



The IPA strives to bring the voices of pediatricians everywhere to the tables of global child health, and to emphasize programs and actions which address the health of all our children. We need dedicated members to govern our organization and advance its work. The IPA Standing Committee and IPA Executive Officers are crucial in this regard. We look to you, our Member Societies, to put forth your best representatives to carry our IPA mission forward.

Important Dates for IPA President Elect and SC Members Elections 2021-2023 Term

Particular	Timeline
Mail regarding Call for Nomination of the President -Elect and SC members will be sent on	28th Sept 2020
Last date to receive the nominations for President Elect and SC members will be	07th Nov 2020
Final list of eligible candidates declared and posted on IPA Website	15 th Nov 2020
Virtual Council of Delegates meeting and Elections of IPA President Elect and SC members for 2021-2023	08 th May 2021

Important Dates for IPA Executive Officers Elections

Particular	Timeline
Call for Nomination for IPA Executive Officers (Executive Director, Treasurer, and Coordinator of Development) will be sent on	1st Dec 2020
Last date to receive the nomination for IPA Executive Officers will be	15th Jan 2021
Final list of eligible candidates will be released on	22 Jan 2021
Elections for Executive Officers will be conducted electronically through Election runner	Between 23rd Jan to 06 th Feb 2021
Results of the Executive Officers will be declared on	07 th Feb 2021

Due to the current pandemic situation, IPA will be holding a virtual Council of Delegates meeting on **08th May 2021, 07:00am -10:00 am Chicago time, 12pm UTC/GMT**

This Council will hold important elections for:

1. President-Elect
2. Regional Representatives for the Standing Committee(SC)
3. Pediatric Subspecialty Representatives for the Standing Committee

PLEASE NOTE: -As the next two IPA congresses are in place for 2023 and 2025, IPA is not accepting bid for the future congresses.If there will be any changes we will inform you.

Preparation for the Council of Delegates Meetings May 2021

Each IPA Member Society should now:

- Select a single official voting delegate for your society. Please find attached the voting delegate form to fill out and return.
- Note that for those countries with more than one National Member Society, there can only be one national vote, the voting representative being chosen by consensus of the National Societies involved or as the representative of the National Society with the greatest number of members.
- Nominate candidates for the 2021-2023 IPA Standing Committee who can best represent your country and region, and who are committed to working with IPA on the many issues of the global child health.

President-Elect

The IPA President-Elect is elected for a 2-year term by the Council of Delegates (CD). This is followed by a full term as the IPA President. The IPA President is the highest elected leader of IPA and has a principal voice in IPA goals, objectives, and resource allocation. The President chairs the IPA EC (Executive Committee), SC and CD. She/he serves as a voting member of the EC and SC.

Nominations packet for President-Elect must reach latest by **November 7, 2020** and include these documents:

- 1) Covering letter from the candidate stating why he/she is interested in serving as IPA President
- 2) Candidate curriculum vitae (CV)
- 3) 3 letters of nominations from 3 different IPA member societies in good standing. One letter must be from the national pediatric society in which he/she is a member.

- 4) Duly filled conflict of Interest form which will be shared by IPA admin office.

The post of President-Elect of the IPA requires a rotation of geographic representation.

The Eligible Presidential candidates must represent a region from which there has been no President- Elect for the two preceding terms. Therefore, for the year 2021-23 IPA will be unable to accept nominations for candidates from the North America or Central Asiaregions.

Election of the 2021-2023 IPA Standing Committee

In Article 4.8 (IPA Constitution), the composition of the Standing Committee and the seven IPA geographic regions are defined. Each of the regions will be represented on the Standing Committee by two members. The seven geographic regions as currently defined in the Constitution are Asia Pacific * (see footnote concerning APPA in [IPA Constitution](#)), Central Asia, Europe, Latin America (including Mexico), Middle East/ North Africa, North America (Canada and USA), and Sub-Saharan Africa. Due to size and population, the Asia-Pacific region has 2 additional representatives elected by the CD. For procedural matters of IPA, including voting, each National Member Society must declare itself a voting member of one of the above defined regions, presuming that the Member Societies will generally choose to vote with the region in which they reside. Please note that the names of candidates must be selected by the regional societies from the potential nominees proposed by the national societies within that region.

