

Electronic vote for 5 different positions.

The five positions for our autumn elections are: the National President of APS, The Secretary General and the National Treasurer. Two regional positions are also up for election in the Maritimes and in the Western part of our universe. They are the Eastern and Western Directors representing respectively members in the Maritime Provinces and for the West, the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. Only members in good standing have the right to vote. To obtain the status of voting member you need to file your request before September 4th in order to vote. The results for the vote will be unveiled on November 4th in Gatineau where APS will be holding its Annual General Assembly of Members. For the first time in its brief history APS will be proceeding by way of an electronic consultation for the vote.

An invitation to participate

The autumn election is opened to any member in good standing in accordance with the different mandates. For the three national positions, candidates can file from any region in the country while the two regional positions are only accessible to members from participating Provinces.

Members now occupying those various positions at the end of their mandates are Mario Poudrier from Montreal as National President, Emilio D'Orazio from Toronto as Secretary General and Hervé Lamarre from Montreal as National Treasurer. The Director for the Eastern Region is Donald LeBlanc from Moncton while the Western Director is Michael Ho from Vancouver.

Our Rules and Regulations determine the mandates for each position but in short it's important to note that all five are part of the National Executive, the governing body for APS. All in all, the National Executive includes five other members , whose mandates will terminate next year. APS is thus working with elected members with two-year mandates in rotation.

In addition to his participation to the Executive, the President also runs the organization on a daily basis; he sits as the most important officer, the voice of the Association. The Secretary General is second in command, replacing the President in case of absence. The Treasurer is in charge of Finances on all fronts. The Regional Directors are the voices for their respective members as well at the Executive level as at the local representation level.

To solicit one or the other of those positions an employee has to belong to the APS bargaining unit and has to have been accepted as a member in good standing. Interested parties have to fill out the application form to become eligible candidates. You will find this form on the site www.apscbcsrc.org/documentation/forms . The form mainly requires the support of five other members in god standing to be valid.

The deadline for applications is at midnight, September 4, 2012. Voting will then be during September and October with the announcements of results to be made on November 4, 2012 in Gatineau, where our Annual General Assembly will take place.

Electronic vote

Our renewed web-site gives us now the possibility to exchange with our members. We are now doing it with our Weekly Question Feature. By asking our members if they would be favourable with the advent of electronic consultations, the answer was positive. After examining the possibility, we will be able to use electronic voting by securing the services of external specialized suppliers able to guaranty both confidentiality as well as the delivery of the mandate. On top of everything, the cost of the system is cheaper than the traditional postal method. We will therefore use the system for our autumn consultation. The change of method will also provide stronger participation on account of a follow-up feature for the duration of the voting period.