

Early Voter Registration for NOW Mail-In Ballots

2021 Elections Conference

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The NOW Elections Committee is proposing an early voter registration deadline similar to that used for absentee ballots in public elections. Requiring eligible NOW members to register early for mail-in balloting would provide for limited hybrid voting while allowing time for postal delays. It would also meet the NOW Bylaws requirement that voting members be registered and credentialed and in attendance for the National Conference.

- **MAY:** NOW sends written notice to all eligible members, notifying them of the deadlines for 2021 election voting. (To save postage, this notice would be included as part of a previously scheduled all-member mailing.)
- **JUNE 24:** Deadline for credentialed members to register for the conference and qualify for a mail-in ballot. They will also have the option of voting online.
- **AFTER JUNE 24:** Credentialed members who register for the conference after this date will only be able to vote online.
- **WEEK OF JULY 5:** Mail-in ballots are sent to credentialed and pre-registered members.
- **JULY 24 - 31:** Election voting opens immediately following the close of the final Candidates Forum. Paper ballots must be postmarked and returned to Simply Voting by July 31 for inclusion in the final tabulation.
- **AUGUST 6:** Deadline for Simply Voting to tabulate and certify the election results.
- **AUGUST 8:** Announcement of election results during final day of the 2021 conference