expenditures of a campaign required for office and to ensure that all members of the Association have fair access to the political process without unnecessary financial burdens or sacrifice.

5. Each member of the Nominating Committee is encouraged to afford the candidate an opportunity to meet with other members of his or her delegation or constituency. Each State Delegate member is encouraged to consult with all members of his or her delegation before making a commitment, and to seek input from all members of his or her delegation or constituency before making a commitment. A candidate may ask a member of the Nominating Committee to nominate the candidate. Except as provided in paragraph 3, no other commitment shall be requested or made before the Midyear Meeting of the year the candidate announces his/her candidacy.

7. After a candidate has filed his or her letter of intent, the candidate may speak at the Forums sponsored by the Nominating Committee at the immediately following Midyear and Annual Meetings. The Forums will be open to any member of the Association who wishes to attend and suitable notice will be given of the time and place of the Forums. At each Midyear and Annual meeting, the Nominating Committee may conduct an executive session to consider the announced candidates.

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