

2018 IATLH Election FAQ's

1. *Why there are elections for only one position (Joint Secretary)?*

- President, Vice-President, General Secretary and Treasurer were elected unopposed as all other nominees for those positions withdrew. Two nominated candidates were interested in serving for the single open Trustee Position. During the meeting with the nominees, one of the nominee withdrew in favor of the other, leaving the other nominee elected unopposed. For the Joint Secretary position, two nominated candidates were interested in serving in that position. During a meeting with both the candidate, they both expressed their desire to continue with the election process.

2. *Are Elections mandatory? Can it be avoided? Does EC/Trustee select the next set of office bearers?*

- Per by-laws, elections must be announced to select the next set of office bearers every two years. Once the elections are announced, EC/Trustees do not decide the next set of office bearers. Just like any members, they do have the right to nominate individuals to a position.
- Depending on the number of nominations and withdrawals in favor of one of the candidate, elections may not be needed if there is only candidate for each position.
- If multiple candidates remain for a single position, elections must be held, unless one of them withdraws in support of the other.

3. *Were efforts undertaken by IATLH EC/Trustees to avoid the elections? Specify efforts?*

- Yes. As was done in the past, EC/Trustees and past IATLH office bearer met with both candidates and offered/requested both to work together for IATLH, one candidate serving as Joint Secretary and other serving as Sub Committee chair. The candidates declined and expressed continued interest in the Joint Secretary position, hence the elections.

4. *Can this election be called-off at this time?*

- The elections can now be called-off only by the candidates. If one of the candidate withdraws in favor of the other, then the remaining candidate will be elected unopposed to the position of the Joint Secretary.

5. *Can EC/Trustee remove someone from unopposed position and offer that position to someone else?*

- No, EC/Trustee board cannot.

6. *Why can't Executive Committee of IATLH be expanded to include both the candidates?*

- IATLH By-Laws allows only for five Executive Committee positions with a two-year term in the Executive Committee.

7. Will it be made public that who voted for who?

- No. Elections will be by Secret Ballot. Neither EC/Trustees, nor the election committee will know how a member voted.

8. What arrangements have the EC/Trustee have made for the elections?

- The EC/Trustee board have been making arrangements to conduct elections in a fair and transparent manner. An independent election committee has been formed to oversee the election. See below for details.

Instructions to the members

1. Voting will be done by **secret ballot**.
2. Only IATLH members for 2017 will be eligible to vote in this election. New IATLH members who are becoming members in 2018 are not eligible to vote.
3. As IATLH membership is family membership based, there will be only one vote per membership. As soon as a member of the family has voted, that membership would be considered as voted.
4. All voters must present some form of **photo identification** for verification purposes. Even if we know you, we still require a photo id. (Please note: the committee that will be conducting the election may not recognize all the members by name. So please help them by bringing a photo id.)
5. There will be no Proxy voting or Absentee voting.
6. As IATLH will be using public library facilities, there will be no campaigning **in and around** the venue.
7. As we are on a tight schedule, ONLY ELIGIBLE VOTERS will be allowed inside the polling area.
8. Please leave the polling area once you cast your ballot.
9. A designated polling area will be setup on the day of the polling and will open for polling only at 1:35 pm.
10. **How to vote:** The voter will be requested to proceed in an orderly way to cast their ballot. The following describes the process on how to vote on the election day
 - a. Once you arrive, proceed to the table marked as "Membership Verification." At this table, you will be asked to present your Photo ID. If you do not have your photo id, you will not be allowed to proceed further.
 - b. Once your photo id is verified, based on your last name, you will be directed to either TABLE A or TABLE B.
 - c. At Table A or Table B, you will be provided a VOTER ELIGIBILITY TICKET. This ticket validates that you are an eligible voter and must be presented to get your ballot. If another member of your family has already voted, you will NOT receive the VOTER ELIGIBILITY TICKET. Once you receive the eligibility ticket, then the officials will mark the corresponding membership as having voted.

- d. Take the VOTER ELIGIBILITY TICKET to the "BALLOT DISTRIBUTION" table to get your official Ballot. The official at the table will collect your ticket and provide you with a ballot.
- e. Take the ballot to the next table for marking your candidate and deposit the marked ballot in the ballot box. **Please make sure you mark the ballot in an approved manner. The following document (see attachment) shows ballot marked in valid and invalid manner.**
- f. After casting the ballot, please leave the polling area promptly.

Do's and Don'ts

- **Do** bring in your Photo ID.
- **Do** remember that we are using a public facility and maintain appropriate behavior.
- **Do** leave the polling area as soon as you have voted.
- **Do** follow directions provided **at** the venue.
- **Don't** forget to bring your Photo ID.
- **Don't** campaign for the candidates at or around the venue.
- **Don't** set up any table/promotion material in favor of any candidate **in or around the library including parking lots** (please remember that we are using a public facility).