

CUSA^X elections

Procedures for Councillors as Candidates in Vice-Presidential Elections

Council self-regulates the conduct of the Association's Members' and their meetings through policy including *Council Rules of Order* and the *Councillor Accountability and Discipline Policy*.

Current Councillors who otherwise meet the eligibility and nomination requirements set out in the [CUSA Bylaws](#), [Electoral Code](#) and [Nomination Guidelines](#), are permitted to run as a candidate for the Vice-President (VP) positions that are elected.

Councillors-elect (those elected to Council for the 2026-2027 governing year in the recently held 2026 General Election) are not eligible to run for any Vice presidential position.

Unless Council passes policies or procedures that require otherwise, current Councillors who are nominated VP candidates are permitted to continue fulfilling their required duties as Councillors, including participation in committees, during the election period as long as the discussions are not related to the election for which they must declare their conflict of interest.

At the Annual Meeting of Members' Part II, VP candidates participate in a Q&A session with Councillors, following which, a joint session of the current and incoming Council deliberates and votes on the election of the VP positions.

At this meeting, Councillors who are VP candidates are **not permitted** to:

- Ask questions of VP candidates for any position;
- Participate in any in-camera discussions or deliberations on the qualifications of any VP candidates;
- Remain in the room while the above in-camera sessions are taking place or while VP election secret ballot voting is occurring.

At this meeting, Councillors who are VP candidates **are permitted** to:

- Participate in the respective Q&A session as a candidate on equal footing with all other candidates;
- Exercise their right to vote as a Member, as per the Bylaws. As they will not be permitted to remain in the room while voting is taking place, the Chief Returning Officer will make alternative arrangements to ensure they can privately cast their secret ballot.
- Fully participate as a Councillor, as normal, on any other agenda items not related to the Vice-Presidential elections.

Additionally, any current member of Council who is successfully elected to a VP position must resign their seat on Council no later than April 30, 2026 11:59pm EST in order to take the office of their VP position on May 1, 2026.

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