In Article 4.9 (IPA Constitution), the mechanism of election of members to the Standing Committee is described: "Each of the seven IPA geographic regions will be represented on the Standing Committee by its President, and in addition will present a list of at least two candidates proposed by Member National Pediatric Societies of that region with due consideration of rotation of all areas within the region. Each of the Member International Pediatric Medical and Surgical Specialty Societies will present one duly elected candidate. At least six months prior to the International Congress, names and curricula vitae of all candidates will be sent to the IPA administrative office. At the time of the International Congress, the Council of Delegates will

endorse the regional Presidents as members of the Standing Committee and elect one additional representative from each of the seven geographic regions from the candidates presented by each region, and will elect five members from the list of candidates presented by Member International Pediatric Medical and Surgical Specialty Societies.

Article 4.11 (IPA Constitution) states that “No elected individual will serve as a regular member of the Standing Committee for more than two consecutive two year terms”.

The Standing Committee is the major governing committee of the International Pediatric Association, and it is important that all candidates for the Standing Committee to active participation in Standing Committee work should they be elected. Terms of reference and qualifications for Standing Committee candidates have been outlined by the IPA Standing and Executive Committees as follows:

Terms of reference for the IPA Standing Committee:

Selection:

Twenty One members of the IPA SC will be elected/ approved by the Council of Delegates every two years as outlined in the IPA Constitution. In addition, the members of the IPA Executive Committee are voting members of the Standing Committee.

Basic functions of the Standing Committee:

The IPA Standing Committee functions as a board of regional and specialty representatives to guide IPA in the best interests of children everywhere

Duties and Responsibilities of Standing Committee members:

- To support the IPA vision, goals and values.
- To develop the strategic planning of the IPA and make decisions on behalf of the CD between its regularly scheduled meetings when needed.

- To establish policies in accordance with the objectives of IPA, subject to ratification by the CD at its followmeeting.
- To appoint advisors and advisorycommittees.
- To approve IPA budgets and operations on the recommendation of the President, Treasurer and the ExecutiveDirector.
- To elect an Executive Director, Coordinator of Development, and Treasurer from a list of candidates nominated by theEC.
- To elect two members of the EC from the newly constitutedSC every two years to serve on both SC and EC to maximize integration and coordination.
- Assists members of the EC to review and carry out the objectives of the organizations.

Qualifications for memberships on the IPA Standing Committee include:

- Legitimately nominated through a democratic process of the regional or specialty society.
- Interest in international health, and track record of activity in international child health. Recognized as an active pediatric leader in national and regionalpediatrics.
- Understanding of global policy affecting child health including the SDGs and issues of global child health such as the survival-health-development of mothers and newborns andchildren.
- Understanding of IPA an organization and commitment to being a good representative of IPA and IPAvalues.
- Commitment to attend all Standing Committee meetings and to function actively on IPA Committees asdesignated.
- Commitment to communicate regularly with the regional society he/she represents and with its national member societies about IPAactivities,

and to report back to IPA the concerns and ideas of these regional and national member societies.

- Commitment to address with Pediatric Societies within his/her regional issues that arise from IPA or from any of its partners concerning the profession of pediatrics or child health within the region represented.
- Commitment to the IPA code of ethics and to IPA statements on key issues.
- A team player whose overriding concern is advancing global child health and the international pediatric profession.

