

Aide-Memoire

Nominating Committee of the EEA

Composition

The Nominating Committee is chaired by an ex-President of the EEA, and is composed of the Chair, the President, President-Elect, Vice President and three other people who have been elected by the Council members during an on-line selection and voting process that takes place during January of the Nominating Committee mandate year.

The Nominating Committee Chair is chosen by the EEA President - Elect for the election to be held when the EEA President – Elect will be President. It will be the task of the Secretariat to remind the President – Elect of his task in deciding on the Chair.

The Nominating Committee of the EEA selects the candidates for the election of EEA officers (officers meaning Elected Executive Committee members – Presidency – and Council members). The EEA general membership then votes for these candidates in an on-line election. The on-line election commences in early Autumn.

Procedure for the Appointment of the members of the Nominating Committee chosen by the Council

The Council will be contacted around the second week of January and asked to nominate members of the EEA to represent them in the nominating committee, in no particular format. All those people nominated will be asked if they would like to stand for election on the Nominating Committee. The names of all those who have accepted will then be put forward in a ballot. The Council members will be asked to vote for three people. The three people in the ballot who have the highest number of votes will then become members of the Nominating Committee. The names of the three representatives will be announced on January 31.

Task of the Nominating Committee

The task of the Nominating Committee is two-fold – the nomination for Vice-President and the nomination for membership of the Council

1. Nomination for Vice-President

The person elected Vice-President for year t will be President-Elect in year $t+1$, President in year $t+2$ and Past President in year $t+3$. There should be at least two candidates for the office. The candidates can be chosen also outside academia (e.g. banks and international organisations) and should be selected also for their organisational and managerial skills, besides their academic standing.

The choice of the candidates is a two steps procedure. In the first one each member of the Committee puts forward possible candidates, without any specific format, through e-mails to the Chair. The Chair then collects the names and emails them to the Nominating Committee asking them to vote. Each member of the Nominating Committee can express two votes. In case of a tie a new round of election will take

place between the tied nominees. The Chair can delegate to the Secretariat specific duties.

The elected candidates will then be contacted by the Secretariat and asked to accept nomination and therefore go on the ballot; or to refuse nomination.

In the case of acceptance the Secretariat will check whether the nominee is a member or not and in the latter case ask them to become a member of the EEA. The nominee will also be asked for a short CV which will be available to the general membership.

In the case of refusal, the Chair can choose either to ask to the third highest vote will be asked to stand for election or to run a new election.

2. Nomination for Member of Council

The Council of the EEA is the main decision-making body. It consists of 30 elected members and the members of the Executive Committee. For the elected members the term of office is five years. Normally, each year there are six vacancies to fill. The rules stipulate that there should be at least twice as many candidates as there are positions.

The Council should be composed of economists from various parts of Europe and should represent in equal part theoretical economists and applied economists. Economists who are not in academia but work for banks and international organisations can be included. It is important to use the composition of the Council as an indication of the broad appeal that the EEA wishes to have to European Economists.

Each member of the Nominating Committee selects names without a specific format. The Chair then collects the names and emails them to the Nominating Committee who have to vote for double the number of names as positions available. The highest votes that equal double the number of positions available will then be contacted by the Secretariat and asked to accept nomination and therefore go on the ballot; or to refuse nomination. In case of a tie a second ballot will be held. In this second ballot each member of the nominating committee will have a number of votes equal to the number of the nominees still to be chosen.

In the case of acceptance the Secretariat will check whether the nominee is a member or not and in the latter case ask them to become a member of the EEA.

In the case of refusal, the name with the next highest vote will be asked to stand for election and so on.

The nominees to stand for election will only know the names of the people to stand against them on the day that the election is opened on-line to the general membership base.

The EEA Executive Committee finds out who the nominees are the day the election is opened on-line

Timeframe

August 31 year t-1 – the President Elect of that year has acceptance from the Chair of the Nominating Committee for year t.

January 1 year t – the Secretariat announces to the Council on-line selection for three names who will be on Nominating Committee.

January 31 year t - the Secretariat will have completed the on-line elections and the three names of the Nominating Committee will be announced via e-mail and then made public on the EEA homepage.

February 1 year t – the Nominating Committee Chair announces to the Nominating Committee the commencement of the Selection process.

March 31 year t – the Secretariat will have had acceptances from two Presidency nominees and Council Nominees.

September 15 – October 15 – the Secretariat organises on-line elections on the EEA homepage and ensures that they are being conducted properly amongst the general membership.

October 20 – the Secretariat announces to the general membership who will be the Vice-President of the coming year.