



Skål International USA 2017 Annual Elections

The Skål International USA (Skål USA) Clubs may submit a qualified member of their Club as a candidate between September 16th to October 15th to the Skål USA Administrator for their consideration for various positions on the Skål USA Executive Committee and Internal Auditors. The Skål USA Administrator will prepare a slate of officers for the various positions as outlined below. Candidates are prohibited from campaigning until their name is on the official slate after October 25th. Candidates violating this provision may be disqualified and their name deleted from the official slate. Each candidate is allowed to send one (1) letter to the members via an e-mail by the Skål USA Administrator.

A slate of candidates for the various positions on the Skål USA Executive Committee and Internal Auditor will be circulated to all Skål USA Clubs on or before November 1st. Clubs MUST vote online by November 30th. Balloting will close at the end of the day on November 30th, (11:59PM CST).

The following instructions apply:

1. In order for a ballot to be considered valid, all required information must be completed.
2. Clubs entitled to two (2) votes will be furnished with two ballots.
3. All voting will be conducted electronically. All candidates' resumes will be posted on the Skål USA Website. The Club President will receive the electronic ballot(s) and will cast the Club's vote per instructions from the Skål USA Administrator. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES will the voting deadline be extended.
4. All matters of dispute will be reviewed by the President and Officers of the Skål USA Executive Committee. The decision of the Executive Committee will be final.

When the balloting is closed on November 30th, the balloting part of the website will be closed.

The Skål USA Administrator and the two (2) Skål USA Internal Auditors will receive the results of the election on December 1st and notify the Skål USA President. The Skål USA President will inform the candidates of the results, followed by the Skål USA Executive Committee and Skål International. The Skål USA President will inform all Skål USA members of the results, that day.

Should no candidate receive an absolute majority (50% + 1) of the votes cast on the first ballot, a run-off ballot will be cast by the Clubs. The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes, will be the candidates in the run-off election. The candidate who receives a simple majority on the second ballot shall be considered elected. If, on the second ballot, the two (2) candidates for the same office receive an equal number of votes, the President of Skål USA will vote to break the tie.

For Internal Auditor, the candidate with the second largest vote shall be deemed Deputy Auditor until the next year's election results are final and can be deputized for the audit, vote counting and other activities as deemed necessary by the Auditors or the President of Skål International USA

Should a run-off election be required, notice including the appropriate ballot(s) will be sent, all Clubs. Voting must be completed within 2 weeks, at which time the results will be sent to the Skål USA administrator and the two (2) Skål USA Internal Auditors for tabulation in the manner described above. If all the ballots for a particular run-off election have been received prior to the deadline, the tabulation can take place earlier.



In the case of an opening due to the elections, a special election is required. The notice will be sent within the next 7 days, to all clubs. Notice including the appropriate ballot(s) will be sent, within the next 7 days of the closing of accepting nominations. Voting must be completed within 2 weeks, at which time the results will be sent to the Skål USA Administrator and the two (2) Internal Auditors for tabulation in the manner described above. Should a run-off election be required, see run-off election above?

The newly elected Skål USA Executive Committee will assume office effective January 1st.

Qualifications

To be eligible for nomination for the position of Skål USA President, they shall be an Active or Life Member in good standing of a Club within Skål USA and who had served as an officer of the Club and has been a member of Skål for at least one (1) year "In good standing" is defined as a Member who has paid all dues and assessments to date, met annual attendance requirements, meets membership requirements of an Active or Life member and is recognized by Skål International as an Active or Life Member.

To be eligible for nomination for the position of Skål; USA VP Administration, VP Finance, VP Membership, Directors (2) Membership, and Director of PR and Communication shall be an Active, Life or Retired Member in good standing as outlined above.

To be eligible for nomination for the position of Skål USA Internal Auditor, the candidate shall be an Active, Life or Retired Member in good standing as outlined above. The Candidate must have a good knowledge of the Skål USA procedures and general accounting practices and, when practicable, be a former Club Treasurer.

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