

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Presented to the 104th Annual General Meeting

The committee [conducts National Elections](#) for Officers and Directors, other than the AC Director, to positions on the National Board (By-Law 17.3.2) and, from time to time, may [conduct Constituent Body elections](#) (By-Law 17.3.2.1). The National Elections Committee may also provide guidance and advice to constituent bodies executives and/or their elections committee. The committee will also hear, investigate, and rule on complaints received relevant to the elections it is conducting or the conduct of constituent body elections committees. Ref Elections and Appeals - Responsibilities

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As per PIPSC By-Law 22.1, **Date of Election/Commencement of Office**: “Commencing in 2015, there shall be an election of Officers and Directors of the Institute every three (3) years.” ... The next scheduled National Elections will be held in November 2024.

In addition to the ‘every three years’ National Elections schedule, ‘Special’ elections could occur. For example: if a position on the Board of Directors becomes vacant, then a ‘Special’ election may be required depending on the length of time between when the vacancy occurs and the next scheduled election.

The National Elections Committee is a committee of the Board; therefore its members are appointed by the Board of Directors. At the December 2020 AGM the Elections Committee’s mandate was changed to a three-year term, allowing the Committee to be in place the year before the election, the year of the election, and the year after the election. This will ensure stability and knowledge sharing and will ensure a smooth and successful national election moving forward. The first three-year term 2023-2025 National Elections Committee was appointed on February 7, 2023.

Within days of that appointment, the Special election to fill the BC-Yukon Regional Director vacancy was completed.

The National Elections Committee conducted elections to the executive of the AFS and Nav Canada groups at their request and in accordance with their By-Laws. We also conducted an in-presence election of the SUN-RT group executive during a Special General Meeting.

Your National Elections Committee is always looking for innovative ideas to increase member participation in National elections. We are interested in identifying the barriers to participation. Our goal is to increase voter turnout. If you have thoughts, ideas, or suggestions as to what the barriers are and/or how we might be able to increase voter participation then we want to hear from you. Please email the National Elections Committee: elections_committee@pipsc.ca (note the 'underscore' between 'elections' and 'committee').

The 2023-2025 Elections Committee members are Tim Azab, Adam Belaire, Yves Cousineau (Chair), Neville Feltham, Josée Girard, Mladen Komnenic, and Zulfikar Nanji. The PIPSC staff resource is Ann Gregory.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, National Elections Committee