TELLERS

Two (2) Tellers are selected to assist the Parliamentarian at any time that there is a vote process during the Saturday General meeting. The Tellers cannot run for office, have a candidate from their club who is running for office or be a member of a club bidding on a future State Meeting.
They may be a Delegate or an Alternate.

Duties at the Saturday General Meeting:

- When a voice vote is taken at the Saturday General Meeting, the Tellers assist the Parliamentarian to ensure the Delegates, Officers, and Past Presidents cast the correct number of ballots they are entitled.
- The Ballot Box should be empty and closed.
- As directed by the Parliamentarian, the Tellers collect ballots from the Delegates, Officers and Past Presidents present.

Tally and Results Sheets: Both sheets are to be filled out accurately and signed by all the Tellers. The sheets are folded and along with the ballots, given to the Parliamentarian.

Tallying the Vote: The Parliamentarian and the Tellers go to a separate room to tally the votes.

- The nature of a secret ballot requires that the ballots be supervised by the Parliamentarian once they are removed from the ballot box.
- Check that the ballot box is empty and that all the ballots are accounted for.
- Use the Tally Sheet to record each ballot, including the number of disqualified ballots.
- Complete tallying in an orderly and efficient manner
- Recount ballots for final accuracy.
- Individual vote counts are not discussed to protect both the tellers and the voters.
- The Parliamentarian will handle tie votes and those votes which do not receive the necessary majority or plurality

Disqualifying Ballots: The Parliamentarian provides a copy of the ballot format to each Teller.

- Ballots not in the appropriate format or not legible will be disqualified.
- The total number of disqualified ballots are to be noted on the tally sheet.

Parliamentary Statement:
R.R.O.O. 45.26 Balloting procedure
The tellers should be chosen for accuracy and dependability, should have the confidence of the membership, and should not have a direct personal involvement in the question or in the result of the vote to an extent that they should refrain from voting under the principle stated in 45:4. Often their position with regard to the issue involved is well known, however, and they are frequently chosen to protect the interests of each side. They normally vote themselves.