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# NOMINATING COMMITTEE FACT SHEET

The Nominating Committee is a standing committee of IFAC that recommends candidates for IFAC boards and committees

## Purpose

The Nominating Committee makes recommendations to the IFAC Council regarding the composition of the IFAC Board and candidates for the office of Deputy President. The Nominating Committee recommends to the IFAC Board the appointment of chairs, deputy chairs, and members to IFAC boards and committees. The Public Interest Oversight Board (PIOB) approves the nominations to IFAC's Public Interest Activity Committees, and ordinary members of the Nominating Committee. (See Public Interest Oversight below).

## Guiding Principles

The Nominating Committee is guided in its work by the principle of choosing the best person for the position. In so doing, it endeavors to balance the nominee's abilities and professional qualifications with the representational needs of the board or committee. The Nominating Committee also seeks a broad regional and professional representation as well as representations from countries with different levels of economic development.

## Public Interest Oversight

The Public Interest Oversight Board, formed in February 2005 and comprised of representatives of regulatory bodies and international institutions, approves the appointments to IFAC's Public Interest Activity Committees (PIACs) — International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB), International Accounting Education Standards Board (IAESB), International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA), and Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP). The PIOB has the right to observe and speak at Nominating Committee meetings where appointments for PIACs and the Nominating Committee are made.

## Nominations Process

The volunteer members of IFAC boards and committees are central to IFAC's ability to achieve its mission to serve the public interest.

### Call for Nominations

Each calendar year, the Nominating Committee issues a *Call for Nominations for IFAC Boards and Committees*. Both the Call and its companion guide, *Developing a Nominations Strategy*, are designed to help IFAC stakeholders identify the most qualified person for nomination to each available position on the boards and committees. These in-depth documents, located on the IFAC website, contain strategic and practical advice for nominating organizations and other individuals, which allows them to make more informed decisions in their selections and to understand the requirements and expectations of the nominees.

### Candidate Qualifications

Appointment as a member of an IFAC board or committee is a significant commitment and requires active involvement. A candidate must possess significant experience and expertise in the area of focus of the board or committee. In accepting an appointment, the candidate assumes the duties and responsibilities of the role, including:

- Acting in the public interest and the common interest of the worldwide accountancy profession.
- Acting as an ambassador for IFAC and the boards and committees in the member's country in explaining and promoting the work of IFAC and the boards and committees; and
- Preparing for, attending, and actively participating in all meetings of the board or committee and its task forces or other working groups.

## Nominations Timetable

IFAC's Nominating Committee issues the *Call for Nominations for IFAC Boards and Committees* on January 15 of each year, and nominations may be submitted from January 15 to March 15 of each year. The Nominating Committee then reviews all applications, conducts interviews and makes recommendations to the IFAC Board. Formal approval of all nominations to IFAC's boards and committees takes place at IFAC's Board and Council meetings. Nominations to PIACs must also be approved by the PIOB.

## Nominating Committee Members

The Nominating Committee consists of seven voting members—two ex-officio members (the IFAC's President and Deputy President) and no less than four ordinary members of whom two may be IFAC Board members. Nominating Committee members have to be members of a Member Body, and are appointed by the IFAC Council and the PIOB on the recommendation of the IFAC Board. IFAC's Chief Executive Officer serves as secretary of the Nominating Committee and has speaking, but not voting, rights.

## About IFAC

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## Contact Information

For more information about the Nominating Committee, its current activities, or for information about the qualifications for a specific board or committee, please visit the Nominating Committee's website at <http://www.ifac.org/about-ifac/structure-governance/nominating-committee> or contact Elena Churikova, Governance Associate by telephone: +1 (212) 471-8730 or email: [ElenaChurikova@ifac.org](mailto:ElenaChurikova@ifac.org).