



Nominations and Elections Committee Special Election Guidelines

Qualifications:

The Special Elected Committees shall be comprised of five (5) members as stipulated in the American Culinary Federation Bylaws. They will be subject to the following qualifications:

- They shall be current paid members and maintain such status while holding office.
- They shall be a Professional Culinarian or Senior Professional Culinarian member.
- They shall be a member of a chapter and reside within the region in which they have been elected to serve.
- The Committee members shall not hold any other elected national office or serve on any other committee and/or commission. The elected members will resign their position prior to the commencement of their term.
- Complete Anti-Harassment training and complete Conflict of Interest Form prior to commencement of term.
- Comply with current ACF Travel Policy

Term of Office:

- The Committee Members and Chair shall be elected to a full two-year (2) term and may run for an additional one (1) term for the same office serving another two-year (2) term, serving for no more than a total of four (4) years in a position.
- The start of the term begins immediately after the election through the close of the 2025 ACF National Convention.

Voting:

Regional Committee Member Voting:

- The electorate for Committee members is Chapter Presidents of compliant chapters of the region in which the candidate is running.
- All regional elections will be held by electronic ballot.
- There will be two (2) weeks to accept nominations and two (2) weeks to vote electronically.

Runoff Guidelines:

- A runoff will occur in the case of a tie or if the majority is not reached for all Committee positions where 50% of voting interests plus one (1) is required for a candidate to be elected.
- In the case of a runoff the top two candidates with the most votes will be in the runoff.
- The runoff will take place immediately after the election results are announced.
- No formal campaigning, as stipulated in these policies and procedures will be allowed.
- Ballots will be sent electronically.