

Emergency Management Association of Georgia

2026 Election Announcement

Call for Candidates / Absentee Balloting

In accordance with the By Laws of the Emergency Management Association of Georgia, dated October 24, 2024, the following is the announcement for the 2026 Emergency Management Association of Georgia Call for Candidates and Absentee Balloting instructions.

Any person seeking office shall submit a letter to the Elections Committee, no later than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting, of their intent to seek office and the office they seek. The letter shall be accompanied by a letter of endorsement from their immediate supervisor and local EMA Director. No candidate will be considered without a statement from their immediate supervisor as to their ability to serve.

Sixty (60) days prior to the 2026 Annual Meeting will be September 16, 2026, and intentions should be submitted to Elections Committee Chairman, Lanier Swafford at lanier.swafford@dph.ga.gov

A slate of all candidates found to be eligible members in good standing and who have received the endorsement of their immediate supervisor and local EMA Director will be posted on the Association website at www.emagonline.com no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. A request for a hard copy of the slate of candidates may also be made to the Secretary at any time.

Thirty (30) days prior to the 2026 Annual Meeting will be October 16, 2026, and request for a hard slate of candidates may be made to Melanie Bellinger at mbellinger@habershamsqa.com

Absentee ballots are permitted. Absentee ballots shall be emailed to the general membership upon request. Request for absentee ballots must be received by the Elections Chairperson no later than ten (10) business days prior to the annual meeting date. Absentee ballots shall be reviewed by their respective Area Chairperson at the Annual Meeting for verification and presented to the Executive Committee for majority approval. All absentee ballots must be received by the Area Chairperson prior to the adjournment of the meeting, the day before the election (see article VIII, Section 1)

Ten (10) business days prior to the 2026 Annual Meeting will be Monday, November 2, 2026, and request should be submitted to Elections Committee Chairman, Lanier Swafford at lanier.swafford@dph.ga.gov