

EC Resolution:

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is a severe and ongoing threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, New York City is an epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic and;

WHEREAS, all residents of New York City have been instructed to stay at home and to avoid going to work; and

WHEREAS, the PSC Executive Council is committed to preserving the democratic institutions of the Union as well as the health and safety of PSC members and PSC staff; it is therefore

RESOLVED that the EC approves the following policy for uncontested chapter elections scheduled for spring 2020 issued by the Elections Committee:

There are a number of uncontested elections scheduled for April. In an uncontested election the voting materials are normally placed into envelopes and mailed by PSC Staff at the PSC offices. The ballots are returned to PSC offices and are counted by PSC Staff. In order to run the uncontested elections PSC Staff would be required to be at the office both to mail the ballots as well as to receive the ballots as they came in so that the ballots could be properly stored. In addition, PSC staff would be required to come into the office to count the ballots. This puts PSC staff at risk during the current pandemic. Therefore, we propose to not mail the ballots and to certify the election of the certified candidates. Should an objection arise we can hold a special election in the fall. In addition, for any chapter in which the election results in a lack of sufficient elected officers to have a functioning chapter, there can be a special election in the fall.

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