

ARWA ELECTORAL PROCESS FOR NEW ADMINISTRATORS (ARWA ELECTIONS PHASE 1)

First draft proposed on January 10th, 2022, revised on December 1st, 2022, after Executive Board reviewing suggesting simplification of the procedure, slightly modified (dates) on April 8th, 2023.

Following the ARWA statutes, a General Assembly will proceed to the election of a renewed trio of administrators not later than July 2024, four years after the official start of the association (July 2020). This election can be processed during a General Assembly (a presential event — for instance an ARWA Congress — or an online process).

The electoral process must respect the ARWA statutes that are posted at the following address: https://arwa-international.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/ARWA_Statuts_version_finale.pdf, more precisely its ‘Titre Quatre – Conseil d’Administration’.

The statutes are in French. The President is at your disposal in case you need any clarification.

Electoral College

- The Electoral College is composed of all the ARWA regular members, in order of membership fee (F members, for ‘foreign countries members’) or recognized as being L members (for ‘local countries’ members), as defined in the ARWA website.

Who can apply for an Administrator position (President, Treasurer, Secretary) ?

- The process of election must be in accordance with the ARWA statutes.
- The current Administrators and the current members of the Executive Board are not allowed to apply for the next 4-year mandate (ARWA statutes).
- Any ARWA regular member, in order of membership fee (F members, for ‘foreign countries members’) or recognized as being L members (for ‘local countries’ members), as defined in the ARWA website.
- Candidates must apply as a trio of potential administrators (President, Treasurer, Secretary) specifying which position each person will hold (X: President, Y: Treasurer, Z: Secretary).
- Consequently the ARWA regular members will vote for a team, and not for single individuals.
- All candidate trios will communicate, at the latest two months before the date of the elections, their program for the next four years, whose length will not exceed one A4 page (Font 12, single space). Each candidacy has to be validated by the Electoral Commission, composed of the Administrators. Successful candidacy will be sent to the Administrators who will communicate it to the ARWA membership through a FlashInfo and any other online platform.
- Please note that applying to the function of Treasurer requires familiarity and access to both PayPal and SEPA systems of transfer (due to the current bank regulations).

Requirements to form a trio of Administrators ?

- Each applying Administrator trio must be composed of
 - Regular members,
 - From different nationalities,
 - From different affiliations (independents are also allowed to apply),
 - From different genders or gender orientations, comprising at least one man and one woman,
 - Representing L and F members, thus comprising at least one ‘local member’, and one ‘foreign member’,
 - From different disciplines (as defined in the ARWA website) or different regional specializations (as defined by ARWA).

The validity of the candidates will be checked by the ARWA Electoral Commission.

Independent Candidacies

Independent scholars who desire to apply for an Administrator position but who don't have partners to form a trio can still apply by contacting the following address: arwa.info@yahoo.com. The current administrators will help putting them in contact with other independent applicants, providing independent candidacies are received in sufficient number.

Application Deadline

The candidacies must be sent to the three administrators (M. Lebeau, B. Helwing & H. Charaf) before May 31st, 2024 at the latest, to be considered.

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ARWA Electoral Commission

- The new Administrators will be elected before July 2024.
- The ARWA Electoral Commission will be constituted by the three current Administrators.
- The elected trio of new Administrators (July/August 2024) will decide how to organize phases 2 and 3 of the electoral process (Executive Board & Liaison Groups). They will have one month to organise these and communicate the information to the members. They will take into account the candidacies sent to the administrators before December 31st, at the latest.
- The Electoral Commission will remain in place during phases 2 and 3 of the electoral process.

Electoral Process

- The final electoral process will be decided by the Electoral Commission.
- The electoral process, in its online version, must be open during three working days.
- A voting bulletin will be prepared by the Electoral Commission. It will constitute the only voting mean.
- One proxy by member will be allowed, in accordance with the ARWA Statutes.
- The voting bulletin and possible proxies will be sent jointly to three persons, selected by the Electoral Commission for checking the validity of the votes, proxies and electors.
- The three scrutineers will proceed to the counting of the votes and communicate the results to the (former) Administrators within three days.
- The Administrators will inform the members as soon as the poll results are confirmed and validated.
