

## POLITICAL ENDORSEMENT GUIDELINES

The following suggestions are offered to assist the PSTA in developing a structured and consistent method to follow when endorsing political candidates.

1. All requests for PSTA endorsement shall first be reviewed by the Political Endorsement Committee (PEC). All requests shall be in writing addressed to either the PSTA or the local lodge.
2. Candidates seeking a local office must first receive the endorsement and/or support of the FOP lodge located in the political district for which the candidate is seeking office. No endorsement will be given if the candidate is opposed by other lodges within that political district. (NOTE: FOP LODGE REFERS TO THE FIFTEEN INDIVIDUAL FOP LODGES OF THE PSTA.)
3. Candidates seeking a state-wide office may submit a request for endorsement directly to the PSTA Political Endorsement Committee or go through their local lodge for consideration. All requests MUST be made in writing.
4. The endorsing lodge of a political candidate will be responsible for providing all required information to the PEC. This information should include, but not be limited to: Candidates full name, address, telephone number, campaign headquarters information, office being sought, personal biography, incumbency, leadership positions, etc. All pertinent information above including a copy of the candidate's request SHALL be forwarded to the Committee Chairman through the PSTA office.
5. The PEC will review all submitted information, investigate all candidates seeking PSTA endorsement and make recommendations to the PSTA.
6. The PEC, at the direction of the PSTA, may request political candidates to respond to a questionnaire concerning their positions on issues important to the members of the PSTA.
7. The political candidate may appear before the PSTA as directed by the Board of Directors prior to PSTA endorsement.
8. All political candidates nominated for endorsement MUST receive at least a 2/3 majority vote of the lodges as directed by motion #1 which was passed unanimously at the Board of Director's meeting held on 07/25/02.
9. All endorsement requests shall be made at least 90 days prior to the Primary or General elections respectively.
10. Most endorsements will be made for the General election; however, in cases where it is beneficial to the PSTA an endorsement will be considered for the Primary election.