The election of the next IFCC Executive Board: timing and process

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INTRODUCTION
The current IFCC Executive Board (EB) has commenced its second of three years in office. It will finish its term on 31 December 2020 and a new EB will take over on 1 January 2021. This short article aims to explain the timescale and the process for electing the next EB, and readers may be surprised to learn that the ‘starting gun has already been fired’.

COMPOSITION OF THE IFCC EXECUTIVE BOARD
The EB has the following composition:

- IFCC President, who serves one year as President-Elect and then three years as President. He/she is elected by IFCC Full Members
- IFCC Secretary and IFCC Treasurer. These two office bearers serve for three years and are each eligible to serve for a second three-year term. They are elected by IFCC Full Members
- Representatives of the six IFCC Regional Federations. The IFCC Full Members in each Regional Federation elect their representative to serve a three-year term
- Corporate Representative, who is elected by IFCC Corporate Members. He/she serves for three years and is eligible to serve for a second three-year term
- IFCC Past President, who serves for two years after he/she has completed their term as President. He/she does not serve in the final year of the EB when the President-Elect is present.

The IFCC Office supports EB and attends its meetings in a non-voting capacity.

SCHEDULE FOR ELECTION OF THE NEXT IFCC EXECUTIVE BOARD
The schedule is shown in the Figure. It starts with the election of the President, who will serve on the Executive Board as President-Elect from January 2020 and serve as President from January 2021. The election of the Secretary and Treasurer commences once the nominees for President have been announced. The election of the Regional Federation representatives and the Corporate Representative commences once the nominees for Secretary and Treasurer are known.

The election of each EB member involves four stages:
- A call for nominations lasting three months
- One month for the Nominations Committee to consider the nominations received
- A period to allow the approved nominees to lobby for support
- One month for the electronic ballot by the appropriate electorate

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
The Nominations Committee (NC) oversees the election of the next EB. It undertakes this role independently from the current EB. The NC has three functions:
- To encourage others to submit nominations. Members of the NC cannot be nominees; do not solicit nominations directly; and cannot sponsor a nominee
- To assess the validity of the nominations received in terms of the IFCC Statutes and Rules. All valid nominations will go forward to the ballot; the NC has no role in shortlisting nominations.
- To oversee each ballot in collaboration with the IFCC Office and to announce the results of each ballot

The membership of the IFCC Nominations Committee for the next EB is:
- Graham Beastall (UK) - a former Past President
- Maurizio Ferrari (IT) - the immediate Past President
- Bernard Gouget (FR) - the Chair of the previous Nominations Committee

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- Angela Amayo (KE) - representing the African Federation (AFCC)
- Endang Hoyaranda (ID) - representing the Asian Pacific Federation (APFCB)
- Montserrat Blanes (PY) - representing the Latin American Federation (COLABIOCLI)
- Huib Storm (NL) - representing the European Federation (EFLM)
- Nathalie LePage (CA) - representing the North American Federation (NAFCC)
- Osama Najjar (PS) - representing the Arab Federation (AFCB)

**ELECTION OF THE NEXT IFCC PRESIDENT**

IFCC Full Member societies have been contacted by the NC and invited to submit nominations for the role of the next IFCC President. The call for nominations opened on 1st February and will close on the 30th April, 2019.

Nominations should be made on the appropriate nominations form and must be approved by the Full Member society, which is responsible for submitting the nomination.

Persons wishing to suggest a suitable nominee should discuss the topic with a Full Member society of which they are a member.

**Schedule for Election of Next Executive Board 2019**

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**LEGEND**

- CALL: Call for nominations
- NC: Nomination Committee evaluate
- LOBBYING: Distribution to NR/CR-lobbying
- BALLOT: Electronic ballot
- RESULTS: Results announced