

5. The Committee then agreed on the following rules for the validity of the inner envelopes (brown ballot envelope):
 - A. No identifying marks that would indicate who cast their ballot.
 - B. No other materials were to be included in the ballot envelope other than the yellow ballot.
6. The Committee than agreed on the following rules for the validity of the ballots:
 - A. The only allowable marking is an "X". No check marks were allowed.
 - B. No other distinguishing markings were allowed on the ballot. Any handwriting caused the ballot to be invalid.
 - C. The proper amount of boxes had to be marked for each section. If there were more (or less) then the proper number, that section of the ballot was invalid. For example, for the Executive Board there had to be exactly 4 (four) votes. If there were not, only the Executive Board section was invalid.
 - D. If the voter had clearly changed their vote, it must be clearly shown. For example, it must be properly crossed out or whited out, but no handwriting was allowed. Where there was a question about acceptability, each Committee member verified whether it should or should not count.

Note – The ballot counts noted below report spoiled ballots that were either not marked properly or had no marks at all.

7. The Committee agreed that, for all ballots and envelopes that were invalid, they would be clearly highlighted in the areas that caused them to be invalid, a hole punched through them and set aside unopened.
8. It was agreed that no observers would be permitted in the room where the count was being performed.
9. There were 772 envelopes received by the Post Office. Of the 772 envelopes, 2 were from the original mailing of the ballots that were returned due to invalid addresses and one was a letter addressed to a different company that was put in 787's box in error. Therefore, there were 769 envelopes in total to be counted.
10. It was determined that there were 758 valid outer envelopes, with 11 being considered invalid.
11. Each member's name and S.I.N. was agreed to the Master List that had been retained by BDO. No problems were noted. If the member indicated the U.A. Card number instead of the S.I.N., the U.A. Card number and name was agreed to the September Cash Sheet Record which indicates all paid dues. All Committee members agreed that this listing was valid. Again, there were no problems noted and the signature envelopes were agreed to the Master List. The number of members who had been crossed off the Master List was totalled and found to be 756. The number of ballots