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Virtual Elections? Say no more!

In response to COVID19 and social distancing, we wanted to share some ideas on how to hold online elections. Please remember these are solely suggestions and the KYYMCA is not involved in the election process or outcomes.

Option 1– Live Speeches Over Zoom

CANDIDATE SPEECHES

Require all students to attend a virtual Zoom/Google hangout/etc Student Y election meeting

Have each candidate present their speech to your Chapter

VOTING PROCESS

Utilize the “polling” function on Zoom to send out a poll once all candidates have given their speech with each student’s name listed. The poll will allow students to select which student they wish to cast their vote for. The poll will update in real-time and you will know the results immediately

If you don’t use Zoom’s “polling” function, you could send out a Google form to collect responses that way

Option 2– Pre-recorded Speeches

CANDIDATE SPEECHES

Have candidates record videos of themselves giving their candidate speech or explaining their platform

Make sure that all candidates are using the same technology to ensure there are no biases (i.e. same time limit, no video-editing, no backgrounds, etc.)

Send these videos to all the students in your Chapter to review before your voting day

If videos are not possible, have students write their speech/platforms out to share with students

Share the videos and/or written information through email, Youtube links, Google Docs, Google Classroom, GroupMe, etc.

VOTING PROCESS

Google Forms is a great platform to use for the voting process

You can build a form with your candidate’s names and platforms listed

Students can select their top candidates

The results are automatically turned into a spreadsheet that you can review and determine which candidates received the most votes

TIPS & SUGGESTIONS

- Have your current Student Y Officers lead the voting process
- Email ALL candidates to thank them for their participation before announcing them to your Chapter
- Establish deadlines for candidates to have their information/video/speech/etc to you as well as deadlines for completing the voting process
- Have outgoing officers meet with incoming officers to go over expectations, roles, questions, etc.
- Have new officers find a creative way to introduce themselves to the Chapter!

SUBMIT YOUR NEW OFFICER’S INFORMATION TO US ASAP AT:
ymcayag.tfaforms.net/4738051