



Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation

Cumann Altraí agus Ban Cabhrach na hÉireann

Working Together

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTION 2018

All members are asked to note that 2018 is an election year for election, to the Executive Council, for a two year period (2018-2020). Elections will be conducted under the revised new Rule Book (Rule 8) adopted at the ADC in May 2016.

ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (RULE 8)

Nominations for the Executive Council shall be submitted, on the appropriate form, to the General Secretary, on, or before, 5.00 pm on Wednesday, 7th February 2018. To be eligible for membership of the Executive Council a member must:

- i) have been a paid-up member of the Organisation, for not less than two years prior to the date of her/his nomination, and be on the Live Register of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI); and
- ii) be proposed and seconded by Officers of their Branch or Section following endorsement of the candidate by that Branch or Section.

To be eligible for election as an undergraduate student nurse/midwife member of the Executive Council an undergraduate student must:

- i) have been a member of the Organisation for not less than six months prior to the date of her/his nomination; and
- ii) be proposed and seconded by undergraduate student nurses/midwives who have themselves been members of the Organisation for not less than six months or be proposed and seconded by Officers from their Branch.

COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Clinical: 16 seats

Includes all grades of Registered Nurse and Midwife (other than those eligible to go forward under the Education and Management Categories below), to be filled as follows:

- i) Registered General Nurse - at least two seats
Registered Midwife - at least one seat
Registered Nurse Intellectual Disability - at least one seat
Registered Sick Children's Nurse - at least one seat
Registered Public Health Nurse - at least one seat;

Please note persons elected, to these reserved seats, must be on that register and engaged in clinical practice in that discipline.

- ii) If these reserved seats are not filled, via the 16 candidates with the most votes, then they must be filled with reference to the next highest candidate, from that discipline, who is engaged in clinical practice in that discipline.
- iii) If there are no candidates meeting any of the six reserved seats (clinical) then the seats shall be filled by the candidate with the highest vote in the clinical category.

Education: 2 seats

- i) One seat to be filled by members from all grades of Nurse/Midwifery Teachers, Clinical Teacher, and/or others with a Nurse/Midwifery Teaching qualification who are actively engaged in nurse/midwifery education.
- ii) One seat to be filled from members who are working in the wider field of nurse/ midwife education and its management including Clinical Placement Co-Ordinators/ Clinical Placement Facilitators/Specialist Co-Ordinators and Nurse/Midwife Practice Development Co-Ordinators.

Management: 3 seats

Includes all members at, or above, Clinical Nurse Midwife Manager 3 who are actively engaged in management.

Undergraduate Student Nurses/Midwives: 1 reserved seat

Open to all members undertaking the four year undergraduate degree programme.

- Provided always that only those grades for whom the Organisation has negotiation rights shall be a member of the Executive Council
- In the event of any of the seats allocated to the Education and Management categories not being contested, then those seats shall be filled by the candidates, in the **Clinical Category**, who receive the next highest vote, or votes, after the initial filling of the 16 seats taking into account the six reserved clinical seats.
- In the event of any dispute, as to the category for which a member may be eligible for election, then the Executive Council shall determine the category under which a member is eligible to contest the election.

ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS (RULE 9)

9.1.1 The President, first Vice-President (Honorary Treasurer) and second Vice-President shall be elected at the 2018 Annual Delegate Conference at which elections are scheduled.

9.1.2 A separate election shall be held for President, first Vice-President and second Vice-President, and such elections shall be by secret ballot of all voting delegates at the Annual Delegate Conference.

9.1.3 The elected candidate must secure an overall majority by exceeding 50% of the eligible votes cast. If no candidate has achieved an overall majority, as aforesaid, then the candidate, or candidates, receiving the lowest vote or votes, if their combined vote is less than the total vote of the highest candidate, shall be eliminated and a further ballot shall take place immediately.

9.1.4 If there shall be a tie, another vote shall be taken, and if the result is still a tie, the outcome shall be decided by lot (drawing the name of the successful candidate) by the chairperson of the Standing Orders Committee.

9.2 To be eligible for election to the office of President or Vice-Presidents she/he shall have been an elected member of the incoming Executive Council and shall have been a member of the outgoing Executive Council for the term immediately preceding her/his election.

9.3 Nominations for the office of President, first and second Vice Presidents, together with their written consent must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary not later than 21 clear days before the Annual Delegate Conference for notification to delegates to that meeting at which the election will take place. (Closing date for nominations is 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 6th April 2018).

9.4 The President shall preside at the Annual Delegate Conference and Special Delegate Conferences held during the year and at all Executive Council Meetings. In the absence of the President the first Vice-President shall take the Chair; in the absence of the first Vice-President the second Vice-President shall take the Chair.

9.5 The office of President shall not be held by the same person for more than two consecutive terms.