

Election of the Board members: Call for nominations

2017 is an election year for WIOMSA's Board of Trustees. We are pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for elections of the WIOMSA Board of Trustees. ***According to procedure, only members in good standing, that is paid WIOMSA members and registered students (who are exempted from paying membership fees) are eligible to nominate, be nominated and to vote.*** Paid members and students may make up to four nominations; one for each category (Island states, Mainland countries, Host country and membership from outside the region).

Current Trustees may be nominated subject to Article 9.2.4 (i) of the WIOMSA Constitution which states that the "The tenure of office for the President and Members of the Board shall be three years, eligible for one more re-appointment." Based on this, members of the current Board of Trustees who have only served one term are eligible for one more nomination and subsequent reappointment while those who have served two consecutive terms are ineligible.

The Nominations and Election Process:

i)	First Announcement and solicitation of nominations	1 February 2017
ii)	Deadline for submission of nominations	31 March 2017
iii)	Nominees confirming their willingness to stand for elections	1 – 15 April 2017
iv)	Deadline of nominees submitting their brief résumés	30 April 2017
v)	Production of special WIOMSA Newsbrief on details of prospective Candidates	June 2017
vi)	Distribution of ballot papers	July/August 2017
vii)	Deadline for submission of completed ballot papers	15 th October 2017
viii)	Opening of the ballot box at the 6 th General Assembly	3 rd November 2017

Paid members are urged to ensure their membership subscriptions are up to date in order to participate in this important process. For students, only those who are registered as students in WIOMSA membership database will be allowed to vote.

Your participation in the election is crucial in ensuring that we elect to the Board of Trustees members who can take the Association to the next level.