

Official UWSMS Election Rules

1. *Nomination*

- 1.1 Any member of UWSMS is allowed to run as a candidate for an offered position as long as they have :
 - (a) Made notice of their nomination in writing to the secretary of UWSMS
 - (b) Signed their notice of nomination and have had it seconded by another member of UWSMS
 - (c) Filled any external criteria certain positions require, such as an additional application form/notice of experience, and,
 - (d) Do not hold any other position in the UWSMS Executive or committees
- 1.2 A candidate is only allowed to run for a maximum of two positions in one election period
- 1.3 All candidates are allowed one 150-word submission, outlining their suitability for the particular position which will be posted on the UWSMS website
 - (a) In the 150 words candidates may wish to include relevant previous experience, personal qualities and ideas or initiatives for the position
 - (b) Should the submission exceed the word limit, only the first 150 words exactly will be published as the candidate's submission. (Note: words such as "a" and "the" are included the word limit)
 - (c) The candidate's name and year level will be published above the submission and so are not require within the text.
- 1.4 A candidate running for two positions may submit one 150-word blurb for *each* position
- 1.5 Candidates may also submit a photograph along with their submission, which will appear on the online ballot
 - (a) UWSMS may adjust or crop the picture to ensure that the picture sizes are consistent amongst all candidates, or change the format of the picture to ensure that it is compatible with the website
- 1.6 Campaigning may only be conducted by word-of-mouth and through the 150 word submission
 - (a) Candidates may not use 'vuws' to spam all students
 - (b) Candidates may not distribute posters or flyers
 - (c) Breaches of these conditions will result in disqualification from the current election

2. *Election*

- 2.1 If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot is to be held

- 2.2 If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected
- 2.3 If insufficient further nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining are taken to be casual vacancies.
- (a) In this instance, casual vacancies will be voted at the AGM following the election
- 2.4 The election will be held as an online ballot, using the medical society's secure external polling software.
- (a) Only members registered to the online USWMS website will be allowed to vote
- (b) Registration of new members must take place, on at least, the day *before* voting, as registration closes during the voting period.
- (c) A registered member can only vote once
- 2.5 Should only a select group of members be allowed a vote (i.e. members from a particular year group), votes from members who are not in that group will be automatically deleted from the system and will not count toward the final tally.
- 2.6 The votes will be tallied automatically
- 2.7 The candidate with the greatest number of votes in a position will be offered that position
- (a) The successful candidate will be notified and the results will be disclosed to them confidentially
- (b) after which they will have 1-2 hours to decide if they want to accept the offered position
- (c) Should the successful candidate choose not to accept, the candidate with the next greatest number of votes will be offered the position
- 2.8 Should one candidate obtain the greatest number of votes in two positions,
- (a) both positions will be offered to the candidate,
- (b) and candidate must then select only one position to fill,
- (c) the unfilled position will be offered to the person with the next greatest number of votes

3. Announcement

- 3.1 The public, other UWSMS members and remaining candidates will be notified of the winners at the following AGM