Leadership in a professional organization is an awesome responsibility, and acceptance of this responsibility is paramount to the acceptance of a leadership role.

Election to a position of leadership in any organization is indeed an honor. Election as a leader in one’s professional organization is doubly an honor.

It is a symbol of the trust and confidence placed in you by your peers that you will do your best to lead the organization, and that you have the ability to do so, as demonstrated by your commitment and service through the years.
Your acceptance of the responsibilities of leadership in (name of society) affirms your dedication and purpose in serving the society to the very best of your ability, and that in the direction and administration of the society’s business, you will place the interests of the entire membership, and the profession as a whole, above your personal interests at all times, and on all matters.

So I ask you and seek your affirmation: Do you accept the responsibility of the office to which you have been elected, and to support the bylaws of the (name of society)? If so, answer I will.
By the authority vested in me by the (name of society), I declare you the newly elected Officers (Directors, etc. as appropriate) of (name of Society).