



BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

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2020 BCAFN ELECTION INFORMATION – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following election guidelines apply to the election of a member for the Board of Director position at the BC Assembly of First Nations Annual General Meeting, taking place on November 17 - 18, 2020 (“Election Days”) which will be held online. The deadline to submit a complete Candidate Package is before midnight on **October 2, 2020**.

The position of director is a volunteer position. In accordance with the Bylaws, directors may receive an honorarium, as determined by the Board, for attendance at meetings and expenses incurred as a director may be reimbursed.

ELECTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Candidates are encouraged to review the BC Assembly of First Nations’ Governance Manual. Please contact the BCAFN office via Maureen Buchan, maureen.buchan@bcfn.ca to request a copy. Candidates may request a copy of the BCAFN membership list on behalf of their member First Nation for campaign purposes. Such requests can be made to Maureen Buchan, maureen.buchan@bcfn.ca.

Candidates and all individuals engaged in campaign activities on a candidate’s behalf are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner and to adhere to and comply with the Principles to Combat Bullying and Harassment that are attached as Schedule “A” to the Governance Manual.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE

A candidate for a seat on the Board of Directors must be nominated by five (5) members of the BCAFN as represented by the Chief or Chief’s designate (“Member Delegate”) as recorded on the BCAFN Membership List.

The candidate must complete the appropriate Nomination Form attached to these guidelines and return to the Electoral Officer at least 45 days before Election Day (before midnight on October 2, 2020).

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must:

1. Be of First Nations ancestry from British Columbia;
2. Be 18 years of age or older;
3. The candidate must be an elected Chief or Chief’s designate of a First Nation member (“Member Delegate”); and
4. Employees are not eligible to become Directors.

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CANDIDATE PACKAGE

Candidates or their Nominees must provide the Electoral Officer with the following material:

1. Nomination Form;
2. Acceptance of Nomination Form; and
3. A one-page profile of the Nominee.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

Each member of the BC Assembly of First Nations shall have one vote which may only be exercised by their representative (member delegate) as set out on the Membership List or a proxy duly appointed pursuant to the BCAFN's Governance Manual.

Given the technicalities involved with appointing a proxy for an online election, all proxy forms are encouraged to be submitted by Friday November 13, 2020. However, completed proxy forms may be delivered to the Electoral Officer no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the end of voting on November 18, 2020. Detailed proxy appointment procedures will be made available to members in advance of the AGM.

VOTING PROCEDURE

The voting process will be conducted in accordance with Schedule "C" (the Electronic Voting Framework) of the Governance Manual.

Voting shall commence at 6:00 p.m. on November 17, 2020 and close at 11:30 a.m. November 18, 2020.

Voting shall be conducted online.

ELECTING DIRECTORS

The five (5) Director positions on the Board of Directors are designed to be filled in staggered three-year terms so that there is always some overlap in terms and institutional knowledge on the Board.

If there are insufficient candidates to hold competitive elections, the candidates attain office by acclamation. If there are more candidates than seats on the Board open at any given election, an online election by secret ballot will be held. For example, if there are five candidates and three seats open on the Board, those candidates who receive the first, second, and third most votes are elected into office.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS - NOMINATION FORM

We, member delegates who represent members of the BC Assembly of First Nations, nominate _____ to run in the November 2020 election for position of **Board Member** of the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations and to represent the BCAFN at the Assembly of First Nations.

1. _____ X _____ First Nation: _____
(Please Print Name in Full) (Signature) (Print Full Name)

2. _____ X _____ First Nation: _____
(Please Print Name in Full) (Signature) (Print Full Name)

3. _____ X _____ First Nation: _____
(Please Print Name in Full) (Signature) (Print Full Name)

4. _____ X _____ First Nation: _____
(Please Print Name in Full) (Signature) (Print Full Name)

5. _____ X _____ First Nation: _____
(Please Print Name in Full) (Signature) (Print Full Name)

Please return the completed form to Ron Laufer, BCAFN Electoral Officer by email:
ronlauferelections@gmail.com before 11:59 pm on October 2, 2020.

Office Use Only - Received in complete form by the Electoral Officer: _____, 2020

at _____ o'clock

Signed: _____



BCAFN BOARD MEMBER – ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION FORM

I, _____, accept my nomination to run for the position of **Board Member** in the November 2020 election of the BC Assembly of First Nations (“BCAFN”).

I appoint _____ to act as my Scrutineer at the election.

Scrutineer’s address: _____ [street or post box address]

_____ [city or town] _____ [postal code]

(_____) _____ [phone number]

_____ [e-mail address, if available]

I attach a one-page profile to support my candidacy and authorize the BCAFN to distribute my profile to all eligible voters.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return the completed form to Ron Laufer, BCAFN Electoral Officer by email:
ronlauferelections@gmail.com before 11:59 pm on October 2, 2020.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (604) 715-4777.

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at _____ o’clock

Signed: _____

