

NPGA State Directors are elected for two-year terms. Elections are held in even years for states within even-numbered districts and in odd years for states within odd-numbered districts (see map below). Designated representatives of all active NPGA member companies in each state are eligible to vote.

To become a candidate for State Director, an individual must be the designated representative of an active NPGA member company in the state for which he/she is running and be a member of the affiliated state or regional association servicing that state – unless the member is employed by a non-marketer member. Multi-state marketers (interstate) operating in a state are also eligible to nominate a candidate. *Companies are members of NPGA – not individuals – so the company-designated representative is a candidate on the company's behalf.*

State association executives are encouraged to suggest possible eligible candidates for NPGA State Director. Most state directors are active in state/regional associations and are familiar with industry concerns on the state and local level.

State Director Election Calendar

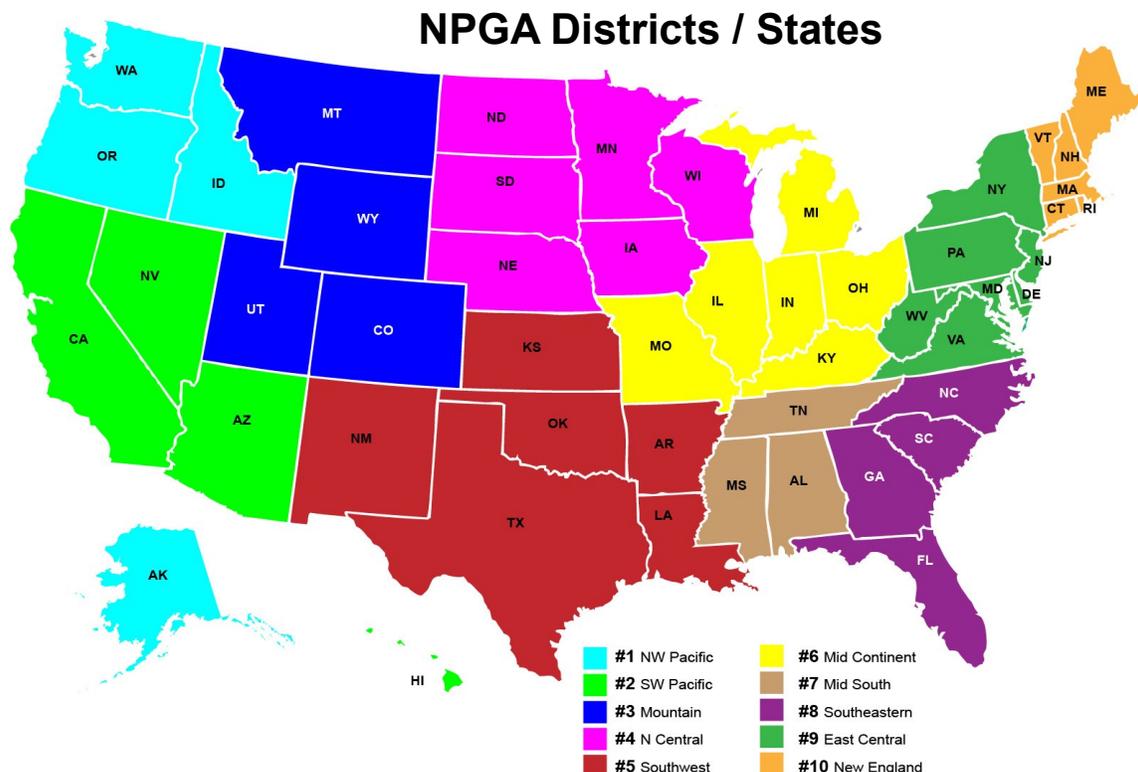
January-February Current State Directors are contacted via email to determine if they wish to run again; designated reps and state executives are contacted via email regarding other possible candidates. State executives assist in updating member contact details.

March 1 All candidates provide NPGA with headshot and bio to be used for their ballot by March 1.

April Online elections take place for three weeks in April. All designated representatives in states having elections are sent electronic ballots. Reminders to vote are emailed weekly.

May Election results are received by NPGA the first week in May; candidates and state executives are notified.

June New board members begin their terms at the adjournment of the annual NPGA Board meeting.



NPGA State Directors Duties & Responsibilities

State Directors constitute the largest single group of directors on the NPGA Board; they are the primary communications link between the members and the organization. A state director has many resources - officers and staff, NPGA District Directors, state associations officers and staff, and NPGA members. Fostering the unity of purpose among all of these partners goes a long way toward achieving the industry's goals.

The basic state director duties and responsibilities are:

- ◆ Become knowledgeable about NPGA policies, programs and activities;
- ◆ Represent constituents' interests at Board of Director meetings;
- ◆ Inform and educate constituents about NPGA policies and Board decisions;
- ◆ Represent NPGA to the members of their respective state/regional association;
- ◆ Provide assistance to constituents with understanding Board decisions and accessing NPGA benefits;
- ◆ Assist both NPGA staff and respective state/regional association executive in fulfilling the obligations stated within the *NPGA-State Association "Partnership Program" Affiliation Plan*. This includes, but is not limited to, obtaining and submitting on an annual basis the marketer membership lists to be used in the dues reconciliation process.
- ◆ Participate in Board decisions.

State Directors shall advocate for NPGA Board-approved policies with their constituents and state and local government entities in their states.