



ELECTORAL GUIDELINES FOR THE 2025 NIPR COUNCIL ELECTIONS BY THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

1. Rules and Guidelines

1.1: Eligibility of Voters: A member shall be eligible to vote if he/she is:

- i. A recertified member with a practice number.
- ii. Financially up to date at both Chapter and National as of 31st March 2024.
- iii. Present and accredited at the venue of the election in Uyo.

1.2: **Requirements for Contestants:** Any member vying for Council membership shall:

- i. Satisfy conditions in items i and iii of 1.1 above.
- ii. Be financially up-to-date at Chapter and National levels as of 31st March 2025.
- iii. Only purchase a form at a non-refundable fee of N250,000.00 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Naira).
- iv. Fill out the nomination form at the Institute's website (www.niprng.org.ng), election portal (<http://elections.niprng.org.ng/>), and print it for endorsement.
- v. Be endorsed by either a Chapter Chairman, an EXCO Member and a Fellow.
- vi. Submit photocopies of all payment receipts (nomination form fee and annual subscriptions).
- vii. Submit the name and passport of the agent during the screening process.
- viii. Be screened on specified dates.
- ix. Be present at the manifesto night on a specified date and time.

2. Campaign Guidelines

All campaign activities shall be conducted following the following rules:

- i. No candidate shall start any form of campaign before the start date
- ii. All campaign ends at 11:49 pm on the eve of the election.

- iii. The candidate shall not use foul language against another.
- iv. No campaign material around the election venue on election day.
- v. Campaign and manifesto must be issue-based.

3. Disqualification of Candidate

Any candidate stands disqualified at any time if he or she is found guilty of the following:

- i. False declarations in any manner.
- ii. Breach of any of the items in Article 1.2 above.
- iii. Violation of any of the Campaign Guidelines.

4. Voting Procedure / Information

- i. A mobile-friendly e-voting web application will be developed to enable members to vote electronically.
- ii. A list of qualified voters will be displayed strategically at the venue so members can check their names.
- iii. Electronic ballots will contain the names of all duly cleared contestants.
- iv. Members' accreditation will be conducted physically at the venue before the election.
- v. E-voting will commence immediately after accreditation.
- vi. Members will be able to vote from their devices.
- vii. The venue will provide an internet facility so that members can have uninterrupted internet access during the election period.
- viii. A voter's practice number is required for voting.
- ix. The proposed internet access must be able to accommodate 3000 users at the same time.
- x. Members will be authenticated to vote using their membership number and a unique One-Time Password (OTP) generated at the point of accreditation.
- xi. There are provisions for any member with voting challenge.
- xii. Upon physical accreditation at the venue, the accredited member can cast his/her vote within or outside the venue.
- xiii. The results shall be livestreamed.
- xiv. Final election results shall be announced immediately after collation of results.

- xv. The Electoral College of Council Members-Elect will proceed to elect the President and Vice President of NIPR.
- xvi. A Certificate of Return shall be issued immediately after the result is announced.
- xvii. Other information concerning the eVoting will be posted using various channels at the committee's disposal.

5. Final Decision on Electoral Matters

The Electoral Committee shall adjudicate any electoral-related matters. Its decision shall be final and NOT subject to litigation.



Professor Uche Mbanaso, mnipr
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