

## BACO EC Election 2024-2025 Events and Dates

Nomination paper to be sent to eligible voters	Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2023
Duly filled nomination return to the election commission	Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup> (11:59 pm), 2023
Nomination withdrawal	Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup> (11:59 pm), 2023
New /Renewal of membership	Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup> (11:59 pm), 2023
Final selection of the candidates/panels	November 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2023
Ballot paper to be sent to eligible voters and voting start	November 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2023
Postal mail voting last date	By Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup> (11:59 pm), 2023
Email voting last date	Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup> (11am - 4pm), 2023
In-person voting ( <b>Sunday</b> ) and preliminary Result	December 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2023

The BACO EC election 2024-2025 will be conducted based on the procedures described in the constitution of BACO. We are including some of the key points in this letter.

The following positions (the number in parenthesis indicates the number of positions within that category) will be filled via election:

1. The President (1)
2. The Vice President (1)
3. The Executive Secretary (1)
4. The Treasurer (1)
5. The Cultural Secretary (1)
6. The Executive Member (1)
7. Endowment Fund Oversight Member (1)
8. The Youth Forum Representative (5)

We have compiled the following Q & A list to guide you with the procedures and steps associated with the BACO EC election 2023-2025:

**Q. Who is eligible to be nominated to compete in the BACO EC election 2024-2025?**

A. For positions listed at 1-6 above, any current general member, who has been a paid member of the BACO for at-least ***TWO consecutive years*** (2022 and 2023), will be eligible for nomination to compete for the BACO EC election.

**Q. Who is not eligible for nomination?**

A. None of the members of the BACO Election Commission is eligible for nomination.

**Q. Are the current Executive Committee members eligible for nomination?**

A. Yes.

**Q. Who is allowed to submit a nomination?**

A. Any eligible and current member of BACO.

**Q. Can a member self-nominate?**

A. Yes. Any current and eligible member who meets the criteria as mentioned at the first Q&A will be eligible to compete for the BACO EC election.

**Q. Can a member or member's household submit more than one nomination?**

A. Yes.

**Q. How can I submit my nomination?**

A. Duly-filled nomination form can be submitted via e-mail to any members of the BACO Election Commission Tanvir Hossain ([tanvir.hossain@gmail.com](mailto:tanvir.hossain@gmail.com)), Tanzim Shams([tanzim1974@gmail.com](mailto:tanzim1974@gmail.com)) and Areef Ahsanur ([arc899523@gmail.com](mailto:arc899523@gmail.com)). Highly appreciated if use the subject: BACO-election, in your email.

or by *regular postal mail* at Tanvir Hossain (BACO EC), 3811 Fairlington Dr. Upper Arlington, Ohio-43220.

**Note :** If you want to send hard copy, please call /email any of the EC to make sure the mail reach before the deadline to the above address.

**Q. What is the last date for submitting nominations?**

A. Duly filled nomination paper must reach the BACO Election Commission by **November 28<sup>th</sup> (11:59 pm), 2023**. Please use your discretion to allow enough time if you are planning to send your nomination via postal mail.

**Q. Can I submit the nomination verbally?**

A. No.

**Q. Is there anything I can do prior to or after submitting my nomination?**

A. Yes. Please try to get agreement/concurrence from the members you are nominating. This will greatly help the whole election process.

**Q. What happens next?**

A. Working with the executive committee, the BACO Election Commission will publish the name of the final candidates and most updated eligible voters list by November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, via email.

**Q. How would I vote, and the election is conducted?**

A. In a case where there are multiple candidates for the same position or panels, a diverse voting outlet will be established, and the voting would be conducted by ballots. In that case, at least one polling agent from each panel will be required to participate in the election procedures.

Eligible voters (Note: paid members until November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, is eligible to vote) will be allowed to vote by email, postal mail, or in-person. Ballots will be sent to all the eligible voters by email and also posted on the BACO website to download and print by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, until December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Postal mail voting will be accepted until December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Email voting will be accepted until December 15<sup>th</sup>,. ***Please use your discretion to allow enough time if you are planning to send your nomination via postal mail.*** In-person voting will be held on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> (Sunday), 2023 (from 11 am to 4 pm) at BACO Office (1550 Old Henderson Road, Suite 166 N Columbus, OH 43220). Snacks and drinks will be provided to the eligible voters on the election day.

At the end of the voting period (by 4 pm on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023), the election commission will open all the email and postal mail votes in front of polling agents (if any), and count them along with in-person votes, and announce the preliminary results in December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Q. What happens if we do not have any candidates to compete for the BACO EC election?**

A. In that case, we will follow BACO constitutional procedures to determine what best to do next upon mutual and proactive discussion. Please do your best to make BACO a continued success, actively participate in this election process, and be part of the BACO EC election.

**With best regards,**

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