



CPA - Elections 2014 Clarification

The Winter issue of Psynopsis (page 32) contained an article with information relevant to the 2014 election. As detailed in the article, CPA's election procedures have changed in order to comply with the new Canadian Not for Profit Corporations Act (CNCA). Below is a summary of the election changes the membership can expect in 2014 and going forward:

- There will be the usual election call announced in the Summer issue of Psynopsis and via CPA news. As has always been the case, the call will detail which seats are available to be filled in the upcoming year.
- All those qualifying nominations for a given seat will be presented as individuals for vote by the membership. The call and CPA's by-laws clarify the qualifications for nomination including where a seat must be nominated by a Section.
- If there is only one nominee for a given position, it will be presented along with any other nominees which were the only ones for a given position, as a slate. The membership then votes on the slate of what used to be considered acclaimed nominations.
- The only way a slate can be overturned by the membership is if the membership presents an alternative slate of nominees who otherwise meet all qualifications for nomination.
- CPA's Board has some seats designated for representatives from partner organizations (e.g. CSBBCS, CPAP, CCPPP). The respective organizations put forward the representative who will take up the seat on the organization's behalf. These representatives together will form another slate. The membership will also vote on this slate and can overturn it by proposing an alternate slate of representatives who otherwise meet all qualifications for nomination for the designated position.
- An officer's term begins in June at the time of the AGM. In the past, we used to convene elections in the winter before the beginning of the term; we now must hold the election at the AGM
- The membership has the right to make nominations from the floor of the AGM but, as mentioned, any individuals or slates proposed from the floor must meet all qualifications for nomination for an available seat.
- At the 2014 AGM, we will present a motion to the membership to amend the bylaws to allow for advance voting so that from 2015 onwards, members who do not attend the AGM will still have the opportunity to vote on the election of members of the Board.

For any further questions or need for clarification on voting procedures, by-laws or elections please contact mpearson@cpa.ca