

Trustee Elections 2022 – Guidance for Branches



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Background

1. The Board of Trustees has resolved that any canvassing material circulated on behalf of candidates should only be done in a member's personal capacity and not in a member's capacity as a member of a Branch Committee.
2. The purpose of this Guidance is to inform Branch Committee members of this position and to set out the process should a Branch Committee member wish to nominate a candidate in his/her personal capacity.
3. This Guidance is published on CI Arb's website and will be circulated to all Branch Committee Members.
4. The Board of It is proposed to appoint Civica (previously the Electoral Reform Society) as the Independent Scrutineers and to run these elections on behalf of CI Arb.

Canvassing

5. Canvassing material must not contain misleading or defamatory statements or express views as to the ability or integrity of other candidates.
6. Canvassing material must not be circulated directly by the candidate or by any third party and must be submitted to the Executive for circulation.
7. There should be no canvassing until the ballot material has been circulated.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Canvassing should not cause nuisance to voters by being persistent or intrusive.
11. 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.
12. The Executive will place approved canvassing material on the CI Arb website and will email members eligible to vote with a hyperlink so that the material can be accessed and read by them.
13. Branch funds must not be spent on canvassing material (anything material relating to the election of the candidate). Any expenditure in relation to the elections is a personal cost to the candidate.