



**IAGP**  
International Association  
for Group Psychotherapy  
and Group Processes

**IAGP ELECTIONS - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)**  
**PART 1: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**  
**FOR THE 2022-2025 ADMINISTRATION,**  
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**ABOUT THE ELECTIONS**

**When and for what purpose are the IAGP elections held?**

IAGP holds governance elections once every three years, in accordance with its By-Laws, which can be viewed [here](#). Results of the upcoming elections from **1st to 18th May 2022**, will determine who will serve as IAGP office bearers for the 2022-2025 term.

**What is the timetable for the upcoming elections?**

by 12 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (at23:59 CET)	Acceptance of nominations from IAGP members and potential candidates. <b>NEW</b> Final deadline extension. <i>If you or someone you know shows interest and potential to help IAGP really make a difference, please nominate them now!</i>
13 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2022	Deliberations by the Nominating Committee and proposal of a slate to be formally approved by the IAGP Board of Directors at their online Board meeting, 22 <sup>nd</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> January, 2022
24 <sup>th</sup> January - 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Collation of materials from candidates to present to voters. Opportunities to get to know the candidates
<b>1<sup>st</sup> May – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>Voting</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> May – 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Results of voting announced; liaison with successful nominees and announcement of Administration for 2022-2025
From 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Preparation and orientation of new Administration
July 24 <sup>th</sup> 2022	2022-2025 Administration officially takes

	office in the first Board meeting at the end of the Pescara Congress
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**In what ways is this election different from previous IAGP elections?**

Following a vote on Bylaws changes by the entire IAGP membership in March 2021, some changes apply in this coming election, compared to the previous ones:

<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>WHY?</b>
No current officers automatically continue in their current positions or on the board - There is completely new voting for each position and all eligible candidates are given equal consideration.	More democratic and gives newer members of IAGP greater opportunity to serve on the Board.
More than half of the current Board have served under two consecutive terms, therefore the new 'continuity clause is triggered' and all who have only stood for a second consecutive term are eligible to stand for a third term	To enhance continuity
New experience requirements for senior officers (See below) and restriction whereby the President cannot serve two consecutive terms	To ensure that IAGP's senior management has adequate recent experience, with an opportunity for IAGP to experience new leadership every term.
The next term starts 4 years, not 3 years, after the beginning of the previous term.	In the past, IAGP terms of office were tied to triannual congress dates. In 2021, we unfortunately had to postpone our congress date until 2022 due to the pandemic. But the recent bylaws change will mean that future terms of office will always be three years, regardless of congress dates.

**Which positions are to be voted, and who is eligible to stand?**

In addition to requirements for specific positions (see below), candidates for all positions must be **fully paid up individual IAGP members** at the time of nomination and must commit to paying IAGP dues without a break until the end of the next administrative term (30th September, 2025).

<b>Executive Management Group (EMG)</b>	EMG Members (apart from the Young Professionals EMG member) and CAO Chair must have served on the Board at some point since 2012, but must not currently be serving for a third (or more) consecutive term.  The candidate for President must not be currently serving as President
<b>President</b>	
<b>Vice President</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>	
<b>Senior Executive Member</b>	

<b>Young Professionals Executive Member</b> (see below)	
<b>Consultative Assembly of Organisational Affiliates (CAOA)</b> <b>Chair of CAO A</b>	
<b>Section Chairs</b> <b>Chair, Analytic Group Section</b>  <b>Chair, Family Therapy Section</b>  <b>Chair, Organizational Consultancy Section</b>  <b>Chair, Psychodrama Section</b>  <b>Chair, Transcultural Section</b>  <b>Chair, Young Professionals Section</b> <i>The person elected to this position will automatically also become the Young Professionals Executive Member</i>	Any paid-up IAGP individual member
<b>General Board members</b> <b>Up to 15 general Board members</b>	
<b>Ethics Committee</b> <b>Chair and two additional members of Ethics and Professional Standards Committee</b>	According to the Bylaws, these three positions are not on the Board of Directors. All three require at least three years of previous IAGP membership.

