

# Trustee Elections 2022 – Guidance for Candidates

## Protocol for the Election of Regional Trustees

1. Nominated candidates should provide the Executive with a candidate statement: this should be limited to 750 words or less, and should not express views on the ability or integrity of other candidates, nor contain misleading or defamatory statements. The Independent Scrutineers have the right to edit any statements not conforming to the above either in terms of length or content.

## Canvassing

2. Canvassing material must not contain misleading or defamatory statements or express views as to the ability or integrity of other candidates.
3. Canvassing material must not be circulated directly by the candidate or by any third party and must be submitted to the Executive for circulation.
4. There should be no canvassing until the ballot material has been circulated.
5. Canvassing may only be conducted in the member's personal capacity; it is not permitted to circulate or canvass other members in the member's capacity as an Officer of the Institute.
6. Canvassing on behalf of a candidate should only be done in the member's personal capacity and may not be conducted in the member's capacity as a member of a Branch, Board or Committee.
7. Canvassing should not cause nuisance to voters by being persistent or intrusive.
8. The Executive will forward all canvassing material to the Independent Scrutineers for confirmation as to whether the material complies with the requirements set out in this guidance. The Independent Scrutineers will make a final determination on this and there is no right of appeal against the decision of the Independent Scrutineers.
9. The Executive will place approved canvassing material on the CI Arb web site and will email members eligible to vote with a hyperlink so that the material can be accessed and read by them.
10. Candidates should aim to spend a modest sum only on canvassing (as a guide, no more than £100); this must be at their personal, not branch, expense.
11. There should be no improper inducement for support, such as directly or indirectly providing any food, drink or entertainment with the intention of influencing any voter to vote or refrain from voting.

## Results

12. Results will be notified to the candidates by email as soon as they are available and ratified and then published on the website.