

ISC2 Policy Governing Petition Requirements For Board Elections

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Approved by: ISC2 Board of Directors

Overview

The ISC2 Board of Directors supports open and active participation in director elections by all certified members in good standing (“Members”), as defined in [ISC2’s membership policies](#). To that end, the ISC2 Bylaws allow for a Member to secure placement on the official ballot for the Annual Director Election by submitting a signed, written petition endorsed by at least 500 Members as of the election announcement date. The petition must be delivered to the Board at least sixty (60) days prior to the start of the election.

Purpose

This policy establishes standards for accepting petitions relating to Board elections, ensuring transparency, integrity, and accessibility in the nomination process.

Scope

This policy applies to all Members submitting petitions to qualify for placement on the official ballot for Board elections. As a reminder, associates and candidates are not eligible to serve on the Board of Directors.

Requirements

Any Member wishing to submit a petition for a spot on the ballot (the “Petitioner”) must collect valid signatures from at least 500 Members (the “Signers”). All information provided about Signers must match the Signer’s ISC2 member profile.

Note: All signatures must be dated within six (6) months prior to the submission date of the petition.

Petitions shall include the following information:

A. If Submitted Electronically, the Petition Must:

1. Include the exact copy of the text of the petition.
2. Include the original e-mail from each Signer’s ISC2-registered email address. Such original email must include:
 - a. The exact copy of the text of the petition
 - b. The Signer’s details matching their ISC2 member record including:
 - 1) Name
 - 2) Physical address
 - 3) ISC2 Member Number

- c. The email header showing the date received by the Petitioner.
3. Include a csv readable file that states:
 - a) Each of the 500 Signers':
 1. Name
 2. Physical Address
 3. ISC2 E-mail address of record
 4. ISC2 Member Number
 5. The date the Petitioner received the Signer's email.

Note: All signatures must be dated within six (6) months prior to the submission date of the petition.

4. Be submitted via e-mail to legal@isc2.org at least 60 days prior to the start of the election with a signed statement, digital or handwritten, affirming the information is true and correct to the best of the Petitioner's knowledge.

B. If Submitted In Writing, the Petition Must:

1. Include the exact copy of the text of the petition.
2. Include the original signature document from the Signer. Such document must include:
 - d. The exact copy of the text of the petition
 - e. The Signer's details matching their ISC2 member record including:
 - 1) Name
 - 2) Physical address
 - 3) Email address
 - 4) ISC2 Member Number
 - 5) Date signed
 - 6) Signature
3. Include a csv readable file that states:
 - a) Each of the 500 Signers':
 - 1) Name
 - 2) Physical address
 - 3) E-mail address
 - 4) Member Number
 - 5) The date the Petitioner signed the petition.

Note: All signatures must be dated within six (6) months prior to the submission date of the petition.

4. Be submitted via e-mail to legal@isc2.org at least 60 days prior to the start of the election with a signed statement, digital or handwritten, affirming the information is true and correct to the best of the Petitioner's knowledge.
5. In addition, the Petitioner must mail the petition and all original signature pages to ISC2's Corporate Headquarters at:

ISC2
Attn: Legal Department
625 N Washington Street, Suite 400
Alexandria, VA 22314

Review

Upon receipt of the petition, ISC2 will review and validate whether the petition meets the threshold requirements as stated in this policy. ISC2 will notify the ISC2 Board of Directors and the Petitioner of the outcome of its review within 10 business days of receipt.

Dispute Resolution

If the Petitioner disagrees with ISC2's decision, they may file an appeal within 10 business days. Appeals shall be reviewed by the ISC2 Business Practices Committee. The panel will inform the Petitioner of its decision within 21 business days of receiving the appeal. The panel's decision shall be final and binding.

Related Policies

- ISC2 Policy Governing Scope of Member Petition Rights to Add Agenda Items to Meetings