

The International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows

The Election Process

Job Description for the International President and Vice President-at-Large

The International President shall preside over all plenary sessions including the Executive Committee and shall make an annual report to the Executive Board on the status and condition of the Association. She shall also address the body annually. The President shall exercise general oversight for all business of the Association and shall have such other powers and responsibilities as prescribed in the Bylaws.

The Vice President –at –Large shall perform duties as requested by the President

The Election of the President and the Vice President-at-Large

The International President and the Vice President-at-Large shall serve only one six (6) year term. All persons seeking the office of President and Vice President-at-Large shall be an active member of the local, state/nation and international associations.

The candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Be fiscally responsible, having served on all levels of the association for a minimum of five (5) years in an elected or appointed position, also a candidate is encouraged to have participated in the Leadership Academy.
- Submit a letter of intent and a one page resume.
- Submit letters of endorsement from the local and state/nation organizations.
- Submit two (2) personal letters of endorsement.
- Submit an application for election.
- Candidates for elected positions shall be present at the time of voting except in the case of terminal illness or death of a spouse, child or parent.

The election process will begin in June at the International Convention. An announcement will be made at the Executive Board meeting.

The deadline for the letter of intent is **September 1** of the election year.

The deadline for application, Bio, letters of endorsement is **September 15** of the election year.

Interviews on Zoom of the applicant will be held **October 2-6.**

The nominating committee will review all applications and certify the candidates' documents by **October 30** of the election year.

Candidates will be notified and presented to the sisterhood at Founders' Day.

Candidates will submit a photograph, a one page bio and their campaign platform to be presented in an issue of the Herald during the election year. All such information must be sent to the Nominating Committee Chair who will submit it to the available print and electronic medium for dissemination.

Guidelines for Campaigning

All candidates for election may campaign from January – June during the election year.

The candidates may attend Regional Conferences by invitation from the Regional Vice President only. If one candidate is invited to a Regional Conference, all candidates must be invited to attend.

All candidates who attend a Regional Conference will defray their individual travel expenses.

All candidates may present a campaign display at the June conference.