

Nominations Guidelines

Executive Committee Position/s

PRESIDENT-ELECT

The PsySSA Nominations Committee wishes to advise that the President-Elect position on the PsySSA Executive Committee will become vacant at the forthcoming 27th AGM:

1. President-Elect, who will serve for one year before assuming the role of President at the conclusion of the 28th AGM in 2024.

Members in good standing may propose suitable candidates for the consideration of the Nominations Committee, which will duly present appropriate candidates for election at the AGM.

Nominations Guidelines for President-Elect have been attached to this notification. All nominations with supporting documentation should be emailed to the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Prof Garth Stevens, at nominations@psyssa.com by 08 September 2023.

Full Members of PsySSA are encouraged to nominate suitable candidates for the position of President-Elect Member for 2023/2024, which will become vacant.

A NOMINATED CANDIDATE SHALL:

1. Be a full member of PsySSA, as defined in its constitution, in good standing for the immediate past three years
2. Have a PhD in psychology from a South African or other internationally recognised university
3. Have sufficient standing amongst peers in her/his area of expertise and/or the profession as evidenced in the nomination motivations and CV
4. Have competency as defined in the "Rules of conduct pertaining specifically to the profession of psychology" (Annexure 12 of Govt. Notice R. 717, Govt Gazette, 4 August 2006)
5. Have not been found guilty of any ethical transgression, criminal act or other obstacle that may bring disrepute to the office of President, PsySSA specifically and the profession generally
6. Have no actual or perceived conflict of interest or any competing interest that may cause disunity in PsySSA specifically and the profession generally
7. Have adequate background expertise and knowledge of the science and profession of psychology in South Africa to be able to represent psychology at national, continental and international levels without any bias for narrow category or other interests
8. Hold no current membership of any competing psychology organisation as identified by the PsySSA Council
9. Devote the time and dedication to serve as President-Elect, President and Past President without fear, favour or prejudice in her/his personal capacity
10. Display the commitment to uphold the PsySSA Principles (Article 2, PsySSA Constitution) and progress the vision, mission and strategic plan of PsySSA
11. Submit a one-page statement which, amongst others, sets out her/his suitability for the position, expertise, areas of interest
12. Agree to such nomination by appending her/his signature on the Nomination Form (Appendix 1).

NOMINATORS AND SECONDRS SHALL, WHEN NOMINATING ANY CANDIDATE, THEMSELVES BE:

1. Full members in good standing
2. Compliant with requirements 4-6 above
3. Able to outline the candidate's leadership skills in respect of the qualities mentioned above
4. Able to secure the candidate's confirmation/signature/commitment to serve PsySSA with loyalty and to the best of the candidate's abilities
5. Able to provide the current CV of the candidate and any other supporting documentation that may be necessary
6. Able to provide at least two letters of support from full members of PsySSA in good standing, PsySSA Fellows and recognised leaders in the field of psychology who can attest to the candidate's suitability for this position of leadership in PsySSA
7. Able to engage with the Nominations Committee and/or Council timeously where necessary, especially if there are any contentious issues that may preclude the candidate's nomination from going forward to the AGM, thus avoiding the candidate being placed in an invidious position.

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The Nominations Committee will review each nomination together with any supporting documentation. Should there be insufficient eligible candidates, the Committee shall call for further nominations and shall encourage eligible candidates to avail themselves for nomination. Should there be concerns about any candidate, the Report of the Nominations Committee to Council should reflect this, after engagement with the Nominator and/or Secunder, who will be invited to make representations to Council. Council will present the candidate/s to the AGM for election in terms of the PsySSA Constitution and Rules.