

OpenID Foundation Election Procedures FAQ

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Who stands for election?

For this election, six community board seats are open for election. Of the current community directors, Mr. Kveton has indicated he will not serve another term. Mr. Kissel, Mr. Smarr and Mr. Tom have indicated an interest in continuing to serve. Mr. Messina and Sakimura were elected to longer terms.

How many votes can a member cast and how may they be cast?

Voters may cast up to as many votes as there are positions to fill. For the upcoming election this number is 6. At most one vote may be cast per candidate. Ballots casting more than the eligible number of votes are invalid and will be discarded.

How do vote tallies translate into the election outcome?

The six candidates receiving the most votes will have been elected. Those receiving fewer than the seventh place candidate will not have been elected.

What happens in the event of a tie?

A second runoff election will be held in the event of a tie that would affect the set of elected directors. If the runoff results in a second tie, the tie will be broken by a coin toss by the elections committee chair that is observed by at least two board members who are not standing for election in the present election.

How long will the term of office be for elected board members?

Normally the directors will have two-year terms. For this election, however, we account for staggered terms so that half the elected directors have one year initial terms and others will have two year terms. Henceforward, we will have elections every year, with half of the community directors standing for election every two years.

Which directors will serve one year terms and which will serve two year terms following the upcoming election?

The three candidates obtaining the most votes will serve two year terms. The three candidates obtaining the next most votes will serve for one year. In the event of a tie among the fourth place candidates, all will serve one year terms.

Who is eligible to vote?

OpenID members with valid memberships are eligible to vote.

Who is eligible to run for the board?

Individuals who are valid individual foundation members at the time of the election are eligible to run, provided that term limits do not apply to them for that election. For clarity, individuals employed by corporate foundation members may run, including those

employed by corporate board members, they must nonetheless be paid individual foundation members to run for community board seats.

What term limits apply?

Directors serve for a maximum of four consecutive elected terms. After being off the board for two years they are eligible to run again.

How are candidates nominated?

Candidates may be nominated by two methods. A nominating committee formed for that election can nominate them. Or candidates can self-nominate with the endorsement of three additional OpenID Foundation members who support their nomination

How are nominations submitted?

Nominations occur via the OpenID Foundation elections tool, which can be accessed by OpenID Foundation members at <https://openid.net/foundation/members/>.

Will there be a nominating committee for this election?

The board did not select a nominating committee for this election.

How will we advertise the election?

Notice of the election will be posted prominently on our web site and e-mailed to members. Other announcement vehicles may be employed as well, such as a note sent to the general OpenID mailing list.

What turnout constitutes a quorum for a valid election?

There is no quorum requirement among the eligible voters.

How do eligible voters vote?

The election will be conducted using the OpenIDs associated with the members' memberships.

How can members confirm that their OpenID has been associated with their membership prior to the election?

Members can confirm that their OpenID is registered by logging in at <https://openid.net/foundation/members/>.

What is the election timeline?

The election will be conducted on the following schedule:

Nominations open: Monday, November 23

Nominations close: Monday, December 7

Election begins: Wednesday, December 9

Election ends: Wednesday, December 23

Results announced by: Wednesday, December 30

New board terms start: Friday, January 1

Times on all dates are Noon, U.S. Pacific Time.