Campaign Guidelines

In order to keep campaigning on a highly professional level and to maintain fairness to all candidates, the Institute will rely on the integrity of the candidates. The Office of the Secretary of the Institute oversees the elections and will provide interpretation of the guidelines as needed. The following are the Board of Directors Campaign Guidelines for the election of the AIChE President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors.

1) AIChE or any AIChE Group or Committee (e.g., AIChE Division, Forum, Committee, or Local Section) cannot endorse or oppose any Board of Directors candidate. Members of the Board of Directors shall not endorse or oppose any candidate; however, a current member of the Board of Directors may campaign on his/her own behalf.

2) Campaigns shall be financed by the candidates themselves. Campaigns cannot be financed by AIChE or any AIChE Committee (e.g., AIChE Division, Forum, Committee or Local Section), or by any organization, company, or university. All campaign costs are to be borne by the candidate.

3) Campaign committees may be formed. A Board Member cannot be on a campaign committee.

4) Candidates may campaign via social media. A URL or link to the official election information on the AIChE election web page should be provided when possible.

5) AIChE Committees (e.g., AIChE Division, Forum, Committee, or Local Section) cannot provide campaign information to their members. AIChE Committees cannot endorse or oppose a Board of Directors candidate via newsletters, emails, websites, or any form of social media.

6) Members of the Board of Directors are not permitted to endorse or oppose a candidate via social media (e.g., “liking,” reposting or commenting on “Facebook”).

7) AIChE will advertise the candidate’s personal statement presenting his/her qualifications and views as published in AIChE’s official magazine and on AIChE’s web page. The candidate may provide an email address, website URL or social media information for more details on his/her positions in order to foster a dialog between the candidate and the voting membership.

8) Interactions between the candidate and voting membership are permitted and encouraged; however, mailing lists and email lists cannot be provided by AIChE or any AIChE Committee (e.g., AIChE Division, Forum, Committee, or Local Section).

9) Campaigning at AIChE meetings (e.g., the AIChE Spring, Annual, Local Section or Regional Meetings) is limited to personal interactions between the candidates and meeting attendees. Distribution and posting of campaign materials at AIChE meetings (e.g., the AIChE Spring, Annual, Local Section or Regional Meetings) are prohibited.

The Board of Directors recognizes that it is not practical to develop a complete set of rules to regulate campaigning; however, the Board is convinced that it can depend on the membership to enforce these regulations.