

2008 Elections for the Information Architecture Institute's Board of Directors

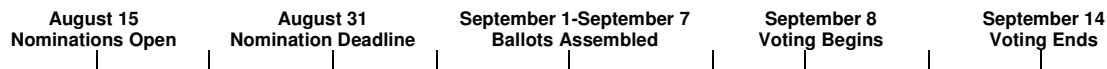
Nomination and Election Process

Introduction

Annual elections for the IAI Board of Directors will be held from September 8 to September 14, 2008. The Board includes seven (7) members. Current members who have not completed their two-year terms include Jorge Arango, Peter Boersma and Stacy Surla. Eric Reiss, Christian Crumlish, Donna Maurer, and Sarah Rice are at the conclusion of their two-year terms¹; therefore four (4) directorships are open.

This document describes the nomination and election process, per the framework established by the organization's bylaws.²

Timeline



Nomination Process

Any IAI member may nominate anyone for consideration as a candidate for the election.³ Self-nominations are welcome. If you know someone who has demonstrated commitment and leadership potential, please complete this brief nomination form by **August 31st**.

Nomination Form

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=GfR_2fOYBXzRRa9ofKbN8PQw_3d_3d

The nominations will be posted publicly and updated regularly on the web site:

http://iainstitute.org/en/about/people/nominations_2008.php

Any nominee may request that their nomination be withdrawn by sending email to the Election Committee (elections2008@iainstitute.org).⁴

¹ Per the bylaws, board members serve for two year terms and can serve no more than two consecutive terms.

² Please see our bylaws at http://iainstitute.org/documents/iai_bylaws.pdf for further reference.

³ Candidates must be Members by the time ballots are assembled on **September 7th**, or they will not be included.

⁴ The Election Committee includes the presiding Board of Directors and representatives from both the Advisory Board and the Regular Membership.

Election Process

Upon conclusion of the nomination process, nominees will be asked whether they intend to run for office. Those who decide to run will be expected to provide a biography and position statement, which will be posted along with a photograph (optional), original nominations, and any letters of support on the web site:

http://iainstitute.org/en/about/people/candidates_2008.php

The election itself will begin on September 8th. All members will receive an email message by end-of-day September 7th that provides instructions. No votes will be accepted after the **September 14, 2008 Voting Deadline**. Winners of the election will be notified by the Election Committee. In case of a draw, the winner will be chosen by lot. Should a winner decline the invitation to serve, runners-up will be contacted. Once all open positions are filled, the Election Committee will notify the membership of the results.

Suggested Selection Criteria

Based upon our experience during the first year of operation, the presiding Board of Directors recommends the following criteria for consideration:

- *Commitment*. Candidates should have demonstrated real commitment through action to IAI and to the information architecture community.
- *Leadership*. Candidates should possess the ability to motivate, organize and lead diverse, international teams of volunteers.
- *Relationships*. Candidates should have solid professional networks and the ability to build bridges between disciplines, cultures and organizations.

Questions and Comments

Please direct all questions, comments and suggestions to the Election Committee:

elections2008@iainstitute.org

This document and all related information will be posted publicly on the Institute's web site:

http://iainstitute.org/en/about/people/election_2008.php