

OpenID Foundation Election Procedures

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Who stands for election?

For this election, all seven community board seats are open for election. The current community directors are the founding directors of the foundation who self-selected and were not elected.

How many votes can a member cast and how may they be cast?

Voters may cast up to as many votes as there are positions to fill. For the upcoming election this number is 7. At most one vote may be cast per candidate. Ballots casting more than the eligible number of votes are invalid and will be discarded.

How do vote tallies translate into the election outcome?

The seven candidates receiving the most votes will have been elected. Those receiving fewer than the seventh place candidate will not have been elected.

What happens in the event of a tie?

A second runoff election will be held in the event of a tie that would affect the set of elected directors. If the runoff results in a second tie, the tie will be broken by a coin toss by the elections committee chair that is observed by at least two board members who are not standing for election in the present election.

How long will the term of office be for elected board members?

Normally the directors will have two-year terms. For this election, however, we want to stagger the terms so that half the elected directors will have one year initial terms and others will have two year terms. This will mean that henceforward, we will have elections every year, with half of the community directors standing for election every two years.

Which directors will serve one year terms and which will serve two year terms following the upcoming election?

The four candidates obtaining the most votes will serve two year terms. The three candidates obtaining the next most votes will serve for one year. In the event of a tie among the fourth place candidates, all will serve one year terms.

Who is eligible to vote?

OpenID members with valid memberships during any day of the election period are eligible to vote.

Who is eligible to run for the board?

Individuals who are valid individual foundation members at the time of the election are eligible to run, provided that term limits do not apply to them for that election. For

clarity, individuals employed by corporate foundation members may run, including those employed by corporate board members, but they must nonetheless be paid individual foundation members to run for community board seats.

What term limits apply?

Directors serve for a maximum of four consecutive elected terms. After being off the board for two years they are eligible to run again.

How are candidates nominated?

Candidates may be nominated by two methods. A nominating committee formed for that election can nominate them. Or candidates can self-nominate with the endorsement of three additional OpenID Foundation members who support their nomination. (In this election, no nominating committees was formed, and therefore only self-nominations will occur.)

How are nominations submitted?

Nominations occur via the OpenID Foundation elections tool, which can be accessed by OpenID Foundation members at <https://openid.net/foundation/members/>.

How is the nominating committee formed?

A nominating committee should be formed before each election consisting of people who are knowledgeable about the OpenID Foundation who agree not to run for the board. It is their job to nominate a slate of candidates to stand for election. The chair of the nominating committee is selected by the board president and must be affirmed by a majority vote of the then sitting board. This process repeats until a willing nominating committee chair receives a majority board vote affirming their appointment. The nominating committee chair then has complete freedom to choose additional committee members.

What does the nominating committee produce?

The nominating committee produces a public report listing candidates that have agreed to run for the board that it recommends to the voters for election.

Will there be a nominating committee for this election?

The board did not select a nominating committee for this election.

How will we advertise the election?

Notice of the election will be posted prominently on our web site and e-mailed to members. Other announcement vehicles may be employed as well, such as a note sent to the general OpenID mailing list.

What turnout constitutes a quorum for a valid election?

There is no quorum requirement among the eligible voters.

How do eligible voters vote?

The election will be conducted using the OpenIDs associated with the members' memberships.

What do we do about the fact that some members don't have OpenIDs associated with their memberships yet?

Members will be informed that in order to participate, they must log in with their OpenIDs and informed that, should problems occur, that these can be resolved by sending mail to membership@oidf.org.

How can members confirm that their OpenID has been associated with their membership prior to the election?

Members can confirm that their OpenID is registered by logging in at <https://openid.net/foundation/members/>.

What happens if a member hasn't associated an OpenID with their membership by the date of the election?

Members are unable to participate in an election unless they have an OpenID associated with their membership. They can associate an OpenID with their membership by contacting membership@oidf.org.

What is the election timeline?

The election will be conducted on the following schedule:

Nominations open: Monday, November 24

Nominations close: Monday, December 8

Election begins: Wednesday, December 10

Election ends: Wednesday, December 24

Results announced by: Wednesday, December 31

New board terms start: Thursday, January 1

Times on all dates are Noon, U.S. Pacific Time.