

ELECTION BYLAWS
of the
INTER-PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL

For the purpose of establishing governance rules for the election of new officers to Inter-
Professional Council

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I. Officer Positions Elected

A. The positions of President, Vice President and Secretary are elected positions

II. Election Procedures

A. Elections Chair

1. The Vice President serves as the Elections Chair.

(a) In the event that the Vice President is seeking an elected office, they shall recuse themselves from the position, and the Executive Committee will designate a replacement.

B. Timeline

1. Nominations occur during the February General Body Meeting

(a) Candidates can nominate themselves, or other delegates may nominate a potential candidate.

(b) If a candidate receives a nomination from someone else, they must confirm they wish to seek the elected office before being included amongst the nominees.

(i) If a potential candidate is nominated and not present at the meeting the Elections Chair will contact the candidate via telephone or email. The candidate has until the deadline defined in A.1.d in order to accept a nomination.

(c) It is strongly encouraged that any potential candidate meets with the officer that currently holds the position before nominations occur.

(d) Any candidate not nominated at the general meeting has until 5 pm of the Sunday following nominations to inform the Elections Chair of their intent to run.

(e) In order to be eligible, a candidate must be currently serving in an IPC delegate or Executive Committee position and must be enrolled in a professional program for the entirety of the academic year they will be serving their term.

2. Candidate Announcement

(a) After the deadline defined in A.1.d, the Elections Chair will send an email announcement to all of the IPC delegates with the candidate ballot

(b) Candidates will have one week prior to the announcement to prepare a one page statement outlining their platform

(i) These statements will be sent to the Elections Chair, compiled, and forwarded to the delegate body immediately.

3. Elections

(a) Officers shall be elected in the following order: President, Vice President, Secretary

(b) Immediately prior to the election, each candidate for a particular office will have the opportunity to address the Inter-Professional Council for a maximum of ten minutes. After all candidates for a position have spoken, the delegates may ask questions targeted at all candidates. Each candidate shall have the opportunity to respond to each question. The Elections Chair may set time limits on the length of the question period or on the length of any single response. Such limits must be the same for all candidates for a particular office and be made known to them at the beginning of the meeting at which elections are held.

- (c) Voting shall be by secret ballot in contested elections and by Objection to Content in uncontested elections. Write in votes and blank ballots shall be invalid and not counted in the total.
- (d) A simple majority of those delegates voting is required to elect an officer. If no candidate receives a majority, then at the same meeting the delegates shall vote again between the two candidates receiving the most votes. This procedure shall be repeated as necessary until a candidate is elected.