

## **Protocols for Proposers and Seconders in EECERA Elections**

Proposers and Seconders endorse and support the candidacy of those who wish to stand for elected posts in EECERA. In effect their named endorsement gives gravitas to the candidate.

They do this by allowing their name to be placed on the 'manifesto' of a candidate seeking election.

Candidates must obtain consent from their Proposers and Seconders before submitting their candidacy to the President or the President's nominee.

Elected posts requiring Proposers and Seconders in the EECERA structure include:

- the offices of President and Vice President who are elected by, and from, the Board of Trustees<sup>i</sup>,
- candidates for election to the Board of Trustees elected by, and from, the Electoral College.

The following protocols have been agreed by the Board of Trustees in relation to Proposers and Seconders supporting candidates in EECERA elections:

- A candidate for election cannot be a Proposer or a Seconder for another candidate standing for election at the same time.
- Serving Trustees cannot act as a Proposer or Seconder for any candidate
- A member of the election body can be a Proposer or a Seconder for only one candidate in any one election process.
- Proposers and Seconders are not required to attend the election but they must be able to evidence current membership of EECERA and of the voting body ie Board of Trustees or Electoral College, as applicable.
- There are no proxy votes in EECERA elections, so a 'non-attending' Proposer or Seconder cannot vote at an election meeting.

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