

Council Election – Frequently Asked Questions

Corporate Finance Faculty Bye Election Summer 2026

Am I eligible to participate in the election?

Any member who is a member of the Corporate Finance Faculty as of the Qualifying Date (2 June) is eligible to stand, vote, and nominate a candidate in that constituency.

Your election constituency or constituencies are specified in 'My Details' on your member profile.

How do I complete my candidate statement?

You can complete your application via the online nomination system until 14 July 2026 at icaew.com/councilelections.

What should I include in the candidate statement?

All candidates must submit a candidate statement in the standard template available on the nominations site. You are advised to complete all sections of the template. If you leave a section blank, it will appear as such in your final statement. There is no word limit, but we suggest 200 words per section as a guide. Brevity is advised to keep the statement effective and focused.

What's the candidate vetting process?

Once a candidate's application is submitted, the Governance Office reviews it to ensure it has been completed correctly. If so, the individual will be confirmed as a Provisional Candidate. The candidate will be notified, and nominators will then be able to submit their nominations via the Election Portal.

Once five valid nominations have been received, the Governance Office will carry out a disciplinary check, including an external background check, to confirm the candidate's eligibility.

Following the close of the nominations process, the Returning Officer Committee will meet to review all candidacies.

The Returning Officer must not accept any nomination which:

is incomplete or submitted after the nomination deadline; or
in the opinion of the Returning Officer Committee, presents a potential conflict of interest so significant that, it may prevent the candidate from fulfilling the role of Council member to the standard reasonably expected by ICAEW members. For further guidance on conflicts of interest, please refer to the Declaration of Interest Policy.

Under the Council Election Regulations, paragraph 38. Each Provisional Candidate shall, on or before the last date for nominations, disclose in writing to the Returning Officer (council.elections@icaew.com), whether within or outside ICAEW any:

current criminal proceedings before any court in any jurisdiction;
regulatory and/or disciplinary proceeding to which they are subject; and
any complaint made against them under the Active Member Conduct Procedure.

How do I know if I am approved as a candidate?

The Governance Office will first verify that each candidate belongs to the constituency in which they are standing and check that the candidate statement has been correctly completed. Once this check is complete, the candidate's name will appear on the nomination site visible to members in that constituency, and they will be designated as a Provisional Candidate.

After the nomination stage closes, a disciplinary check will be carried out to confirm there are no adverse findings in the past 10 years that may disqualify the candidate from standing for Council.

Candidacy will be formally confirmed once the Returning Officer Committee has reviewed and approved the application in full. Candidates will be notified by email once they are officially confirmed as an Approved Candidate.

What's the nominating process?

Each candidate must be supported by five nominators. Nominators must be full ICAEW members, and members of the Corporate Finance Faculty as of the Qualifying Date (2 June 2026).

Nominations must be submitted via the online nomination system by 12:00 noon (BST) on 14 July 2026. Nominators will need their ICAEW membership number and password to log in and complete the process.

Following the submission of nominations, candidates will be reviewed by the Returning Officer Committee, following which candidates will be formally confirmed as Approved Candidates.

The Governance Office will notify candidates once this stage is complete.

Why can't my nominators see my candidacy?

Your nominators must be members of the Corporate Finance Faculty, as of the Qualifying Date (2 June 2026), in order to submit a nomination.

Additionally, once you have submitted your candidacy, the Governance Office will conduct disciplinary checks in accordance with the Council Election Regulations (paragraph 39). These checks can take up to 48 working hours to complete. You will be notified once this process is finished, and your nominators will then be able to view your candidacy on the nomination portal.

What are the rules for campaigning?

All rules and guidance can be found in the Council Election Regulations

What's the time commitment for the Corporate Finance Faculty Council member?

Council members are expected to attend all Council meetings on 6/7 October, 9 December, 24 March 2027 and 1 & 2 June 2027. Attendance is either in person at Chartered Accountants Hall or virtually via Teams. In months where there is no formal Council meeting one-hour online sessions for Council briefings and any out of meeting actions.

In addition to meeting attendance, members should allocate time for pre-reading, preparation, and participation in regular Council briefings. Members may also be asked or may volunteer to join Task and Finish groups or work on specific projects.

New members will receive a comprehensive induction, both before their first Council meeting.

A Faculty-elected Council member is expected to join the Faculty Board to ensure effective, two-way communication between the Faculty and the Council. This involves attending three to four Faculty Board meetings per year, in addition to the Council meetings listed above and fulfilling the obligations of a Faculty Board member as set out in their Terms of Reference.