Changes in the Region 1 election process are happening for the 2018 Election

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At the spring 2017 Region 1 Executive Board meeting it was approved to change the election process for the region and the chapters.

Below are the rationales for the changes and an outline for the elections.

We will be using the Region 1 web site for much of the process both to simplify and to decrease the cost of the voting process.

Please remember this is your organization and for it to remain viable it is your duty to get involved at the facility, local, chapter, and/or regional level so that it can serve your needs of correctional educators.

Rationale and Guidelines for the CEA Region I and Chapter elections for 2018

1. The rationale for combining the Region I and state chapters elections are;

a) It makes the process uniform throughout the region

b) It allows for an unbiased and impartial election process

c) It will save the state chapters the cost associated with running an election

d) It makes it easier for members to get involved in the process

e) It allows for continuity of the election process

1. All members in good standing may nominate and vote for members of the Region I Executive Board.
2. Members from non-chapter states/providences may nominate and vote only for the Region I Executive Board candidates.
3. Members may only vote for the chapter executive board positions from the state that they are a member.
4. The announcement for the Call for Nominations will be sent out via; the Region I web site, the Region I Newsletter, and by individual letters in January of 2018. Responses must be in within 3 weeks.
5. Positions available and biographies of candidates will be on the Region I web site and state web sites (if available).
6. As with past elections write-in candidates will be accepted on both the region and state ballots providing that the candidates are members and meet all of the requirements for that position.
7. In the event that no candidate is nominated or written –in for a position the situation will be resolved by the Region I Executive Board as per past practices.

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Please contact me at; RPSmithRegion1Membership@comcast.net if you have any questions or concerns regarding this change in the election process.