

[GP13] Director Election Process

The Board will run a fair and equitable election process annually in compliance with By-law #1.

1. To reduce any possible perception of Board interference in the election process, the Board will clearly define its role. Accordingly, the Board will:
 - (1) Not nominate or endorse any member or Director in the nomination and selection process.
 - (1.1) Further, individual Directors will not nominate any candidate.
 - (2) Present eight (8) qualified members for election at a meeting of the members.
 - (3) Have the authority to extend the nomination process as appropriate to ensure procedural fairness.

Director Qualifications

2. In order to qualify to be a Director, a member of the Corporation must meet all the following criteria:
 - (1) Have paid all SA Activity Fees set forth by the Corporation,
 - (2) Be enrolled as a full-time student in a post-secondary, ministry funded program at Algonquin College, have paid all applicable fees, and not be under academic suspension,
 - (2.1) Students in their graduating semester seeking a position of Director must demonstrate proof of enrolment in a new program before the annual or special general meeting scheduled for the election of Directors.
 - (2.2) Students between semesters of their program will be considered as "enrolled".
 - (3) Be eighteen (18) years of age at the date of election and must have the capacity to contract,
 - (4) Be an undischarged bankrupt and must be bondable,
 - (5) Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.25, or its equivalent, from a post-secondary institution in the semester preceding the election.

- (6) Be available and able to fulfill duties for the full 12-month term, including summer months, and
 - (7) Have attended a Board orientation session outlining the Board policy governance model, organizational structure, and the selection process prior to the selection process.
3. Members who served as a director for the Corporation in a previous term:
- (1) Will refrain from calling themselves Director or having any association with the Corporation during the elections process, and
 - (2) Will have their final Director performance review reviewed by the selection committee.
4. A member will not qualify to be nominated or serve as a director if they have:
- (1) Served on the selection committee,
 - (2) Previously served three terms on the Board,
 - (3) A recorded and chronic history of academic dishonesty violations within the last five years, or
 - (4) A record of student misconduct violations.

Nomination Process

5. The nomination process will open in November and remain open for not less than twenty (20) and no more than thirty (30) academic days, closing at 4:59 p.m. on the final day, excluding any days during the final exam period.
- (1) Nomination packages will be made available on all campuses at noon on the date nominations open.
 - (2) To be eligible for consideration, the candidate must submit a completed nomination package before the closing of the nomination process that includes their:
 - (2.1) Nomination forms signed by fifty (50) members of the Corporation,
 - (2.2) Resume,
 - (2.3) Most recent transcript,
 - (2.4) Maximum one-page cover letter answering the question contained in the nomination package, and
 - (2.5) Signed acknowledgement of the Director Conduct policy.

- (3) The Election Officer must be notified and approve of any social media use as a tool for advertisement of candidacy or endorsement prior to its posting in order to ensure the candidate remains within policy.
6. Nominations following the selection of Directors by the selection committee.
 - (1) If a member wishes to nominate a member not already nominated for the position of Director following the determination of the selection committee, they may do so after obtaining the written consent of no less than 200 members.
 - (2) Candidates who run from the floor must attend a mandatory orientation held by the EO after they obtain 200 endorsements.
 - (3) The name of the nominated individual must be filed together with the written consent of the members nominating such individual to the Secretary no later than seventy-two (72) hours before the meeting of the members scheduled for the election of Directors.

Election

7. The Board will schedule a meeting of the members for the purpose of electing the candidates presented to the Board in accordance with the by-laws of the Corporation.
8. A meeting of the Directors-elect will be held immediately following the meeting of members to nominate those Directors-elect who seek to stand for the positions of President and Vice President.
 - (1) Upon their election as Officers in accordance with the by-laws and applicable policies and at the first meeting of Directors after April 30, the Directors will ratify the election and appoint the newly elected President and Vice President for a one-year term beginning May 1 of such year.

Approved:

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