

Nota Bene :

Please read carefully the following articles of FEPI's Statutes and Standing Orders:

- FEPI's Statutes:

- 9.14. *'For the elections of the Executive Board and the Committee of Auditors, the system of absolute majority and secret ballot with the members present will be followed. In this regard, the call for elections shall be approved by the Executive Board and notified to all FEPI members with voting rights in a way that allows to acknowledge the receipt of the notice. In order to ensure transparency in electoral processes the General Assembly shall designate an Election Committee whose functions, composition and procedures to be followed shall be established in a Standing Orders document.*

The deadline to submit candidacies shall be 10 calendar days, starting as from the day the call is made public.

Candidacies shall be supported by at least three full members of FEPI, and be backed also by the regulatory body of the candidate on top of the candidates list. The proposed candidates must not be unfit to practice their profession in their regulatory body relevant to be elected and the regulatory bodies they belong to must have honored their financial obligations with FEPI. All this shall be accredited through the relevant responsible certification or statement for which the General Assembly might set templates as appropriate.

Elections shall take place within a month, as from the date the call for elections is published. The precise day to hold the elections shall also be included.'

- FEPI's Standing Orders:

- 3.2. *'Once an agreement is reached on the call for elections it shall be made public through FEPI's official communication means and the relevant notice shall be sent by post and/or by e-mail to FEPI's members to the addresses each member has previously provided to this end so that they can exercise their right to elect and be elected'.*

- 3.3. *'The call for elections shall be made public at least with a one month notice'.*

- 5.5. *'[...] The Technical Secretariat shall follow up the electoral process, receive the proposed candidatures, as well as prepare and keep the relevant documentation for the electoral process. The Technical Secretariat shall inform*

the Executive Board about the proposed candidatures as well as about any claim filed. The Executive Board shall agree on the admission or refusal of the proposed candidatures as appropriate and shall publish the list containing the admitted candidatures within five calendar days, as from the submission deadline’.

- 5.7. ‘The Technical Secretariat shall send to all FEPI members the relevant information and documents required to physically vote by using the post and email addresses they have declared for FEPI’s census-taking at the time of notice’.

- 6.1. ‘FEPI members shall be able to run for elections individually – both to become President or Members of the Executive Board. In the case of the President, candidates shall be nurses’.

- 6.2. ‘Members wishing to run for elections must submit their candidature within ten calendar days after the call for elections is made public’.

- 6.3. ‘Candidatures shall be submitted indicating the individuals who are running for the Presidency. There shall be a list for the rest of positions since the posts of Vice-Presidents, Secretary General and Treasurer shall be elected subsequently by the new Executive Board’.

- 6.4. ‘At least half plus one of all the members of the Executive Board shall be nurses’.

- 6.5. ‘All candidatures shall contain the following information: name, surname and identification information of each candidate, professional curriculum, including whether he/she is a nurse or not, or his/her profession, if relevant, and the position he/she is running for, as well as the date and signature of the candidate’.

- 6.6. ‘Candidatures shall include the names of those supporting the candidates as provided for in the Statutes and shall be signed by the people who represent the members of FEPI who support the candidates according to their internal regulations. They shall also enclose the agreement of the national body represented by the candidate in FEPI’.

- 6.7. ‘Only FEPI members whose regulations allow the presence of lay people in their governance bodies shall be able to submit lay candidates’.

- 7.1. ‘Within the five calendar days after the deadline to submit candidatures, the Technical Secretariat shall forward them to the Executive Board, which shall examine the submitted candidatures and declare which ones are valid. It shall also send a notice to any rejected candidate stating the reason for rejection using any means that allow the addressee to acknowledge receipt of information’.

- 7.2. *'If no candidatures have been submitted or if the ones submitted are not valid, the current Executive Board shall continue to carry out its functions and shall call for new elections within fifteen calendar days'.*

- 8.1. *'Once the candidatures have been announced and until the ballot is carried out there shall be a period dedicated to the electoral campaign in which each candidate shall be able to use any means he/she deems appropriate and run with the relevant costs'.*

- 8.2. *'Candidates shall address the Technical Secretariat exclusively to maintain their relationship with FEPI and obtain information. No matter if the Technical Secretariat accepts a request or not, it shall nevertheless inform the rest of candidates in order to ensure the principles of non-discrimination and publicity'.*

- 8.4. *'Candidates may request FEPI to publish links to their web pages in FEPI's website'.*