

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

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Approved by: ISC2 Board of Directors

Purpose

This policy clarifies the permissible scope of items that certified members in good standing (“Members”), as defined in [ISC2’s membership policies](#) may propose by petition for inclusion on the agenda of ISC2 Annual Meetings or for the calling of a Special Meeting of the Members.

Scope

This policy applies to all Members submitting petitions to add agenda items to any Membership or Special Meeting. As a reminder, associates and candidates are not eligible to petition for agenda items.

Legal Framework

In accordance with Article VI, Section 8 of the ISC2 Bylaws, Members may petition to:

- Add an item to the agenda of a scheduled Membership Meeting, or
- Request that a Special Meeting be called to consider a specific item of new business.

To ensure legal and organizational integrity, such petitioned items must pertain exclusively to matters over which the membership has legitimate authority, as defined by:

- The ISC2 Bylaws
- The ISC2 Articles of Organization
- Applicable law (including sections of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 180)

Permissible Petition Topics Include (but are not limited to):

- Election or recall of Directors
- Proposed Bylaws amendments
- Approval of a merger, consolidation, or substantial asset disposition
- Any matter explicitly designated for membership vote in the Bylaws

Excluded Topics

Petitioned items shall not be accepted if they:

- Concern matters under the exclusive authority of the Board of Directors or management (e.g., personnel, policy implementation)
- If they seek to override the board that is not within the members’ purview
- Involve individual grievances, certification disputes, or ethics complaints
- Are operational or administrative in nature

Submission Process

ISC2 shall review submitted petitions to verify:

- That the proposed item falls within the permitted scope
- That the item is clearly stated and suitable for membership action

Petitions outside the permitted scope will be returned to the Petitioner within 10 business days with a brief written explanation after informing the Board of the petition.

Petitions that may reasonably be within the permitted scope will be submitted to the Board for review and consideration. The Board then has 21 business days to certify the agenda item to allow the Petitioner to obtain the required number of signatures.

Only after receiving certification of the agenda item may a Petitioner proceed with obtaining signatures and submitting the petition to add an agenda item to any Membership or Special Meeting. The collection of signatures should follow the same process as outlined in the **ISC2 Policy Governing Petition Requirements For Board Elections**.

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 Petition Requirements For Board Elections