



**IPNSIG is also The Interplanetary  
Chapter Of the Internet Society**



## **Election Rules and Timeline for the 2024 Internet Society Interplanetary Chapter Online Election**

### **1) Introduction**

The goal of this election is to select two new Board Members to expand the number of Board Members to nine Members.

### **2) Scope**

These rules cover eligibility, procedures, and dispute resolution for the Interplanetary Chapter Online Election

### **3) Positions**

This election will result in the addition of two Board Members to the existing Board of seven Members. The By-laws allow for a maximum Board size of nine members.

### **4) Eligibility**

a) In order to vote in these elections, a person must:

Be a member of the Interplanetary Chapter of the Internet Society no fewer than 21 days prior to the date of the election.

b) Persons who stand for any of the positions mentioned under Section 3) Positions above, must during the term of Board Membership:

- Be a member of the Interplanetary Chapter of the Internet Society.
- Commit to engaging in Board discussions and meetings.
- Commit to furthering the work of the Chapter toward realizing the expansion of the Internet into space for the good of humanity.
- Have their qualifications reviewed and approved by the Nominating Committee.

### **5) Procedure**

- a) The Election will be conducted fully online via an online tool (a link will be distributed to the members at least one week prior to the start of the voting period).
- b) A Nominating Committee has been formed comprised of the current Board, plus two Chapter members who are not Board members.
- c) The Nominating Committee will announce the election timeline on the Chapter's website.
- d) The Nominating Committee has sent out an invitation for members to express their interest in standing for Board Member election. Candidates have submitted a resume and references. The Nominating Committee may elect to have vetting interviews with any candidate.
- e) The Nominating Committee will publish a list of validated candidates at the close of the nomination period. Any person who will have sent a nomination but does not appear in the list of validated candidates will be informed by the Nominating Committee 48 hours in advance of the publication of the nomination list.
- f) The Nominating Committee will configure the online voting tool according to a list of open positions and approved candidates.
- g) An invitation to vote will be sent out to all members by the Nominating Committee. Members will be asked to vote for two candidates. The candidates receiving the two highest vote totals will be the winners of the election.
- h) Multiple reminders (At least 2) to vote will be sent during the online voting period.
- i) A final reminder will be sent 24 hours before the end of the online voting period.
- j) The online voting will automatically close at the day and time approved by the Board.
- k) The Nominating Committee will share the results (24 hours after the end of online voting) directly with Board members.
- l) The Nominating Committee will verify the results and publish the election results within 24 hours of receiving them to the entire chapter membership.
- m) The elected Board Members will take office immediately. The expanded Board will meet within two weeks of the election to welcome the new Board Members and discuss roles and responsibilities. If necessary, the Board will vote to establish new Officer responsibilities.
- n) Dispute resolution
  - a) Members may register any complaint with the Nominating Committee at any time in the process by sending an e-mail to [elections@ipnsig.org](mailto:elections@ipnsig.org)

- b) If any member believes that a standing candidate or voter is not eligible according to Section 4 of these Rules, or during the election process has violated the Internet Society Code of Conduct, they may present an appeal to the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee has final discretion over the consideration of such appeals, including dismissal, and has the authority to disqualify a voter or candidate.
- c) The Nominating Committee will rely on the Internet Society Membership portal to resolve disputes on the vote/candidate membership to the Chapter.

o) Report

- a) The Secretary will prepare a report to be formally presented to members and the Board on completion of the election.

Jan 18 - Feb 22 ← IPNSIG 2024 Election

Jan 18 - Jan 19 **Nominating Committee announces election timeline**

Jan 22 - Jan 25 **Online voting platform set up. Invitation to vote (electronic ballot) configured and ready to be sent to voters.**

Jan 26 - Jan 31 **Online Voting: Invitation to vote (electronic ballot) is sent individually to each Chapter member (voter) email address.**

Feb 2 - Feb 5 **Preliminary Results Announced**

Feb 6 - Feb 7 **Election results dispute period**

Feb 9 - Feb 15 **Election Committee Report**

Feb 9 - Feb 22 **Newly elected Board Members meet the newly expanded Board.**

**Announcement of results to the Board Members.**

Feb 1

**Board approves draft election rules & timeline**

Jan 18

**Announcement of the final results to all chapter's members**

Feb 8

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