

Election Code & Officer Duties **Terms, Definitions, and General Procedure**

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- AMP member: An AMP member is defined as a UTD student who has contributed an article or image or has helped edit or produce three (3) or more issues. A member must also have written and contributed one article in the current semester.
- The “AMP Editorial Board”: This will be comprised of up to five (5) elected AMP members. At this juncture, there is no need for official division of responsibility. The members can delegate duties in an informal manner among themselves.
- General Duties of AMP Editors
 - Board members make executive decision for the direction of the paper. This includes but is not limited to content, quality control, editing, layout and design.
 - If there is contention on any of these points, the board members must have a majority consensus.
 - If an individual writer has a specific contention, concern, idea, suggestion etc. he or she can bring it to one or multiple members of the board. The board then can collectively decide on the appropriate course of action.
 - Every board member must stay present or readily available on production nights.
 - Board members are expected to contribute at least one substantial article to AMP every issue.
 - Board members are responsible for organizing meetings as well as setting and enforcing writing and distribution deadlines.
 - Board members are the liaisons for AMP to the printers, administration, faculty, writers, and UTD campus at large.
- Elections
 - Elections will be held for the following academic semester at the end of the preceeding semester (i.e. elections for Fall semester leadership will take place at the end of the previous Spring semester)
 - A period of one week will be allotted for nominations (by self or third party).
 - The *voting body* consists of all AMP members who cast ballots.
 - Ballot Procedure: The ballot will list the names of nominated candidates. Each AMP member will select the candidates he or she thinks will accurately represent him or her in the next semester. There is no minimum or maximum number of candidates for which a member can vote.
 - AMP members may only cast one ballot each.
 - The votes will be counted by the outgoing AMP Board and the nominees will bear witness to the counting. The General Voting Body will not be present during the counting of the votes to avoid any discomfort.
 - The outgoing Board will keep a physical and public tally in plain view of the nominees, which is to be officially recorded in the records of AMP.
 - If a nominee has a contention, he or she is privy to an immediate recount to which he or she will bear witness by the aforementioned procedure.

- Once the votes are counted, only candidates who received votes from a minimum of 50% of the voting body will be considered.
- The eligible candidates who received the most number of votes will be selected up to five (5) candidates.
- Opportunity for AMP Board Review:
 - It is understandable that board members' participation will vary. However, if a member is found to be relatively inactive on a consistent basis, his or her position can be put up for review by any AMP member. To do so, a member must submit a petition with signatures from at least 50% of the active AMP members. The delinquent member, at this point, is given the opportunity to run in a midterm election against any eligible challengers.
 - If any five participating members of AMP wish to modify the election procedure, board structure, etc. they must draft and sign a petition and present it to AMP body at a general meeting. This petition must pass with a majority vote from a *voting body* consisting of members who have contributed three (3) or more AMP issues and are current students at the university.
- Midterm Elections:
 - If there is a vacant seat on the editorial board, then a midterm election may be called within three days of the end of the previous production cycle (sent to press).
 - An AMP member may only run in one midterm election per semester.
 - After the votes are tallied, the person with the most number of votes among the eligible candidates (receiving votes from more than 50% of the voting body) will fill the vacant seat.
 - If there are two or more seats, then the top two or more eligible candidates will fill those seats.
 - If no candidate receives 50% or more votes, then the seats remain vacant.