Committee Charter

The purpose of the Elections Committee (the "Committee") is to assist the Board of Directors (the "Board") by conducting elections for NANOG Board positions, proposed amendments to governing documents, and to conduct any other election-related matters as directed by the NANOG Board. The Election Committee is to review the NANOG Bylaws periodically.

- The Committee consists of at least three NANOG members in good standing, one of which must be a NANOG Board member who is not up for re-election. The Board appoints the Committee. The Committee will elect its Chair from among its members.
- The Committee must meet at least twice a year. First, to elect officers and to certify the electronic election process. The second time to verify and announce the results of the election. Board members who are not members of the Committee can not attend meetings of the Committee, except when invited by the Committee.
- A majority of the Committee constitutes a quorum at any given meeting. The action of that quorum, at a given session, will be the action of the Committee.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Committee provides oversight of the elections process for board candidates, bylaw changes, and any other procedure that requires membership approval. This includes the development of necessary notices, forms, candidates’ forums, rules and any other administrative procedures related to elections. To meet its responsibilities, the Committee will do the following:

- Conduct and ensure the fairness and integrity of NANOG's election process.
- Confirm a quorum of Members has voted, in accordance with the NANOG Bylaws.
- Fulfill all provisions as directed by NANOG election procedures.
- Organize and oversee candidate forums.
- Ensure the security of the election ballots.
- Confirm the accuracy of any proposed bylaw changes.
- Ensure the security of the NANOG's online election system.
In addition, the Committee must be able to uphold the high standards required by NANOG bylaws regarding impartiality and confidentiality of the election results and reliability regarding participation in the annual election count. The Committee will require staff assistance in election procedures. Staff will also assist in posting the candidates, their bios, potential bylaw changes and approved minutes on the NANOG website. An Election Committee member serves a two year term, and no more than two consecutive terms.

Should a committee member be nominated for a seat on the Board of Directors during their Election Committee appointment - they must recuse themselves from the committee if they wish to accept the nomination. A committee member cannot be up for election and on the Election Committee simultaneously.