

Campaign Finance Proposed Rules Changes

Rule G-9.13.7. Length of Campaigns for President and Moderator.

a. Campaigns for President and Moderator may ~~appropriately begin with small campaign committee organizational meetings and mass mailing letters no earlier than November-February 1 of the second calendar year preceding the election year in which the election is to be held.~~

b. Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-paragraph "a," potential candidates may communicate with individuals to discern their fitness for office, their potential level of support, and ability to raise funds should they be nominated

~~b. Active campaigning and solicitation of endorsements shall not begin prior to January 1 of the year preceding these elections.~~

~~c. No electioneering (defined as publicly announced meetings, rallies or exploratory events) of any sort shall occur at the General Assembly two years preceding the elections for President and Moderator. Private meetings about campaign organization that take place outside of General Assembly-booked meeting spaces are permissible.~~

Rule G-9.13.8 Campaign Finances Limits and Disclosure.

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2715 All candidates for at-large elective positions shall keep detailed and
2716 accurate records of:

2717 (a) their campaign expenses (stated in United States dollars) by
2718 categories of travel, postage, telephone, printing and other
2719 such categories as seem appropriate;

2720 (b) the number of contributors to their campaigns, including the
2721 number of contributors in each of the following categories:

2722 (1) under \$50.00;

2723 (2) \$50.00 to \$100.00;

2724 (3) \$101.00 to \$250.00;

2725 (4) \$251.00 to \$500.00; and

2726 (5) over \$500.00; and

2727 (c) the number of contributions and the total amount of
2728 contributions received from each group or organization
2729 supporting the campaign.

2730 No candidate for any elective position shall solicit or knowingly
2731 accept any contribution that is given through a tax-exempt entity
2732 with the purpose of conferring tax-exempt status to the contribution
2733 to which it would not otherwise be entitled. Such exempt entities
2734 include but are not limited to member congregations, associate
2735 member organizations and independent UUA affiliates.

2736 The names of contributors shall be disclosed. Each such report
2737 shall identify by name any member congregation, associate
2738 member organization or independent affiliate of the Association and
2739 any other tax exempt organization (including specifically, but without
2740 limitation to, any minister's discretionary fund or similar account)
2741 that has made any contribution to the campaign and shall state the
2742 amount of each such contribution. Such reports shall be filed with
2743 the Secretary of the Association. A preliminary report shall be due
2744 at the close of the first day of the regular General Assembly at

2745 which the election occurs. A final report shall be due 60 days
2746 thereafter. The Secretary shall, upon written request from a
2747 member of a member congregation, furnish such information from
2748 these reports as requested. These reports shall be made available
2749 for inspection by any member of a member congregation at the
2750 principal offices of the Association and shall be brought by the
2751 Secretary to the next General Assembly and made available for
2752 inspection there by any delegate.

Candidates for the office of President may, though the duration of the campaign, collect no more than \$5,000 from any individual or entity, including contributions from self, and no more than \$100,000 in total. These limits shall be enforced by the Election Campaign Practices Committee.