

Election Rules

1. Write a short (200 words) essay stating why you want to run for this position and a rationale for why you are qualified. You may also submit a:
 - a. Bio or short CV (one page maximum), and
 - b. Short video (maximum 2 minutes) which will be made available to members.
2. Be sure to name the IOAPA member who is nominating you for this position (Please provide the name, country and email of the person - This will be verified by the IOAPA).
3. A two (2) minute live presentation by each candidate will be allowed during a Question & Answer meeting prior to the election allowing for members to ask questions of the candidates.
4. The order of the Elections will be as follows: President, followed by the other positions in this order: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Internet Coordinator, IOA Liaison, Marketing Officer, Head of Country Coordinators, Research Coordinator.
5. Candidates may be nominated for up to two (2) positions. If elected to a position, the candidate's name will be removed from subsequent positions.
6. Please see all [Executive Committee positions and respective duties](#).
7. All nominations are due to the Elections Commission 30 days prior to the Elections date (**14th March, 2025, 23:59 Central European Time (CET)**). Applications will NOT be accepted after that date.
 - a. In order to ensure fairness between EC and general members, the Elections Commission will not disclose the names of members who have submitted nominations to anyone until after the nomination period closes.
 - b. Alternatively, the Elections Commissions can post a list of currently accepted nominations every Friday (or date specified) during the 30

day period. This list would be available on the IOAPA website as well as across all social media platforms. That way, both the EC and general members have the same information and are not being provided with privileged information. Management of these posts would be done by a member of the Election Commission and they would require access to the IOAPA website and social media accounts in order to facilitate posting.

8. Seventy-Two (72) hours prior to the election, voting members will be emailed a personalised username and password by the platform administrator. At that time the voting system will be closed, and no members will be assigned voting credentials afterwards.
9. On Election Day, members must check in with their username and password to enter the voting session. Members who are late to enter the voting session will be locked out and ineligible to vote. The administrator will be standing by to help anyone with difficulties.
 - a. Members are asked to participate in the Election using reliable connectivity. If a voting member experiences connectivity issues during the election, they must contact the designated elections administrator immediately.
10. The elections will be conducted in the order of the position listed above.
11. If a candidate does not receive an absolute majority in the first round for a position, a second round will take place between the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes and will be decided by a simple majority.
12. In the case where there is only one candidate standing for election, the election will still proceed with that candidate's name on the ballot. Electors will be asked to vote "Yes / No" regarding whether they wish the candidate to be elected to the chosen position. A simple majority of "yes" votes will elect the candidate. If the candidate does not receive a majority of "yes" votes, the candidate will not be elected and the position declared vacant. As per IOAPA bylaws, any vacant position on the executive may be filled by majority vote of the EC.
13. Voting will be done electronically using a secured third party voting platform that has been used by IOAPA in the past two EC elections and that ensures anonymity and preserves the principles of one member one vote. www.polyas.com



- a. No member can be identified by name, so the voting is private and secure. Platform used will allow for scrutineers (members of the Election Commission) to verify the accuracy of the vote while maintaining the anonymity of the electors.

