

RULES OF PROCEDURE for the Election of the Executive Board

Acting in accordance with the OWSD Constitution, the General Assembly has adopted the following Rules of Procedure to govern the election of the President of the Organization, the Vice-Presidents of the Organization and the Regional Members of the Executive Board.

1. At least 9 months in advance of the next General Assembly, the Executive Board shall approve a Nominations Committee.
2. The role of the Nominations Committee shall be to propose candidates for election as President, Vice-President and Regional Members of the Executive Board.
3. The Executive Board shall select the Chair of the Nominations Committee, who must be a long-standing collaborator of OWSD.
4. In addition to the Chair, the Nominations Committee shall consist of five individuals who do not seek election to the Board, to be selected from among: OWSD past presidents; outgoing EB members; OWSD Ambassadors; OWSD Friends; representatives from the 'Trieste system' including TWAS, IAP, ICTP; and representatives from OWSD long-term partner organizations.
5. At least 3 of the 5 members of the Nominations Committee will come from, or be based in, a developing country.
6. In the overall composition of the Committee there shall, whenever possible, be a balance between disciplines and regions.
7. At least 6 months in advance of the General Assembly, the Nominations Committee shall consult with all members of the incumbent Executive Board to ascertain which members are eligible and available for re-election.
8. At least 6 months in advance of the General Assembly, the Nominations Committee shall open a call for applications to all Full Members of the Organization for election to the Board. Candidates must be Full Members and their self-nominations shall be seconded by two Full Members.
9. In accordance with an agreed voting schedule, the Nominations Committee shall propose to all OWSD Full Members a shortlist of the candidates that fulfill all eligibility criteria specified in the published Terms of Reference related to their roles.
10. Elections will be held at least three months in advance of the General Assembly and take place online through a voting platform (proposed by the OWSD Secretariat and approved by the Executive Board). The Chair of the Nominations Committee shall ascertain that the OWSD Secretariat correctly applies all related procedures.
11. All OWSD Full Members shall first elect the President, then elect the Vice-Presidents, then elect Regional Members. No two members (including the President) of the Board can have the same country of nationality.

12. All candidates must declare their nationality/ citizenship at the time of the nomination (supported by a valid ID, passport, or evidence of long-term residence).
13. Full members from all regions are invited to elect the president.
14. Only members from the region (based on nationality) can vote for their respective Vice President and Regional Members.
15. For each position to be filled, the candidate to receive the majority of votes shall be elected.