



Second Call for Nominations for 2024 IUPsyS Executive Committee Election

Background

The Union's Nominations and Election [Rules of Procedure](#) (Section III.5) require that there be at least two candidates for each position to be filled in an election. Currently, the [Statutes and Rules of Procedures](#) are silent on the process, except to state that additional nominations can be sought from the floor of the relevant Assembly. As a result, the process has not been managed uniformly across elections and additional candidates have been considered at the last minute. This leads to unfairness in the election process, as nominees during the Assembly are not afforded the same period of evaluation as those nominated months prior to the Assembly. This situation can also have implications for governance of the Union. The Statutes and Rules of Procedure state that

“The Assembly may not receive additional nominations except when there are fewer than two nominations for a particular position.”

The statutes also require that an Updated Second Report of the Elections Committee be presented (Section III.5) but there is no reference to a Second Report. Having considered inconsistencies between these two requirements, i. e., why provide an Updated Second Report which would be the same as the First Report and allow only one day for additional nominations and a final report, the EC determined that action was necessary to redress this situation.

The Executive Committee agreed to a [Protocol for Nominations and Elections](#), which was sent to all National Members with the [First Call for Nominations](#). The Protocol proposed that where there are not two candidates for each position, additional nominations are sought from National Members in advance of the relevant Assembly and reported in a Second Report of the Elections Committee. This would not affect the rights of the Assembly to nominate additional candidates on the first day of the Assembly, should there not be at least two nominees for each position. Where additional nominations are required and received in this way, the election for those positions will take place on the second day of the Assembly. As per Section III.5, the Elections Committee shall present an Updated Second Report to the Assembly at the beginning of its second session. The Elections Committee has taken note of the protocol and the dissatisfaction and the time consumed at previous Assemblies when nominations were received from the floor. Many delegates have also expressed concern that the Assembly had only one day to consider the new nominations, whereas those nominated by the closing date would have been scrutinised for at least five months.

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Having regard to the above, the Elections Committee therefore issues a Second Call for Nominations for Election to the IUPsyS Executive Committee from National Members holding voting rights in the 2024 Assembly to nominate further candidates by **March 11, 2024**, for the positions of:

1. President-Elect
2. Treasurer, and
3. Seven Regular EC Members.

Further information about the nomination process, including the required forms are provided [here](#) for your review and further action.



Second Elections Report

The Elections Committee will issue the Second Report in the week starting April 01, 2024, which will include candidates nominated in response to the Second Call for Nominations.

The Elections Committee believes that providing National Members with this advance opportunity to nominate further candidates well before the next Assembly will:

- i. Ensure greater transparency and fairness of the electoral process;
- ii. Add to the proper scrutiny of all candidates;
- iii. Avoid scrutiny of only the current candidates for over five months before the actual elections; and
- iv. Allow the Assembly to exercise its ultimate authority in determining the appropriateness of this additional step in the electoral process when it meets at its first session on Monday, July 22, 2024.

The Call for Nominations of October 20, 2023, and the guidelines for these positions will also apply for this Second Call for Nominations. The nomination guidelines, forms, and position descriptions are available [online](#).

Nominations are to be submitted by email to:

Professor Pam Maras, Chair, IUPsyS Elections Committee (Email: elections2024@iupsys.org), with cc to Professor Ava Thompson, Secretary-General (Email: secretary-general@iupsys.org) and Dr Karl Swain, Executive Officer (Email: karl.swain@iupsys.org).

The deadline for submitting these further nominations is March 11, 2024.

All inquiries about the nominations and elections must be directed to the Chair of the Elections Committee, Past President Pam Maras (Email: elections2024@iupsys.org).

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