

IACP ELECTIONS

Role of Nominations and Election Commission

In accordance with the rules established by the Board of Directors, the Nominations and Election Commission shall be responsible for identifying, screening, and reviewing individuals who are qualified to serve on the Executive Board. The Nominations and Election Commission shall report its findings on the eligibility of candidates to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall review the findings of the Nominations and Election Commission and determine the eligibility of candidates for office following the filing for office by a candidate.

The Nomination and Elections Commission shall have oversight of the conduct of IACP Elections. The Commission will also be responsible for reviewing and addressing any complaints regarding campaign practices. In the case of campaign rules violations, the Commission shall make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding remedial steps and/or candidate sanctions that are necessary to address the infraction.

Candidate Eligibility

In order to be eligible to serve on the IACP Executive Board a candidate must be:

- Regularly engaged in active police service as the operating chief executive of their public police agency (at the time of filing, certification, and election).
- An active member of the IACP in good standing for at least three years immediately prior to filing for office.
- Members of the Executive Board may not run for elected office until one year has passed since they completed service on the Executive Board (effective October 2019).
- Meet any other eligibility requirements established by the IACP Board of Directors.

Filing Deadline & Eligibility Certification

Candidate Filing Deadline

Any member seeking office shall file a declaration of candidacy for no more than one office and a certification of eligibility with the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer by close of business on December 31 on the year prior to the annual conference where the election will be held.

Eligibility Certification

The Board of Directors will review the findings of the Nominations and Elections Commission regarding candidate eligibility at its winter meeting. In addition, each year at the time of election, all candidates must certify that they remain eligible to serve on the Executive Board.

Designation of Campaign Manager and Campaign Treasurer

Candidate's may, if they choose, designate a campaign manager and campaign treasurer to assist them in their campaign. If a candidate wishes to do so they must file a "certificate of designation" with the Nominations and Election Commission setting forth the name of the campaign manager and/or treasurer. The candidate may serve as their own campaign manager and treasurer.

Prohibitions

The campaign manager or treasurer may not:

- be a person currently serving on the IACP Executive Board;
- serve on the Election Commission; or
- be a Sergeant-at-Arms.

Contributions

Definition

Contributions shall be defined as any cash, check, or goods and services provided for the benefit of a candidate for election. A fair market value shall be placed on all goods and services by the Campaign Treasurer.

Contribution Limit

No contribution to either the candidate or the candidate's association in excess of \$5,000 is permissible.

Contribution Reporting

All contributions in excess of \$500 to a candidate, or to a candidate's state association for the purposes of election, must be reported by the campaign. The report must specify the contributor's name, the business address, the amount donated, the date received, and the total amount of contribution made by a contributor for the entire campaign.

Anonymous Contributions

Anonymous contributions are prohibited.

Campaign Expenditures

Expenditure Limit

A candidate will be limited to a total of \$30,000 in expenditures for an entire campaign.

Hospitality Room

The costs associated with a candidate's state hospitality room shall be counted against this expenditure limit on any occasion where campaign material is present or distributed or campaign speeches are made by the candidate or members of his campaign team.

Financial Reporting

All candidates shall file with the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer a preliminary financial statement (including all contributions and expenses as listed above) with a certification of candidacy 90 days prior to the annual conference.

All candidates or designated campaign manager shall file an up-to-date financial statement with the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer before noon on the day the annual conference begins.

The Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer will forward said financial statement to the Nominations and Election Commission and the Board of Directors forthwith upon its receipt.

A final financial statement shall be filed with the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer within sixty (60) days after the election. The Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer shall report any failure to file to the Board of Directors.

The financial statement shall be open to inspection at any time to the Nominations and Election Commission.

Voting

Plurality Wins

The winner of the election shall be the candidate that receives the plurality of votes cast. (Plurality is defined by the number of votes cast for a candidate who receives more than any other but does not receive an absolute majority.)

Voting Date and Hours of Operation

The day of voting and the hours of voting will occur between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Monday at annual conference.

Ballot Placement

The order in which candidate names are listed on the election ballot will be determined by lot in accordance with the rules established by the Nominations and Elections Commission.

Voting Procedure

Each eligible member may cast one (1) vote per election. Proxy voting is strictly prohibited. Members must have a valid conference ID and show a secondary form of identification or otherwise verify IACP active membership status in order to cast a vote.

No Campaign Zone

Clear boundaries will be marked around the balloting area to designate no campaigning zones. Candidates will be informed of the no campaigning zones by the Nominations and Elections Commission.

Sergeant-at-Arms

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall maintain order and proper decorum during the election.

Poll Watcher

A poll watcher representing each candidate for each balloting location may be appointed by the respective campaign manager, such list of poll watchers shall be given to the Sergeant-at-Arms prior to the election.

Ballot Counting Procedures

No one except the Sergeant-at-Arms, Members of the Nominations and Election Commission, and individuals designated by the Nominations and Election shall be in the place where the ballots are being counted.

Campaign Practices

Pre-announcement Activities: Soliciting Support Letters

Candidates are allowed to solicit letters of support and recommendation from Association members prior to their official candidacy announcement. Candidates are not allowed to distribute, publish, or otherwise disseminate these letters prior to the official start of the campaign.

