

TAC Board of Directors Announces New Nomination and Election Process for Board Vacancies

After a review of past practices and in alignment with General Operating Bylaw No 1 (our Constitution and Bylaws), the Board of Directors (BOD) has established a new nomination and election process for 2016. Once the Board declares the number of vacancies to be filled each year the following process will take place:

Nomination Process

- A call for nominations will be communicated to the general membership in January each year.
- Completed nominations form will be sent to Secretary via the Executive Director (ED) to confirm their eligibility for Office by March 1, 2016.
- The Past-President will form a sub-committee of the TAC BOD who will act as the Nominations Committee. They may also identify individuals for nomination.
- If more nominees than vacant positions then all nominees names (those put forward by a Member and those the Nominating Committee identify), would then be considered by the Nominations Committee.
- Nomination Committee submits a report to the full Board of Directors with recommended nominees for March meeting of the BOD.
- Board accepts the nomination list to fill the vacant positions.
- The list of nominees will be presented to the Voting Body of the Members minimally one (1) month prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM)- (by April 6, 2016) by email and posted on the TAC website with a photo and a short bio of each nominee.
- At the AGM the Past President will present the Report of the Nominations Committee identifying one more time the list of nominees.
- Once the report is presented, the Chair (President) asks if there are additional nominations from the Floor at the AGM.
- If there are additional names to be put forward at the AGM, a Member would be asked to come to the microphone, confirm their status as an eligible Member and propose who they would nominate. The ED will confirm eligibility as a member in good standing if necessary.
- The Chair will ask if the nominee is present to accept the nomination. If not, then the name will not be put forward.
- The Chair will call upon each person nominated from the Floor at the AGM if they accept the nomination. Any new nominee present at the meeting would then be offered two (2) minutes to introduce themselves to the Membership present.

Election Process

- **If there is only one person nominated for each of the vacant positions**, the Chair, after calling for nominations from the Floor and closing the nomination process, simply declares that the nominees are elected.
- **If there are more nominees than positions, then a vote by secret paper ballot will occur.**
- After the declaration or results of a vote, the Chair declares *"The elected candidates have indicated by agreement with their names put forth for nomination to accept the results of this election and therefore will form the new TAC Board of Directors and the duties as such, immediately following this AGM for a term of two (2) years."*