

Listed below are some common questions asked about elections and the nomination process. These have been referenced with the ICF Branch By-laws 2006 (p. 14-16) and with the ICF Central Council.

a. Should every branch member receive a phone call to run for an office?

No. Elections are announced at BM and GM. Nominating Committee will also contact existing Board Members, follow-up recommendations, speak with members that have expressed interest, and solicit nominations from the floor to be added to printed ballot. This has been done. Write-in nominations will also be added the evening of the election. There is not a By-Law that outlines how to gather candidates.

b. Can a member be nominated and run for President if they have not held an office on the Board?

Yes. According to Branch By-laws, "No person shall be elected to the office of President in an existing branch unless that person has been a member of the ICF within the same branch for six(6) months prior to the election." This is the case for both Presidential candidates.

**Note: At the 2007 ICF Convention this article was voted on and passed by Branch Delegates to read "... member of the ICF for six(6) months prior to the election."*

c. Can members of Nominating Committee be nominated / run for an office?

Yes. Any branch member in good standing (has paid yearly dues) is eligible to be elected for office. According to By-laws, "A member cannot be elected to office if he or she is not in good standing with yearly dues." This has also been confirmed by Central Council.

d. Can an office be shared?

Yes. Although every branch is encouraged to fill every position there are many times where that is not the case. In Branch By-laws, offices that can be combined as one are: Financial Secretary/ Treasurer. Other offices that have been combined are Recording/Corresponding Secretary and 1st VP/2nd VP. Offices can be shared if there are multiple candidates who wish to do so. Specific examples of shared terms – 4 Presidents to 1 Branch, 2 Presidents to 1 Branch, 2

Sentinels to 1 Branch. This practice has been confirmed and noted as acceptable by Central Council.

e. Why were nominations held in August instead of October?

Nominations in our branch have been held in September, however with the Bocce Tournament Fundraiser they were held earlier. The reason that we hold nominations a month early is to increase the opportunities for candidates to come forward as well as to have as many candidates as possible typed on the official ballot. Nominations held in October could only be write-ins.

f. Can Nominating Committee offer suggestions to candidates to consider sharing a position, evaluate Board experience, or to re-evaluate renewal of current position?

Yes, to all of the above. It is up to the Nominating Committee to ask about sharing a position if multiple members are interested. It is up to the candidate to say yes or no in regards to sharing a position. Also, the Nominating Committee has a responsibility to explain the duties of the position and to help a potential candidate evaluate if that is what they want to do. Finally, it is up to the Nomination Committee to ask current officers if they wish to renew their same position or not or further if they would like to try something else. Again, it is up to the potential candidate to say yes or no to running for an office or being nominated by other branch member.

If you have any other questions regarding elections or any other ICF process, please feel free to contact any of the Branch 380 Officers. Also, ICF Branch By-laws and Rituals can be accessed on the web at www.icf.org.