## **NYSSPA Voting Guidelines**

## **DEFINITION OF A LEGAL BALLOT**

- 1) Ballots must be cast online via the NYSSPA website by midnight EDT on May 4, 2018.
- 2) You must login as a member and your dues must be paid current in order to vote.
- 3) Members may only vote in the election categories to which they are entitled (ie. Fellow Member District C etc.)
  - a. Fellow members vote for officers, <u>their</u> district director and the AAPA NYS House of Delegates representatives.
  - b. Affiliate members vote for officers and their district director.
  - c. Student members vote for student directors.
- 4) Write in votes are permitted however you may not exceed the maximum number of votes for any office. If you choose to write in a candidate select the write in option and enter the appropriate member name(s) in the comments section.
  - a. President-Elect (vote for 1 candidate)
  - b. Vice President/Chief Delegate to the AAPA HOD (vote for 1 candidate)
  - c. Secretary (vote for 1 candidate-will progress to President-Elect in 2019-2020.
  - d. District Director (vote for 1 candidate from your district)
  - e. Student Directors (vote for 2 candidates)
  - f. House of Delegates (vote for 10 candidates)
- 5) A mistake in voting for a candidate for one office does not invalidate the vote for other offices.
- 6) A technical error, such as misspelling, does not invalidate the ballot if the **INTENT** of the voter is clear.
- 7) Votes for ineligible persons are counted as invalid.
- 8) View candidates' platform statements and profiles by selecting the candidates' names on the elections page.