

Bye Law – Standing for Election: nomination and canvassing rules

Article 54: Rules or Bye Laws

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“54.1. The Executive Committee may from time to time make such rules or bye laws as it may deem necessary, expedient or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the Association and for the purposes of conditions of membership of the Association provided that they do not conflict with any decisions of the Association in General Meeting...”

The Executive Committee has approved the following revised rules to take effect from 26 September 2019

Standing for election: nomination rules

1. a. Executive Committee:

Article 34.1 of APIL’s Articles of Association sets out details of those APIL members who are eligible to be nominated for election to the Executive Committee.

b. Member Groups:

Every APIL member, other than those who are members of the Executive Committee, who has a right to vote at any General or Annual General Meeting as set out in Article 24.1 of APIL’s Articles of Association may be nominated for election for the following:

- Member Group Co-ordinators
- Member Group Secretaries.

2. APIL’s Secretary shall not nominate or second any APIL member for election to either the Executive Committee or to any Member Group. The Secretary will remain eligible to vote.
3. Each APIL member who is eligible to vote (as identified in Article 24.1) may nominate no more than one eligible APIL member as a candidate and second no more than one eligible APIL member as a candidate in each election.
4. Nominations shall be submitted at the time and in the format prescribed by the relevant call for nominations.
5. Nominations may be submitted and withdrawn at any time during the nomination period up to the advertised closing date and time.
6. Where more than one nomination form is received from the same nominee, the latest nomination form received before the advertised closing date and time will be the one which takes precedence.

7. Candidates are encouraged to submit a statement in support of their nomination, in the format prescribed by the relevant call for nominations. These statements will be included in the information which is sent to those APIL members who have the right to vote in the relevant election.
8. APIL's chief executive shall have the power to edit or refuse to accept statements which contain unlawful or factually incorrect information.

Standing for election: canvassing rules

9. To canvass is defined as "to solicit support, votes or contributions."
10. No candidate may canvass in person for votes at any meeting or function and no additional written materials or electronic communications may be circulated and/or distributed by, and/or in support of, a candidate in any election/during the nomination or voting period.
11. If unauthorised canvassing, materials or electronic communications are found to be in circulation or canvassing is identified, APIL's Secretary reserves the right to withdraw the candidate from the election.

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Agreed by: Executive Committee
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