



# Election Rules and Timeline for the 2025 Internet Society Interplanetary Chapter Online Election

## 1) Introduction

The goal of this election is to select seven new Board Members to replace those whose terms are expiring in early 2025.

## 2) Scope

These rules cover eligibility, procedures, and dispute resolution for the Interplanetary Chapter Online Election

## 3) Positions

This election will result in the replacement or reelection of seven Board Members whose terms are expiring in early 2025. There are two members elected in 2024 whose terms are not expiring. The By-laws allow for a maximum Board size of nine members.

### Terms of positions

In early 2024, the Board decided that it was not beneficial to the organization to undergo the potential harmful turnover of electing seven new Board Members every three years. It is much more desirable to elect three new Board Members each year, minimizing turnover and organizational churn.

We can reach a “normal” election cycle of electing only three Board Members each year, minimizing churn and administrative overhead. We will do this by creating 3 Classes of Board Member position election years in a staggered manner, as illustrated below.

Election Yr.	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Three 1 yr Terms Elected	Class 1				Normal Cycle of three Bd. members elected each year begins...	
One 2 yr Term Elected Felix Juan			Class 2			
Three 3 yr. Terms Elected				Class 3		

Here's a timeline laying out the terms by election year

Time Frame	How many elected	Term	Comments
January, 2024	2	3 yrs	Additional two members enabled by Resolution in late 2023 Board Meeting
January, 2025	7	3 for 3 yrs; 1 for 2 yrs; 3 for 1 yr	Determine by votes received: Three receiving the most votes get 3 year terms; 4 <sup>th</sup> highest gets 2 years, and lowest 3 get a 1 yr term
January, 2026	3	3 yrs	<b>Class 1:</b> These replace those who got 1 yr terms in 2025 elections
January, 2027	3	3 yrs	<b>Class 2:</b> These replace two additions elected in January, 2024 + one elected in 2025 for a one yr. term
January, 2028	3	3 yrs	<b>Class 3:</b> These replace those elected for three year terms in 2025

In fairness, the Board believes term length should be determined by the number of votes received, with the longest terms being allocated to those Board Member candidates receiving the most votes, and the shortest terms allocated to those receiving the fewest votes amongst the seven candidates receiving the most votes. Any ties will be broken by random chance, witnessed by at least two Nominating Committee members.

#### 4) Eligibility

a) In order to vote in these elections, a person must:

Be a member of the Interplanetary Chapter of the Internet Society no fewer than 21 days prior to the date of the election (i.e., they must appear in the Internet Society's AMS membership database as a member of the Interplanetary Chapter).

b) Persons who stand for any of the positions mentioned under Section 3) Positions above, must during the term of Board Membership:

- Be a member of the Interplanetary Chapter of the Internet Society.
- Commit to engaging in Board discussions and meetings.
- Commit to furthering the work of the Chapter toward realizing the expansion of the Internet into space for the good of humanity.
- Have their qualifications reviewed and approved by the Nominating Committee.

## 5) Procedure

- a) The Election will be conducted fully online via an online tool (a link will be distributed to the members at least one week prior to the start of the voting period).
- b) A Nominating Committee has been formed comprised of the current Board, plus two Chapter members who are not Board members.
- c) The Nominating Committee will announce the election timeline on the Chapter's website.
- d) The Nominating Committee has sent out an invitation for members to express their interest in standing for Board Member election. Candidates will have submitted a resume and references to the Nominating Committee no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The Nominating Committee may elect to have vetting interviews with any candidate.
- e) The Nominating Committee will publish a list of validated candidates at the close of the nomination period. Any person who will have sent a nomination but does not appear in the list of validated candidates will be informed by the Nominating Committee 48 hours in advance of the publication of the nomination list.
- f) The Nominating Committee will configure the online voting tool according to a list of open positions and approved candidates.
- g) An invitation to vote will be sent out to all members by the Nominating Committee. Members will be asked to vote for two candidates. The candidates receiving the seven highest vote totals will be the winners of the election.
- h) Multiple reminders (at least 2) to vote will be sent during the online voting period.
- i) A final reminder will be sent 24 hours before the end of the online voting period.
- j) The online voting will automatically close at the day and time approved by the Board.
- k) The Nominating Committee will share the results (24 hours after the end of online voting) directly with Board members.
- l) The Nominating Committee will verify the results and publish the election results within 24 hours of receiving them to the entire chapter membership.
- m) The elected Board Members will take office immediately. The expanded Board will meet within two weeks of the election to welcome the new Board Members and discuss roles and responsibilities. If necessary, the Board will vote to establish new Officer responsibilities.
- n) Dispute resolution
  - i) Members may register any complaint with the Nominating Committee at any time in the process by sending an e-mail to [elections@ipnsig.org](mailto:elections@ipnsig.org)
  - ii) If any member believes that a standing candidate or voter is not eligible according to Section 4 of these Rules, or during the election process has violated the Internet Society Code of Conduct, they may present an appeal to the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee has final discretion over the consideration of such appeals, including dismissal, and has the authority to disqualify a voter or candidate.
  - iii) The Nominating Committee will rely on the Internet Society Membership portal to resolve disputes on the voter/candidate membership to the Chapter.
- o) Report
  - 1) The Secretary will prepare a report to be formally presented to members and the Board on completion of the election.

# Interplanetary Chapter Board Elections 2025 Nov 25 - Feb 24

Nominating Committee announces election rules, timeline and call for candidates to all members. ▶ Nov 25 - Nov 26

Members respond indicating their interest, provide background info ▶ Nov 27 - Dec 17

Nominating Committee conducts vetting interviews as required ▶ Dec 18 - Jan 7

Invitation to vote (electronic ballot) configured and ready to be sent to voters. ▶ Dec 31 - Jan 8

Nominating Committee extracts current membership from ISOC AMS ▶ Jan 1 - Jan 2

Campaign period: Members can ask questions of candidates via email. ▶ Jan 9 - Jan 22

Online Voting: Invitations to vote sent to each member one week prior to voting period opening. ▶ Jan 23 - Jan 29

Announcement of results to the Board Members. ▶ Jan 30 - Jan 31

Preliminary Results Announced ▶ Feb 3 - Feb 4

Election results dispute period ▶ Feb 5 - Feb 6

Announcement of the final results to all chapter members ▶ Feb 7 - Feb 10

Election Committee Report ▶ Feb 11 - Feb 17

Newly elected Board Members meet the newly expanded Board. ▶ Feb 11 - Feb 24

**Board approves draft election rules & timeline**  
Nov 25, 2024

**Publication of list of approved candidates with background info**  
Jan 8, 2025



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