



Procedures for the Election of the

IMU Executive Committee (EC)

IMU Commission for Developing Countries (CDC)

Joint International Commission on the History of Mathematics (ICHM)¹

1. The **Nominating Committee (NC)** of the International Mathematical Union is formed with the purpose of presenting slates of nominations to the Adhering Organizations in preparation for the elections at the General Assembly. It consists of seven people chosen as follows:
 - a. **Chair:** The Chair of the IMU Nominating Committee is chosen by the IMU President and must not be a current member of the IMU EC, or work in the same country as the President.
 - b. **President of IMU:** The current President of IMU, in the year that the Nominating Committee is formed, is a member of the IMU Nominating Committee with full voting rights.
 - c. **Three other persons** chosen at random from nominations: The Executive Committee of IMU arranges for the choice of three people at random from nominations received from Adhering Organizations of IMU of persons who are not current members of the IMU Executive Committee, who are willing to serve, and who do not work in the same country as the NC Chair or the IMU President.
 - d. **This call for nominations** should be sent to the Adhering Organizations by 1 May in the year ICM-2 (that is, two years prior to the International Congress of Mathematicians), with nominations to be received by 1 August of the same year. One person must be chosen from nominations submitted by Groups I and II, one person chosen from nominations submitted by Groups III and IV and one person chosen from nominations submitted by Group V. Adhering Organizations with full voting rights may submit one name of a person who is willing to serve. If there are no nominations in one of these three categories, then a person will be chosen at random from the other two categories.
 - e. **Two persons with experience of IMU:** Finally, two persons are chosen jointly by the NC Chair and the IMU President. In the event of disagreement, the Chair and President each chooses one person. These two people should ideally be former members of the IMU Executive Committee or, if such persons are unavailable, have significant experience of IMU's affairs. In order to gain a

¹ *Adopted by the IMU General Assembly in Bangalore, 2010; subsequently amended by the IMU General Assembly in Gyeongju, 2014. Further amended by the IMU Executive Committee in February 2022 and in July 2024.*

balanced IMU Nominating Committee, the Chair and President consider criteria such as geography, sub-field representation, and gender representation.

2. Duties of the IMU Nominating Committee

- a. **Nomination slates** are formed for the IMU Executive Committee (EC), the IMU Commission for Developing Countries (CDC), and the Joint International Commission on the History of Mathematics (ICHM).
- b. The **slates for the commissions** are formed taking advice from the current officers of these commissions, but this advice is not binding on the IMU Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is asked to distribute its nominations for the EC geographically so as to represent as equally as possible the whole international community of mathematicians. The connections of individual candidates to the countries where they were born, educated, or have lived in the past may be considered in addition to the country in which they presently reside.
- c. **EC Nominations:** The IMU Nominating Committee nominates one name for the position of President of IMU, Secretary General of IMU, and one name for each of the two Vice Presidents of IMU. It nominates at least two more names than the number of Members-at-Large of the IMU EC.
- d. **CDC Nominations:** Six members of the CDC are elected by the IMU General Assembly. The IMU Nominating Committee forms a slate with at least one name for each of the positions of President, Secretary for Policy, and Secretary for Grant Selection and at least two names for each of the three positions for CDC Members-at-Large in representation of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Alternative names for each of the positions can be proposed at the General Assembly from the floor. For each of the six positions the candidate with the most votes is elected. The President can only serve one term, while the Secretary for Policy, the Secretary for Grant Selection, as well as Members-at-Large, can serve no more than two terms.
- e. **ICHM Nominations:** The IMU Nominating Committee nominates at least two more names than the number of ICHM representatives. ICHM members can serve no more than two terms.
- f. **Schedule:** By 1 March ICM-2, the Chair of the IMU Nominating Committee accepts post. By 1 October ICM-2, the Committee is complete, and the Adhering Organizations will be informed about its composition.

3. Calls for Nominations

- a. By 1 November ICM-2, the IMU Secretary General sends a call for nominations to the Adhering Organizations and Committees for Mathematics for the offices of President and Secretary General of IMU. The Adhering Organizations' and Committees for Mathematics' submissions must include a candidate's declaration of willingness to serve if elected and a CV. These nominations are due by 15 January ICM-1.
- b. By 1 April ICM-1 the Nominating Committee sends their nominations for IMU President and IMU Secretary General to the Adhering Organizations, giving

opportunity for comments, to be received by 1 June ICM-1. If no objections, the IMU President-nominee and the IMU Secretary General-nominee are invited as observers to the IMU Executive Committee meetings in the year of the ICM.