Campaign Kickoff

The campaign officially begins once the winner of the previous election has been determined and announced.

Use of Association Logo and Seal

Candidates are authorized to use only the IACP conference logo on their campaign materials. In no circumstances shall candidates use any other official IACP logo and/or seal.

Role of Elected or Appointed Leadership and IACP Staff

Current members of the elected or appointed leadership and IACP staff are prohibited from actively campaigning for or against, or endorsing, any candidate for IACP office.

Use of IACP Resources

Website

The IACP will develop and host a candidate web page on the IACP Website. Candidates will be able to post a candidate message as well as biographical information on the site. Guidelines governing the length and content of candidate material will be developed and disseminated by the Nominations and Elections Commission.

E-mails to IACP Voting Members (sent via IACP on behalf of candidates)

IACP will, on behalf of each declared and certified candidate, send two messages to its voting members via the IACP's communication network. The Nominations and Election Commission will develop and disseminate guidelines for the message content and also determine the dates of the mailings. In addition, the Nominations and Elections Commission will determine the dates of message distribution and the manner in which it is delivered.

Election Results for Previous 5 years

IACP will provide each candidate with a copy of the election results for the contested election held in the preceding five years. The results will only display the total number of voters per state or country.

Rosters

The IACP will provide each candidate with a roster of the President and Executive Director of the various State Association of Chiefs of Police. In addition, candidates may request a listing of IACP's World Regional Chairs. IACP will not provide any personalized identification on members, other than those listed.

Campaigning at IACP-Sponsored Events

During events sponsored and hosted by the IACP, the President will determine whether or not candidate speeches will be allowed. If speeches are allowed, then all candidates present will be provided with an equal opportunity to speak. At IACP sponsored and hosted events (other than the annual conference) posters and or other campaign signage are prohibited.

Campaigning at Non-IACP-Sponsored Events

At non-IACP sponsored events, candidates' speaking and other campaign activities will be determined by the event host.

Campaigning at the Annual Conference

Candidates' Speeches

Each candidate for contested office will be allowed an equal amount of time for campaign speeches at a general assembly of the annual conference. The President shall report the allocation of time for such speeches to the Election Commission, which shall not exceed 5 minutes per candidate. The Election Commission shall notify each candidate of the time allotted. Only the candidate will be permitted to speak.

The order in which candidates will speak will be determined by lot in accordance with the rules established by the Nominations and Election Commission.

Candidate Forum

The IACP will schedule a candidates' forum during the annual conference to provide an opportunity for candidates to speak with IACP members. The scheduling of the event as well as the guidelines for candidate participation will be determined by the Nominations and Elections Commission.

Candidate Booths

A table for campaigning and a main campaigning booth will be provided by the Nominations and Elections Commission to each candidate. The position of tables or booths will be selected by lot.

Campaign Zones

Banners, posters, other campaign materials may be placed only in locations prescribed by the Nominations and Election Commission. Campaign leafleting may only occur in areas prescribed by the Nominations and Elections Commission.

Campaign Workers

The actions of the campaign workers are considered to be the actions of the candidate. Any violation committed by a campaign worker will be treated as a violation committed by the candidate.

Campaign Hospitality Rooms

Campaign hospitality events will not be open during general assemblies, business sessions and workshops.

IACP Conference Hotels & Convention Center Rules

All requirements of hotels and convention centers will be strictly followed with regard to posting campaign literature or distributing campaign materials. Candidates are responsible for working with the hotels and convention center to determine their unique requirements. IACP will assist candidates in contacting the appropriate individuals at each venue.

Filling Candidate Vacancies

If no candidate has filed for an elected Board office, or a candidate withdraws or is found to be ineligible, and there are no other candidates who have declared for the office, the filing period shall be reopened.

All candidates who have previously filed for an office shall have 72 hours to refile or redeclare their candidacy for a particular office.

If no eligible candidates file for an office within the filing deadline, any eligible member may file candidacy for said vacancy with the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer on the opening day of the conference prior to election.

Sanctions

Investigation of Complaints

The Nominations and Elections Commission will be responsible for reviewing all candidate complaints or reports of potential campaign rule violations. The determination of the Nominations and Election Commission will be final.

Intermediate Sanctions

If the Nominations and Election Commission rules that a campaign violation has occurred, it will have the ability to impose sanctions on the campaign responsible. The sanction imposed by the Nominations and Election Commission will be proportionate to the violations. Sanctions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Reduction or cancellation of the time allotted for Candidate speech to the membership
- Reduction or prohibition on the use of IACP resources to contact the voting membership
- Removal of campaign signage from locations at the conference location
- Reduction in the hours of operation, or removal of, a candidate's booth at the annual conference
- Reduction in the amount of funds a candidate is authorized to expend on their campaign

Candidate Disqualification and Removal

For serious campaign violations that have irreversibly impacted the fairness of the election the Nominations and Election Commission may recommend the removal of a candidate from the ballot. Such recommendation would be presented to the IACP President. The IACP Board of Directors will be responsible for reviewing the recommendation, investigating the complaint, and making a final determination on a candidate's status.