

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK  
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**Announcement:**

**January 4, 2010**

**FAQ's about INPEA Election of Officers 2010:**

**Process, Procedure and Timeline**

The following is a list of "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ's)

The Answers are based in INPEA's By laws as implemented by the INPEA Nominations Committee.

1. What are the Eligible Offices?

The Eligible Offices are the following: The Office of the President, Vice President, Clerk/Secretary General, Honorary Treasure, per INPEA's By laws:

SECTION 4: OFFICES AND AGENTS

4.1 Number and Qualification. The offices of the NETWORK shall be Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and Clerk and other officers, if any, as the Board of Directors may appoint. An officer may, but need not be a member of the Board of Directors.

4.3 Tenure. The Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Clerk shall, hold office for one (1) year or until the next annual meeting of the NETWORK and until a successor is chosen and qualified, unless a shorter period shall have been specified by the terms of his election or appointment or, in each case, until death, resignation or disqualification. Officers may serve more than one term. Each agent shall retain his authority at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

2. What is the Timeline for the Election?

January 15, 2010: INPEA's Nominations Committee will set the slate.

January 15, 2010 Distribution of Ballots:

On or about January 15, 2010, the Nominations Committee will cause the Ballots to be electronically distributed by an independent entity to all INPEA Members in Good Standing.

January 30, 2010: Voting will close

February 4, 2010: The President will formally announce the results.

### 3. Who is eligible to vote in the Election of Officers?

The rules setting forth eligibility to vote can be found in INPEA By Laws: Sections 2, Membership, 4 Officers and Agents: Election and 6 Dues;

#### Section 2 Membership

2.3 Dues: Members in Good Standing are those who pay the annual dues.

#### Section 4 Officers and Agents

4.2 Election. The Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer, and Clerk shall be elected annually by the membership of the NETWORK. Other officers, if any, may be elected by the Board of Directors at any time.

#### Section 6. DUES

Dues for members shall be ratified by the Board of Directors at a duly constituted meeting of the Board and shall be payable the year to which they apply. Nonpayment of dues by members for two consecutive years shall be considered equivalent to resignation from the NETWORK.

### 4. How will INPEA conduct the Election?

A Nominating Committee is the specified method set forth in INPEA's By Laws below to develop a slate of viable Officer candidates.

#### INPEA By laws Sections

#### 3.7 Committees.

The Board of Directors may elect or appoint a Membership, Fundraising, Education/Research, and Conference committee and one or more other committees and may delegate to any such committee or committees any or all of their powers. Any committee to which the powers of the Board of Directors are delegated shall include members of the Board of Directors. Unless the Board of Directors otherwise delegate, committees shall conduct their affairs in the same manner as is provided in these By-Laws for the Board of Directors. The members of any committee shall remain in office at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

#### 3.7 1 Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members. The Chairperson shall appoint annually a member of the Board of Directors as chairman. The balance of the Committee shall consist of at least one (1) additional Board member and three (3) at large, the Committee shall prepare a slate of nominations for (i) elected officers; (ii) members of the Board of Directors; and (iii) members of the Nominating Committee.

### 5. Has INPEA formed a Nominating Committee?

INPEA's Nominating Committee was formed pursuant to INPEA's By Laws in anticipation of the 2009 Election of Officers. The five members were appointed by the President, Lia Daichman, in her role as Chairperson of the Board of

Directors, and as such it was established in the Fall 2008. Thereafter, the full committee was submitted to INPEA's Board of Directors who ratified all the members in Spring 2009 and all remain on the Committee at this point.

6. Who are the Members of the Nominating Committee?

The two required Board Members, who are serving as Co Chairs:

T. Nhongo, (Africa) and Lynn McDonald, (N. Am).

Three members at large, representing various regions

Laura Machado (Nat. Rep., Brazil)

Wayne Fielding, (Nat. Rep., Australia)

Simon Biggs (Special Advisor, UK).

7. How will candidates be identified?

The Nominating Committee's function is to develop a slate.

8. How can proposed nominees be submitted to the attention of the Nominations Comm.?

Nominations may be submitted via electronic submission to [Nominations2010@Inpea.net](mailto:Nominations2010@Inpea.net) This link is on the INPEA Web Home page.

9. What are the criteria for eligibility for candidacy?

INPEA's Nominations Committee Members are charged with developing an appropriate slate of candidates.

10. What is the Deadline for submitting nominations?

The Nominations Committee will set the slate on January 15, 2010, Therefore any nominations must reach them prior to this date.

11. How will we know who is on the slate?

Nominating Committee will set the slate on January 15, 2010

The Slate will be posted on the INPEA Web site. The Chair of the Nom Comm. will simultaneously E mail the slate to all members of INPEA's Exec. Comm., Board of Directors, Regional, National, UN Reps, and Special Advisors, Members in Good Standing, and any other person who submits a request to the NC to receive a copy of the slate.

12. How will other members and interested parties be informed of the slate?

The slate will be posted on the INPEA Web site.

Regional and National Reps will be asked to distribute to those members or other interested parties known to them.

13. How will the Ballot be distributed?

On or about January 15, 2010, the Ballot will be electronically distributed to all Members in Good Standing, to the e mail they provided to INPEA.

14. What is the time frame from Ballot distribution to close of voting?

January 15, 2010 is the target distribution date for the Ballot.  
January 30, 2010 is the date the voting will close.

15. Will there be an opportunity for eligible voters to "write in" candidates on the Ballot?

INPEA By laws provide the following opportunity to "write in" on the ballot:

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The Clerk shall mail the ballot to the members of the NETWORK not less than six weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Members shall have the opportunity to write in candidates of their own choice on the ballot, All ballots may be returned by mail to the Nominating Committee in advance of the annual meeting.

16. How will INPEA Members learn of the results of the Ballot?

Nominating Committee will transmit the results of the ballot tally to the President who will announce the results.

The final tally and results of the election will be placed on the web site and the Chair of the Nom Comm. will simultaneously E mail the results to all members of

INPEA's Exec. Comm., Board of Directors, Regional, National, UN Reps, and Special Advisors, Members in Good Standing, and any other person who submits a request to the NC to receive a copy of the results.

17. When will the newly elected officers take office?

Newly elected officers take office when they have been informed of the results and accept the office.

(Last updated January 4, 2010  
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