



PARA Assembly Nominations and Election Process 2024-2025

Call for Nominations: July 4-22, 2024

Nominations for Program Liaisons and Members at Large will be open for a period of 19 days. All details and nomination documents will be shared via email to all members and will also be available on the PARA website. Nomination Form and Letter of Intent must be complete and submitted by the deadline to be considered a valid nomination.

Note: We strongly recommend speaking to your program director in advance if you are considering running as a PARA Assembly Delegate

Elections Process: July 25-August 5, 2024

Online elections open for all Assembly Delegate positions requiring election. In the event only one nomination is received for an Assembly Delegate position, the nominee shall be declared elected by acclamation. Election results will be posted on the PARA website and reported in the September issue of *PARAScope*.

In the unusual circumstance where there is a tie at the close of the election, the following will occur:

1. A second election (ballot) will occur for the tied candidates; this second ballot will go out to the appropriate PARA members (based on university)
2. If the second ballot results in a tie, the election will proceed to a third ballot

For your information: PARA Bylaws

10.2 Election or appointment of Delegates shall be held in the following manner:

- 10.2.1 Only Members of the Association in good standing, as specified in Article IV "Membership", are eligible for a position as a Delegate.
- 10.2.2 Within 30 days of the beginning of the academic year, all Members shall be invited to submit their names for election as a Program Liaison or Member at Large Delegate.
- 10.2.3 Nominations will consist of the following:
 - 10.2.3.1 nominee's name, university, program and year of residency
 - 10.2.3.2 nominee's signature of acceptance
 - 10.2.3.3 supporting signatures from at least two other Members, and
 - 10.2.3.4 a brief statement of intent from the nominee

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- 10.2.4 If more than the maximum allotted numbers of Members for the Assembly grouping (see *Article IX: The Assembly*) submit their names for a given Assembly Delegate position, an election shall be held by electronic ballot.
- 10.2.5 Members will have a single vote for each Assembly Delegate position that requires election in their constituency. Members enrolled with the University of Alberta shall elect delegates from the University of Alberta and members enrolled with the University of Calgary shall elect delegates from the University of Calgary. Proxy votes shall not be permitted.
- 10.2.6 If less than the maximum allotted number of Members submits their names for a Program Liaison or Member at Large group, the Board may appoint representative(s) from among those applicants who previously put their names forward for different Delegate positions, but who would be eligible for the vacant position. If there are no appropriate applicants, then a second nomination period and election may be held at the Board's discretion. If the Board deems additional representation unnecessary, these position(s) may remain vacant.