

### 9.4.3. Nomination Phase

The period of the nomination phase must be at least 60 calendar days. The Secretariat will post an announcement to the ASO web site, other web sites, and email lists as appropriate declaring the nomination period open and specifying the deadline for presenting nominations. This announcement will contain instruction directing interested parties to the ASO website where they may obtain information regarding the selection process, candidate eligibility requirements, and the responsibilities upon selection. Anyone may nominate any person whom they wish. Nominations will be sent to the Secretariat who will contact the nominee, notify them of their impending nomination, and provide them with a copy of the Letter of Certification and a general questionnaire. The questionnaire will also secure written consent of the candidate to permit the due diligence provider to complete the due diligence review as required. The nominee will complete the letter and questionnaire and return them to the Secretariat. The Secretariat will forward them to the QRC.

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### 9.4.9. Review of Candidate

The candidate will be subject to an independent due diligence review conducted by an ICANN provided contractor referred to as due diligence provider. This review will require written consent of the candidate, obtained by the due diligence provider before the due diligence review begins. All candidates will provide this consent during the nomination phase. Depending on the region in which the candidate is located, this due diligence review process generally takes 3-4 weeks from when the due diligence provider is notified of the candidate. The process is meant to ensure that there is nothing in the candidate's past or the information provided to the ASO AC during the nomination process which would raise any concerns about the candidate serving as a member of the ICANN Board.

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### 9.4.10. Announcement of Election Results

Election results including the vote counts from each election will only be provided to the eligible voters. This information is strictly confidential. Following a successful due diligence review and report thereof to the Address Council Chair will announce the results of the election. In the unlikely event that the elected candidate does not have a successful due diligence review, the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes will be put forward for due diligence.

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