



# Nominations Committee - [Pilot Phase]

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## 1. Preface

The Executive Council is one of the most important bodies in the ICOM organisation. It is the governing body of ICOM and its members are elected for a period of three years. It ensures that the decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly are implemented and that ICOM's programme is carried out. The Secretary General receives his guidelines from and reports to the Executive Council. It is therefore extremely important that the Executive Council consist of the most experienced, skilled personalities among ICOM's members. This governing body should also be balanced between female and male members and achieve the geographic representation that ICOM as an international organisation demands.

The Nominations Committee's purpose is to support the work necessary to provide ICOM with good leadership that has the capacity to make the right decisions to bring the museum and heritage world forward, and leadership to develop and modernise ICOM for this task. I hope this committee has contributed to this result.

On the behalf of the Nominations Committee I hope the Committees work contributes to this purpose. Our recommendations from Seoul, 2004, and revised by AC in June 2005 were seriously discussed both by The Nominations Committee and The Executive Council last June. A revised version was put on the table to The Advisory Committee and accepted.

Knut Wik  
Chair, Nominations Committee

Trondheim, Norway  
September 2005

**Members of the Nomination Committee:**

Ossama El Meguid (ICOM Arab)

Ben Koevoets (IATM)

Diana Pardue (ICAMT)

Mohammed Saley Tim (Niger)

Maria Laura Tomea (Italy)

Gerhard Winter (NATHIST)

In-Kyung Chang, (ICOM ASPAC)

Representative of ICOM LAC (no name given)

Bernice Murphy (Chairperson of the Ethics Committee)

Günther Dembski (representing the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee)

Eloisa Zell (representing the Secretariat)

Knut Wik (Norway) - Chairperson

2. Revised version of the Recommendations adopted by the AC in May 2006.

In its meeting Saturday, May 27, the Nominations Committee took into consideration some questions connected to nominations and elections:

- The relation between the Elections Officer and The Nominations (and Elections) Committee
- Electronic voting
- Voting procedures for elections within the AC
- The result of this discussion gave two new recommendations and a revised one.
- Information-possibility to presentations

Recommendation 1:

A permanent Nomination and Elections Committee should be established and elected by the Advisory Committee in 2007. The name of the committee should be The Nominations and Elections Committee.

Recommendation 2:

If a standing Nominations and Elections Committee is approved, membership should not exceed more than seven (7) members:

1 Election Officer

1 representative from the Secretariat

2 representatives from the International Committees and Affiliated Organisations.

2 representatives from the National Committees and Regional Organisations.

1 Chair of the committee elected by the Advisory Committee

Recommendation 3:

The committee members are not eligible to be candidates for the Executive Council. Committee members who wish to be considered as candidates of the Executive Council, will withdraw from the committee before the nominations are opened.

Recommendation 4:

The committee shall formulate a clear, brief description of the mandate and procedures of the nomination and election processes.

Recommendation 5:

The candidates for the Executive Council should be given the opportunity to present themselves in appropriate manner in all stages of the nominations and elections. Information about each candidate, including and indication of their experience and contribution to ICOM, should be provided to better inform the membership.

Recommendation 6:

The Nominations Committee recommends making changes to Article 27 of the ICOM Statutes , to clarify the role of the Committee in the nomination and election process. Several numbers of the recommendations require change in the statutes

Recommendation 7:

Should a member of the Advisory Committee be eventually elected as an officer or ordinary member of the Executive Council, he or she must relinquish this position of the Advisory Committee.

Recommendation 8:

There will be no electronic voting for the Executive Council at the General Assembly in Vienna 2007, only paper ballots. The Nominations Committee will explore possibilities of electronic voting and electronic counting for future General Assemblies.

Recommendation 9:

The Nominations Committee will work on establishing voting procedures for elections within the Advisory Committee if necessary.

### 3. Evaluation of the Voting Procedures

An evaluation of the voting procedures as practised in Seoul was necessary to achieve further development of the elections and voting procedures. The main reasons for changing the procedures were to make the voting procedures more convenient and practical, and of course provide tools for a more democratic organisation. We have discussed several comments and questions. Among them the question if it is more convenient to have electronic voting. Conclusion: There will be no electronic voting for the Executive Council at the General Assembly in Vienna 2007, only paper ballots. The Nominations Committee will explore possibilities of electronic voting and electronic counting for future General Assemblies.

### 4. Nominations to the 2007-2010 Executive Council

The first part of the Nominations to the 2007-2010 Executive Council is now finished. According to article 27 in the statutes, the Secretary General sent in January, out a letter which invited the National Committees, International Committees and Affiliated Committees to nominate candidates for election as officers or as ordinary members of the Executive Council.

At the same time information was sent to ICOM-L. During the period of nominations several reminders about the nominations was sent out.

The Nominations Committee was in March contacted by the Secretary General with the advise that the adequate numbers of the candidates has been received by the Secretariat. The EC shall consist of **15 members** (1 president – 2 vice-presidents – 1 treasurer – 11 members), however the list must not exceed 30 candidates in total. The Advisory Committee shall, by vote, select from among the persons nominated

The list consisted of:

1 candidate for the position as president(1)

3 candidates for the position as vice-president(2)

1 candidate for the position as treasurer(1)

15 candidates for the position as ordinary members (11)

The list of nominees contained 20 names. The Nominations Committee decided that there was no need for more call for candidates.

## **A: OFFICERS**

### **1. President:**

Alissandra **Cummins**, Barbados

### **2. Vice-Presidents**

~~Amareswar **Galla**, Australia (Mr. Galla officially withdrew his candidacy on 20 Novembre 2006)~~

W. Richard **West, Jr.**, United States

Martin **Schaerer**, Switzerland

### **2. Treasurer**

Nancy **Hushion**, Canada

## **B: MEMBERS**

George **Abungu**, Kenya

~~Ki-Dong **Bae**, Rep. of Korea (Mr. Bae officially withdrew his candidacy on 4 Novembre 2006)~~

Claude **Faubert**, Canada

Tahar **Ghalia**, Tunisia

Hans-Martin **Hinz**, Germany

Emmanuel **Kasarherou**, Australia

Hongnam **Kim**, Rep. of Korea

**Xiangyi Li**, China

Pascal **Makambila**, Congo

Hanna **Pennock**, Netherlands

Mila **Popovic-Zivancevic**, Serbia

Hartmut **Prasch**, Austria

Per Bjørn **Rekdal**, Norway

Tereza M. **Scheiner**, Brazil

Michel **Van-Praët** France

5. One Candidate not included to the list of Nominees

In its meeting Saturday, May 27, ICOM's Nominations Committee had an Italian member's attempt to be nominated as a member of ICOM's Executive Council on its agenda.

The Nominations Committee gave confirmation and support to the letter dated May 5 signed by the chair. After a thorough examination of all the supporting documents submitted to us, and after consultation with the Chair of the Legal Affairs and Properties Committee, we decided not to include the candidate to the list that we submitted for consideration by the Advisory Council on May 29, 2006.

During this discussion some questions occurred related to the statutes. Some of these questions has raised a need of statutory changes or adjustments and has now been taken into the consideration.

6. Approval of the list of Candidates

In its meeting May 29, the Advisory Committee approved the selections of 20 names of candidates for the 2007-2010 Executive Council.