**Can candidates stand for and/or take on more than one position?**

An individual may only stand for one position, EXCEPT that a person standing for a post on the Executive Management Group, CAO A Chair or Section Chair may also stand as a general Board member. The votes which he/she receives for general Board member will only be counted if he/she is not successfully elected as an EMG Member/Chair.

Candidates for all Ethics Committee positions may not stand for any other position.

**What is involved in serving on the Board/Ethics Committee, and what do specific positions require?**

- IAGP officers are trustees of IAGP with legal responsibility to:
- Carry out the aims of IAGP for public benefit
- Comply with the Bylaws
- Act in the best interests of IAGP
- Manage resources responsibly
- Act with reasonable care and skill

Board members will be expected to take up a role on behalf of IAGP. In this role they will have certain responsibilities that require email correspondence. If they are unable to respond to emails within three days they are asked to notify colleagues who are expecting a reply.

For details of the different roles, please see the IAGP Bylaws <https://www.iagp.com/about-new/about-new/iagps-bylaws/> or consult with the Chair of the Governance and Bylaws Committee: [governance@iagp.com](mailto:governance@iagp.com)

## **NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF MATERIAL FROM CANDIDATES**

### **Who is eligible to nominate candidates and vote?**

#### **Nominate**

To nominate a candidate for any position, you must be a **fully paid-up individual IAGP member and/or the official representative of a paid-up IAGP affiliate organisation** at the time you submit your nomination (by January 12<sup>th</sup> 2021). Each IAGP member may submit no more than two nominations (each must be for a specific candidate and position). Members may nominate themselves and this counts as one of the two available nominations. Members of the Nominating Committee are not permitted to nominate candidates.

#### **Vote**

The list of eligible voters is finalized 24 hours before the start of the election and includes all **individual IAGP members and official representatives of affiliate organizations whose membership fees have been received and acknowledged by IAGP**. An individual who is both an individual IAGP member and the official representative of an affiliate organization may vote once as an individual and once on behalf of his/her organization.

### **What are the procedures to stand for and support a candidate for election?**

#### **IF YOU KNOW AN ELIGIBLE IAGP MEMBER WHOM YOU FEEL WOULD BE IDEAL TO FILL A VACANT POSITION**

- please let him/her know why you are interested in supporting his/her candidacy and encourage him/her to apply as below.

#### **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN STANDING FOR ELECTION AND HAVE TWO IAGP MEMBERS WHO ARE EAGER TO SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION**

- please send us an email containing all of the following

- Your full name and the name of the position for which you are applying (Please also put these in the SUBJECT LINE of your email)
- Your updated contact details (preferred email, alternative email and telephone for the period preceding and during the elections)
- Biography (up to 200 words)
- Statement of your vision for IAGP (up to 200 words)
- Endorsements (up to 200 words each) and contact details of 2 paid-up IAGP members in support of your candidacy. Please note that each paid-up IAGP member can only endorse two candidacies. Members of the Nominating Committee are not permitted to endorse candidates.
- A head and shoulders picture.

Materials should be sent to the Nominating Committee (nominations@iagp.com ) to arrive by 23.59 CET on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022. They will be acknowledged within three days of receipt. If you do not receive a confirmation via email, please write again.

Applications will be treated in confidence by the Nominating Committee.



## **FURTHER INFORMATION AND QUERIES**

### **Who should be contacted with questions about the elections?**

Questions about nominations should be sent to the Nominating Committee at [nominations@iagp.com](mailto:nominations@iagp.com)

For queries about the election procedures, including eligibility regulations, please contact the Chair of the IAGP Governance and Bylaws Committee [governance@iagp.com](mailto:governance@iagp.com)

To check when your IAGP dues were paid (to determine eligibility for nominating and voting), please contact [office@iagp.com](mailto:office@iagp.com)

**NB: A FAQ COVERING THE VOTING PROCEDURES WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON AS THE SLATE OF NOMINATIONS IS APPROVED**