

## RBYA Committee Election Process

1. Any baptized RBYA member\* who maintains a healthy relationship with the local church can nominate another RBYA member from a church affiliated with the Romanian Baptist Association for an RBYA committee position by filling out the following form:

<https://www.rbya.org/election/nominations>

\*RBYA member = any youth who is a member of a Romanian Baptist church

Note: only those youth who are members in Romanian Baptist churches affiliated with the Romanian Baptist Association may run for a position on the RBYA committee and/or vote in RBYA elections.

2. The nominee downloads the acceptance form and signs it.
3. The signed acceptance form is submitted via [email: elections@rbya.org](mailto:elections@rbya.org) or this form: <https://www.rbya.org/election/confirmations>  
**Only the nominee should submit the confirmation form as it is a commitment to fulfill the duties of the respective position if the nominee is elected.**  
The acceptance form may be submitted online by scanning or taking a picture of the physical print out and submitting it as one of the following formats (no more than 2.5MB in size): PDF, PNG, JPEG, TIFF.
4. The election committee verifies the nominee and updates the Election Page by adding the nominee's name under the respective position.
5. Any RBYA member can then view the current nominees and fill out the comments form to indicate their support/objection for a nominee. The nominee name must be copied/pasted into the comment form: <https://www.rbya.org/election/comments>
6. The election committee reviews the comments and updates the approved Election Page accordingly. Objections will **not** be posted online. Objections will only be read during elections at Convention prior to voting for the respective nominee.

### *Notes to keep in mind:*

- ✓ The Elections Page will be opened at least sixty (60) days before Convention each year.
- ✓ The Nominations Page will be closed forty-eight (48) hours before Convention each year.
- ✓ Deadline for submitting nomination forms is: **August 27 , 2014**
- ✓ Deadline for nominees to submit acceptance forms is: **August 28 , 2014**

## Guidelines for Delegates

Delegates are members of a Romanian Baptist church affiliated with the Romanian Baptist Association and chosen to represent their local church. Delegates are the only RBYA members who will have the authority to vote during RBYA elections at Convention\* each year.

It is the responsibility of the individual churches to register their delegates with the election committee *prior* to RBYA elections at Convention. Please contact the current election committee for instructions on how to submit delegates.

Each church gets one delegate for every ten (10) youth at their church, and for those youth left over, one delegate. For example, if there are 11 - 20 youth, they are allowed to have two (2) delegates (Article V, Section 4 of *RBYA Constitution*).

A “youth” for the purposes of delegate selection shall be any person:

- under the age of 40
- baptized
- active in the youth activities of the respective church
- a member in the church that will count them for the purpose of establishing the allowed number of delegates

The President must be a delegate for his church (Article V, Section 4 of *RBYA Constitution*).

Delegates who vote via absentee ballot can only vote for nominees for the RBYA committee, while delegates present at Convention may vote for nominees as well as on any other issues that may arise, such as amendments to the RBYA Constitution. Absentee ballots will be made available after the Nominations Page has been closed, so delegates voting via absentee ballot should be able to access, complete, and submit the absentee ballot within the 48 hours before RBYA elections take place at Convention.

Delegates may vote for only one of the nominees for a given RBYA committee position, or they may choose to vote for none of the nominees for that committee position. Delegates at Convention may choose to vote for a motion regarding an issue that arises, against that motion, or not at all on that motion.

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\*Delegates who cannot be present at Convention must vote via an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots must be submitted *before* RBYA elections take place at Convention.

*Dates to remember:*

✓ Deadline for registering delegates is: **August 29 , 2014**

✓ Deadline for submitting completed absentee ballots is: **August 25 , 2014**