- c. By 1 September ICM-1, the IMU Secretary General sends a call for nominations to the Adhering Organizations and Committees for Mathematics for the offices of Vice Presidents and Members-at-Large for the IMU EC, the President, Secretaries and Members-at-Large for CDC, and for the IMU Representatives to ICHM. The Adhering Organizations' and Committees for Mathematics' submissions must include a candidate's declaration of willingness to serve if elected and a CV. These nominations are due by 15 November ICM-1.
 - d. The Nominating Committee is free to nominate persons for all offices.
4. **Slate:** Two months prior to the IMU GA, the Secretary General sends to the Adhering Organizations and Committees for Mathematics the IMU NC slates, including candidates' CVs, plus a list of all persons nominated. The Adhering Organizations and Committees for Mathematics are asked to cooperate in having their delegates to the IMU General Assembly fully informed.

5. **General Assembly**

- a. On the first day of the GA meeting, an **Election Committee** is formed which consists of all members of the Nominating Committee and all Past IMU Presidents present at the GA and, if necessary, further GA delegates elected to reach a membership of at least five. The election shall be from names either proposed by the President or proposed and seconded from the floor by show of hands, unless the meeting decides otherwise. The Election Committee is chaired by the Chair of the Nominating Committee, or if unavailable, by the IMU President. The Election Committee is responsible for handling the election process and deciding on all issues related to it that may arise.
- b. The Chair of the Election Committee presents the EC, CDC, and ICHM slates to the General Assembly.
- c. Further nominations can be made from the floor after the slates of the IMU Nominating Committee have been presented. In case of the IMU EC, the nominations must be drawn from names previously offered by the Adhering Organizations and Committees for Mathematics as in item 3., signed by at least ten delegates, from at least three countries. In exceptional circumstances, EC nominations not previously offered as in item 3. can be made from the floor provided that each case be approved by a vote of the GA. Each such nomination must be accompanied by a statement of willingness to serve, a two-page CV and be signed by at least ten delegates, from at least three countries.
- d. The IMU General Assembly shall then elect the following: the new IMU President, the two IMU Vice-Presidents, the IMU Secretary General, and the six Members-at-Large for the IMU EC; the new President, the two Secretaries and the three Members-at-Large for CDC; the two IMU Representatives to ICHM. The vote is taken via written ballots that include the Nominating Committee slates as well as the list of nominations from the floor as stated in 5.c.

- e. Voting by the General Assembly shall be by delegations, provided that each delegation shall be free to cast the votes to which it is entitled either as a unit or divided in such a manner as it may determine. Each delegation receives the number of ballots corresponding to its specific number of votes and one envelope. The head of each delegation distributes a ballot to each delegate present. To record a vote, a delegate marks an "X" in the column next to the candidate's name and then places the ballot in the envelope provided. Each delegation must return all ballots distributed to them, even if the delegation votes as a whole, e.g., Group III receives three ballots and must return three completed ballots, even if the ballots are identical. The head of each delegation has the responsibility to complete any ballot for which no delegate is present. Alternatively, the voting may take place using an electronic voting system that complies with the procedure described here with the necessary modifications.
- f. A vote shall be invalid if more names are marked in any category than the number of places to be filled (i.e., IMU EC — one each for President and Secretary General, one for each of the two Vice-Presidents and one for each of the Members-at-Large, CDC — one each for President and the two Secretaries and one for each of the Members-at-Large, ICHM — one for each of the two IMU representatives).
- g. A candidate for IMU President or IMU Secretary General is elected if he or she obtains a majority of the votes cast. In the event of a tie, the balloting is repeated. If a tie still exists, the IMU President decides.
- h. In the ballots for the IMU Vice-Presidents and Members-at-Large of the EC, the candidates who obtain the largest numbers of votes shall be elected. In the event of a tie, the IMU President decides.
- i. In the ballots for the CDC President and the CDC Secretaries a candidate is elected if he or she obtains a majority of the votes cast. In the event of a tie, the balloting is repeated. If a tie still exists, the IMU President decides.
- j. In the ballots for the CDC Members-at-Large, the candidates who obtain the largest numbers of votes shall be elected. In the event of a tie, the IMU President decides.
- k. In the ballots for the IMU ICHM representatives, the two candidates who obtain the largest numbers of votes shall be elected. In the event of a tie, the IMU President decides.