



2026-2027 Board of Directors Nominations and Election Process

Call for nominations open: February 2-22, 2026

Elections: March 10-20, 2026

Board Retreat: May 28-29 (in person, Calgary)

PARA Bylaws: Article 6 – Board of Directors

6.1 Board

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors, each member of which at the time of election or appointment and throughout the term of office shall be a member of the Association. The Board shall not exceed twelve (12) members nor be less than eight (8) members.

6.2 Nominations

- a) The Governance Committee shall be responsible for solicitation and receipt of nominations for the Association to complete the term of office for elected positions.
- b) Closing date for receipt of nominations shall be established by the Board.
- c) The Governance Committee shall submit a list of nominees and their biographies to all members via electronic ballot. The voting period shall be no less than seven (7) days or as determined by the Board.

6.3 Election Procedures

- a) The Directors shall be elected by the members. The election process shall be determined by the Board in accordance with the voting methods established in these Bylaws and shall be communicated to the members prior to the election.
- b) The Association shall take measures to ensure that all its members are able to participate in the election and make accommodations as needed.
- c) The nominee receiving the majority vote of the members shall be declared elected.
- d) Where there is only one (1) nominee for any position, election shall be by acclamation.

Nominations process and timelines

1. Nominations open: February 2-February 22, 2026
 - All positions open for nominations
 - Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on February 22, 2026

Elections process and timelines

1. Elections open: March 10-20, 2026
 - a. Any position for which more than one nomination was received
 - b. Positions for which only one nomination was received will be elected by acclamation
2. Ballot to include candidate information, position being sought and letter of intent
3. In the event of a tie, the vote will go to a second ballot of top two candidates (and subsequent ballots until one candidate receives a majority of votes)
4. Following close of elections, results will be shared with the Board of Directors, Advisory Council and general membership via email; also shared on social media and posted on website