

THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF NIGERIA

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2019 COUNCIL ELECTION – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria has declared **Five (5)** vacancies for the 2019 Council election as follows:

1. DECLARATION OF VACANCIES

Three (3) members in the Members in Practice category (Group A):

1. ISMA'ILA M. ZAKARI, mni, FCA (IPP)
2. SOLOMON OLUWOLE ADELEKE, FCA (DEACON)
3. CHIBUZOR NOEL ANYANECHI, FCA (CHIEF)

Two (2) members in the Members not in Practice category (Group B):

1. OYEMOLU OLUGBENGA AKINSULIRE, FCA (CHIEF)
2. TITILOLA ARIYIKE NURAT AKIBAYO, FCA (ALHAJA)

The above mentioned members are eligible for re-election with the exception of the Immediate Past President (IPP) who will retire after his tenure in that office on Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

2. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Members are hereby invited to nominate suitable persons to fill these **Five (5)** Vacancies at the next Annual General Meeting.

Nominations start on January 29, 2019 and end on April 3, 2019.

Members seeking election or sponsoring candidates for the election, should have fulfilled all their financial and MCPE obligations to the Institute by April 30, 2019. Failure in this regard will result in outright disqualification of the candidate.

Candidates wishing to contest the election are required to submit the underlisted items to the office of the Registrar/Chief Executive from **January 29, 2019 to April 3, 2019:**

- i. Completed election form
- ii. Letter of nomination from sponsor (at least 2 Sponsors)
- iii. Candidate's letter of consent to each sponsor
- iv. Recent passport photograph

Completed forms should be scanned to emc@ican.org.ng

An eligible member, contesting for Council election and the sponsors, must have:

- i. Fulfilled their financial obligations to the Institute up to 2019 on or before **April 30, 2019;**
- ii. Satisfied the MCPE requirement of 90 MCPE credit hours for the last three years i.e. **2016 – 2018.**

For the avoidance of doubt, these two (2) requirements are applicable to the contestants and their sponsors.

3. ETHICS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND SANCTIONS GUIDING THE ELECTION

The Bye-Law for ICAN Council Elections sets out the Ethics, Rules and Regulations to be observed by all contestants as approved by Council, and Sanctions to be imposed on erring contestants in the conduct of the Institute's Council Elections.

3.1. GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

Campaigns for election are not allowed. While it is recognised that subtle campaigns cannot be entirely eliminated, any unethical solicitation of votes is prohibited. Unethical campaign tactics include but are not limited to:

- i. Unsolicited text messages to members by contestants or other members on behalf of contestants;
- ii. Defamatory text messages against other contestants;
- iii. Visits to District Societies and Chapters for campaign purposes;
- iv. Working in groups or alliances to solicit for votes or to discredit other contestants;
- v. Open discussions on elections or solicitation for votes at committees and District Society meetings;
- vi. Payment of outstanding subscriptions by contestants or their representatives for other members during the election year.

3.2 EVERY ELIGIBLE CONTESTANT who is seeking election or re-election is PROHIBITED in the election year from directly:-

- i. Making donations to District Societies or Zonal Conferences organised by District Societies.
- ii. Acting as facilitators or panel discussants or sponsoring any function or activities organised by the District Societies and Chapters.
- iii. Producing and distributing handbills, calendars, flyers and complimentary cards to individuals or groups **during Institute's functions.**
- iv. Paying visits to District Societies and Chapters by sitting Council members and prospective contestants.
- v. Canvassing for votes at the Institute's functions or office to office campaigns.
- vi. Sending text messages and emails to members even during festive periods in the year of election.

- vii. Receiving undue reference/recognition at the Institute's functions.
- viii. Offering any form of financial inducement including assisting in payment of annual subscription during election year.

Members, whether seeking election/re-election or not, shall not solicit/canvass for votes on behalf of the contestants using any of the methods in 3.2 (i) to (viii) above.

3.3 SANCTIONS

Electoral Matters Committee shall investigate any act or activity or complaints brought to its attention.

A breach of any of the rules herein before set out will attract any or all of the following sanctions:

- i. Even after declaration of results, candidates found liable shall have their elections nullified ***and the candidate with the next highest vote in that category will be declared the winner and sworn in.***
- ii. Suspension from future elections for **Five (5) years.**

4. DEFINITIONS

- i. A year of election is the period between the end of an Annual General Meeting to the next Annual General Meeting.
- ii. Eligibility of a member to be voted for and their sponsors is defined as follows:
 - a. **A member with record of 90 MCPE credit hours for three (3) consecutive years up to December 31, 2018.**
 - b. **A member who had fulfilled all his/her financial obligations (subscription, faculty fees, licence fees and other debts to the Institute) up to April 30, 2019.**

5. Rule: 15

- i. Election of members to fill vacancies on the Council of the Institute shall be held annually at the Annual General Meeting.
- ii. At least two weeks before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting, the Registrar/Chief Executive shall send **electronically (by e-mail and SMS) to each member, a special PIN Code and through the e-voting portal, an electronic ballot paper** containing a list of members who have been duly nominated for election to Council requesting him/her to **vote electronically for the candidates of his/her choice.** Every voting member shall endeavour to exercise his/her full voting rights. A member may vote for himself/herself, but voting by proxy is prohibited. **A member shall not be allowed to vote twice.**
- iii. A retiring member shall be eligible for re-election in like manner except the Immediate Past President (**IPP**).
- iv. Each candidate for election shall be sponsored by at least two members.
- v. No member shall be allowed to nominate himself as a candidate for election.
- vi. Any member wishing to nominate a member or members for election to the Council shall notify the Registrar/Chief Executive in writing accompanied by the nominee's written consent **not later than April 3, 2019.**
- vii. Registered Accountants can vote but they cannot be voted for.
- viii. The President, the Registrar/Chief Executive and the Chairman of the Body of Scrutineers would sequentially log in their individual passwords to declare open the e-voting portal in the presence of the Scrutineers present on **Thursday, May 16, 2019.** This same persons

would after the 14 days allotted for voting i.e. on **Thursday, May 30, 2019** declare the e-voting closed at 4.30p.m. and shut down the e-voting portal.

The Scrutineers would generate the report from the e-voting portal immediately the portal closes at 4.30p.m. on **Thursday, May 30, 2019**. The votes obtained by each candidate shall be recorded and enclosed in a sealed envelope to be opened by the Chairman and presented at the Annual General Meeting on **Friday, May 31, 2019**.

At the opening and closing of the voting portal, any interested member may be allowed to witness the ceremony.

Please find attached the nomination form.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John I. Evbodaghe', with a stylized flourish at the end.

JOHN I. EVBODAGHE, MBA, FCA
Registrar/Chief Executive