Procedures for nomination of candidates for election to the Standing Committee from IPA Member Societies have been defined by the IPA Standing and Executive Committees as follows:

- Each of the IPA 7 geographic regions should identify the President of its Regional Pediatric Society who will be in office as of May 2021; this individual after endorsement by Council of Delegate will occupy 1st seat in the 2021-2023 Standing Committee. Societies without a single regional society (for example, North America) should make alternative arrangements for presenting candidates.
- The IPA administrative office should receive a list of candidates from each of the seven IPA geographic regions for election to the second regional Standing Committee seat. These candidates will be chosen by the Regional Society from the candidates nominated by each of its National Member Societies. The method of selection should be deemed fair and transparent by all concerned.
- As per the resolution of IPA SC on 23rd Nov 2019, one SC seat be allocated to each of the European societies (EPA, EAP) from 2021 onwards. Further, modalities regarding nomination/election will be discussed and decided by EC of IPA
- Regional Societies are requested to mark IPA admin office adminoffice@ipa-world.org a copy of the email which will be sent to

National Societies regarding nomination. Similarly, National Societies sending their nomination to Regional Societies are requested to mark a copy of the mail to IPA admin office for information.

- If there are more than 2 candidates then, they have to send a list of shortlisted candidates after due process.
- The Voting delegate should be officially designated by the IPA member society and he/she must be a member of that IPA member Society. The voting delegate cannot represent more than one IPA members societies
- Those countries with more than one National Member Society, there can only be one national vote, the voting representative being chosen by consensus of the National Societies involved or as the representative of the National Society with the greatest number of members.
- Due to valid reason if there is any change in Voting delegate, The president of the society will be accepted as the voting delegate after verification.
- If it is anyone other than the president then a letter of authority from the society along with photo identity proof must be submitted before the start of the Council of Delegates voting session.
- The Council of Delegates will elect the second representative of each region from the list of Regional candidates. Voting for regional representative will be done by member society representatives from the same region.
- The nomination for the Standing Committee must be received by the **IPA Executive Director latest by November 7, 2020** and the Nominations packet must include these documents
 - 1) A covering letter from each candidate describing why he/she is interested in serving on the IPASC
 - 2) Nomination Letter from the respective IPA member society of he/she is a member
 - 3) Curriculum Vitae (CV)

4) Duly filled Conflict of Interest Form

5) Nominating Member society should ensure and declare that suggested nominee has a qualified personal and professional reputation and is a member of good standing of their pediatric society.

- A formal slate of candidates will be drawn up in the IPA executive and administrative offices shortly after **November 8, 2020**. This list and the corresponding curricula vitae and statements of candidates will then be distributed to the Council of Delegates for consideration.
- Please note that to be eligible for voting and elections, a Member Society must have paid membership dues for two years
- Elections of President-elect and of the 2021-2023 Standing Committee members will be conducted during the Council of Delegates session by confidential E voting. A quorum of 50% plus one of IPA member societies is required for valid voting.
- Later we will inform you about how Election and E voting procedures will be conducted

Elections of IPA Executive Officers

Candidates for the Executive Director, Coordinator of Development, and Treasurer will be elected by the SC. These executives will be in charge of technical, administrative and financial affairs of the IPA in consultation with the EC and SC

Executives (which do not include the President or President-Elect) can serve up to 2 terms, except for Executive Director who may serve up to 3 terms.

The Executive Director, along with the President, shall be responsible to the CD and to the SC for carrying out their policies and decisions .

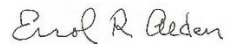
The IPA Treasurer shall receive a half-yearly statement of accounts from the IPA Administrative Office which will be analyzed and then recommended, or not, for approval to the EC and SC. These financial statements of accounts must be validated by external audit prior to the Treasurer's evaluation.

The Treasurer will preside over a Finance and Development Committee that consists of the IPA President, the Executive Director, and the Coordinator of Development, other 9 members from the EC and SC and external consultants whenever found necessary

The elections will be conducted electronically through Election runner between **23rd-6th Feb 2021** and results will be declared on **7th Feb2021**

If any of you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

Best Regards



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