

Who can be a Director or Committee Member?

A Director or Committee Member must meet all of the following qualifications:

- be at least 18 years old;
- not have been declared incapable by a court in Canada or in another country;
- be an individual (ex: a corporation cannot be a director);
- not be in bankrupt status; and
- be a full member of Mex Y Can.

Nomination and Election Process

Prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) there is a call for nominations for the Board of Directors open positions, which follows an election taking place during the AGM. The election of all directors is not required at each AGM.

a) Nomination

Members (Full and Associate) of the Mexican community in Manitoba are invited to submit a Nomination Form for a candidate to hold a position as part of the Board of Directors or any other Committee. Once the nomination period is closed, the proposed candidate is contacted to verify the acceptance of the nomination and to request a bio and a photo. A deadline is also set to reply. If not response by the established date, the nomination is considered declined. No further nominations are accepted after the nomination date is closed since a list of nominees and their bios are presented to the community in advance in case there is a need for submitting a vote by Proxy. Nominees for the position of President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer must have at least 1 year of active participation with Mex Y Can.

b) Election

During the AGM, the Nominating Committee Chair presents the list of the nominees and provides a brief introduction about them. Ballots are given to the voting members. Votes submitted by Proxy are also accepted and counted. Final election of the Board of Directors is conducted by ordinary resolution of members (passed by a simple majority of members, representing 50% + of the total voting right). The Nominating Committee is in charge of counting the votes. The Nominating Committee Chair announces the new Board of Directors for the following operation year: January 1 – December 31 of the current year. In case there are two candidates or more with the same number of votes for a position, a short statement on why they are interested in that position is provided by the candidates to the voting members. A second round of election for that position is conducted. The Nominating Committee Chair counts the votes and announces the winner. In case that there is only 1 nominee for a position, a direct election takes place where no voting is required.