



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Vote for Merger '09

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Will the same voting options be available for the merger that were available for the 2008 elections?

Yes, both electronic and postal balloting methods will be used.

Are we using the same vendor for electronic voting that we used for the 2008 elections?

Yes; TrueBallot is the contract vendor.

There were issues encountered with electronic voting last year . How can we feel confident something similar will not occur again?

TrueBallot has significant experience in conducting elections . The error that occurred was due to a survey question included on the ballot during the last election. The tabulation of results was correct. It was in the reporting of the results that discrepancies occurred. Additional review and safeguards are included in the voting process for the merger vote.

What is the voting period?

Voting will be held beginning April 15, 2009 and close at 5:00 p.m. EDT on May 5, 2009.

How current is the member data used for voting?

TrueBallot captured member information and archived it on April 1, 2009.

If I updated my profile after April 1, 2009, will changes be reflected in the voting database?

Yes. Information used for the voting process will be current as of April 1, 2009. Any information updated after this date will assure that you receive any future communications regarding the next steps, based on the outcome of the *Vote for Merger '09*.

Do the members voting online have the same choices as the members voting by mail?

Yes, the postal ballot and electronic ballot have the same choices and will use the same methodology for counting votes.

How was the list of eligible voters determined?

P&P states "The credentials chair will receive a report from the national office of all members in good standing as of sixty (60) days before the first day of voting." Because of the serious nature of this vote, the Executive Committee made a very conscious decision to be more inclusive in the number of eligible votes rather than exclusive. The criteria for the data pull included a 90-day grace period.



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If we add a new member in March, will the member be able to vote?

No, members who join after January 31, 2009 are not eligible to vote.

How was the January 31st date determined?

According to the BPW/USA Handbook of Policies and Procedures, eligible members for voting purposes are members in good standing as of 60 days before the first day of voting.

If my email (or postal address) was incorrect as of April 1, 2009, what do I have to do to get an e-mail vote/pin (or postal ballot)?

If you need a replacement ballot or PIN or have any questions, e-mail voting@bpwusa.org. Responses will be received within 24 hours. Inquiries may also be directed to Jennifer Jones at 202-777-8904 during normal business hours (EDT).

Are e-Members allowed to vote for the merger? What about Friends of BPW?

e-Members do not participate in governance of BPW/USA and are therefore ineligible to vote. Friends of BPW is not a membership category, therefore Friends cannot vote.

When will the results be announced?

It will take several days after the polls are closed to complete the tally of the electronic and paper ballots. The tallies will be verified. An official meeting at which the proxy votes will be cast to determine the outcome, and the vote announced will be held on May 15, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. EDT at BPW/USA Headquarters in Washington, DC.

What happens if voting numbers are low?

It is the right and responsibility of every member to vote. The decision for the future of BPW will be made by those members exercising their right of membership.

What if members vote "No" on the merger?

If members vote "no" to the merger, it essentially is a "yes" vote for dissolution of the corporation. If the decision to merge fails, BPW/USA will proceed with the process to dissolve the corporation.

Please direct any additional questions to voting@bpwusa.org.