

## **NAMI Board Policy #3-2006**

### **Election of Board Members**

#### Goal:

To have an election process to minimize confusion, increase transparency and membership involvement, and ensure that the best and most qualified candidates are aware of the process and are recruited.

#### Policy:

Elections for the board positions at the Annual Membership meeting in October of each year will be conducted by the following process.

#### Process:

1. In the summer prior to the election, preferably at the Board Retreat, the Board will select a Nominating Committee comprised of two or more board members.
2. The Nominating Committee responsibilities will be to organize the elections and oversee the process which includes promoting the upcoming elections to the membership via newsletter and website, recruiting potential nominees that meet the needs of the organization as determined by the Board, distributing prospective board member information sheets and biography forms, facilitating the nominations at the September membership meeting, encouraging membership to pay up the membership dues prior to the evening of the election.
3. Annual Membership Meeting will be a short update to the members on the state of the organization and then question and answers of those running for the Board followed by the vote and then the evening speaker. There is a big risk of not having enough attendance to meet a quorum if there is no speaker on the agenda.
4. Membership Chair will determine the evening of the election exactly how many paid memberships there are and what the quorum is (10% of members in good standing).
5. Board shall determine if there is a need to have an election committee that would make recommendations to the Board and membership for new board members.