



Association Suisse de l'Arbitrage
Schweiz. Vereinigung für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit
Associazione Svizzera per l'Arbitrato
Swiss Arbitration Association

To: ASA Members, via email

26 April 2019

Re: ASA 2019 Board Elections

Dear ASA Members,

We write to inform you of the process for elections scheduled to take place at the ASA General Meeting in Bern on 13 September 2019.

Earlier this year, the ASA Board considered the procedure by which the nomination and election process would take place for positions on the ASA Board for the term running from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2022.

The Articles of Association foresee that the General Meeting will elect the President based on a proposal by a selection committee ("*Findungskommission*") composed of the outgoing President, one of the Honorary Presidents and one or more other members named by the Board. The ASA Organizational Rules provide (as was the case for the previous elections), that in order to achieve the best possible balance of interests on the Board, the Findungskommission should also propose candidates for future Board membership. Per the Board's decision, the Findungskommission is composed past President Markus Wirth and outgoing President Elliott Geisinger, together with Domitille Baizeau, Nadja Jaisli Kull, Andrea Menaker, Henry Peter and Franz Schwarz.

Of the 25 current Board members, six have so far indicated that they do not intend to seek re-election.

The Findungskommission has agreed on the following process for the selection of candidates:

1. Anyone wishing to recommend a candidate (or themselves) for election to the ASA Board may do so by means of an email sent to nominations@arbitration-ch.org **no later than 16 June 2019**;
2. Anyone submitting an expression of interest should refer to the attached [requirements](#) for Board members and be prepared to commit time and resources accordingly. Any particular interest to serve as a Vice President or member of the Executive Committee may be specified;



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3. In parallel, the Findungskommission members will consult with relevant members of the ASA community, including but not limited to the chairs of the local ASA groups, to solicit their views and recommendations on potential candidates;
4. The members of the Findungskommission will consider the candidacies and recommendations from which they will seek to compose a slate of candidates to recommend for election. This will be done bearing in mind considerations of experience, representation of relevant interest groups, national and international networks, and any other factors deemed to be pertinent to ASA's future;
5. The Findungskommission's recommendations for Board composition will then be circulated to the current ASA Board for any additional input.

Elections

The Findungskommission's proposed slate of candidates for the Board will be communicated to ASA Members before the General Meeting, at which all will be asked whether or not they agree to elect the entire Board as proposed. A separate election will be held for the President.

Should you have any questions or comments concerning the election process, please do not hesitate to contact me at alex.mclin@arbitration-ch.org.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alex McLin'.

Alexander McLin
Executive Director



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Paragraph 22 of the ASA Organizational Rules

Candidates to serve on the Board should (i) have sufficient standing in the arbitration community in Switzerland or in their jurisdiction or internationally, (ii) be able and willing to serve as Board members, and (iii) undertake to commit the necessary time to the activities of ASA, which commitment typically includes:

- a) Attendance at one of the two ASA Board meetings per year;*
- b) Attendance at one ASA Conference per year;*
- c) Participation in one project per term, if asked to contribute; and*
- d) Participation (as discussion leader or normal participant) at one ASA Arbitration Practice Seminar per term.*