

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees:

There are some administrative matters that we feel should be addressed within the elections procedures (i.e. **Internet Society Board of Trustees Procedures for selecting Trustees** – see: <http://www.isoc.org/isoc/general/trustees/select.shtml>). These are largely points of clarification and recommendation so as to make the procedures run more smoothly in the future based upon experience of the past two election cycles.

Attached is a word document indicating the changes we are requesting. Some are so brief and clear as to require no explanation (i.e. the suggested changes at pages 1, 6 and 9). (Page numbers have been inserted in the attached document for ease of review – these page numbers do not appear in the website.)

There are some where explanation is provided as follows:

1. Under **Candidates for Election** on page 4 you will see added language (we suggest no deletion of language here). The additional language is to make it a point of procedure to allow all candidates to participate on the ISOC managed mailing list of the particular constituency through the election cycle in cases where a candidate may not otherwise be eligible to participate on such a list. For example, if a candidate is nominated to run under the Organizational Member constituency, and that candidate is not a member of the ISOC Organizational Member Advisory Council, the candidate will be eligible to be added to the Advisory Council mailing list from the point at which he/she becomes a candidate through the election cycle to the final election results as determined after the resolution of challenges, if any.
2. Under **Election Conduct/Promotion of Election to Organizational Members and Chapters** on page 5 we make a few recommendations as you will see there. First, we place the responsibility to put in place a format for appropriate electronic dissemination of candidate information on staff rather than on the Election Committee. Each committee has tended to view this differently and we have seen proposals for blogs, bulletin boards, wikis and the like. We feel it makes sense for staff, under the CEO and Communications Department, to develop and present such a platform with guidance from the Election Committee as to questions to be posed to candidates and the like. It is believed that a consistent format will work to the benefit of the voters over time.

You will also see a reference to campaigning in this section. This is a difficult area as we do not want to inhibit legitimate conduct of business by or among candidates with the constituencies and it is at times difficult to determine where business ends and campaigning begins. Suffice to say that we have had very good and dedicated candidates over the years and, despite this, we still face periodic questions in this regard. We feel it is best to underscore that campaigning is discouraged and in this language we try to achieve that end.

**SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:**

**Be it Resolved:** that the following sections under the ‘Internet Society Board of Trustees Procedures for selecting Trustees’ be amended to read as indicated below:

### **Candidate/Trustee Uniqueness**

A person may be a candidate in only one election in any given year. If a candidate is nominated (by whatever means) for both the Organization Member and Chapter elections, that candidate must timely decide which election to participate in. Should a Trustee for whatever reason find that he/she would occupy more than one Board position simultaneously, that Trustee must relinquish all but one of these positions. Failing such action, the Board will take appropriate action.

### **Candidates for Election**

The Nominations Committee will announce the complete slate (nominated plus successful petitions) no less than 35 days prior to the election day. Each candidate shall be entitled, from the date their candidacy becomes effective, to participate in any restricted ISOC managed mail list pertaining to that particular constituency to which the candidate has been nominated.

### **Election Conduct/Promotion of Election to Organizational Members and Chapters**

Candidates will be given the opportunity to submit biographical information and an election statement. The ISOC staff will put in place a format for appropriate electronic dissemination of candidate information and will allow updating of this candidate information by the candidate until the end of the voting period. The Election Committee will manage the substantive information to be requested for such format from year to year. Active campaigning other than the aforementioned is strongly discouraged as befitting a professional, non-profit society such as ISOC.

### **Counting of Ballots**

The counting of ballots will take place on, or as closely as possible within ten days after, the election date, at a time and place established by the Elections Committee. At least two members of the Elections Committee shall be present at the counting of the ballots. The committee will establish procedures to ensure the privacy, validity and accuracy of all ballots. In the event of a tie vote for any position, fair and unbiased random selection will be used to determine the order of the tied candidates.

### **Eligibility to Participate in Election**

A Chapter may participate in the election process if they are in good standing as of the preceding December 31. Any disputes regarding eligibility must be resolved by the President of the society or his/her delegate within 31 days of this cutoff date.

A Chapter is deemed to be in good standing if they are included in the list of active Chapters that is periodically issued by the ISOC CEO or such CEO's designee. The process followed by the VP-Chapters must allow for reasonable appeal in the case of a Chapter not agreeing with the list contents.