



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: WRIT OF ELECTION 2019

Date: Tuesday February 26th, 2019

Whereas, pursuant to Section 2 of the Carleton University *FIRST* Robotics Alumni & Mentoring Association Electoral Code, the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) shall issue a Writ of Election to indicate the scheduling of an Election no later than three (3) weeks prior to the General Meeting at which the Election will take place.

Be it hereby known that the Carleton University *FIRST* Robotics Alumni & Mentoring Association (CU FIRST) intends to hold Elections for the Executive positions listed below on **Tuesday March 19th, 2019**.

The following positions are available as seats in office:

- **President**; one (1) position
- **Vice President - Internal**; one (1) position
- **Vice President - External**; one (1) position
- **Vice President - Finance**; one (1) position
- **Executive-at-Large**; one (1) position

Nominations & Eligibility

Only students currently enrolled at Carleton University are eligible to hold an Executive position, and can become a Candidate if:

- They are Nominated by themselves or another Member
- They accept the Nomination

The Nomination period shall begin on Tuesday February 26th, 2019 and shall end on Tuesday March 19th, 2019. Nominations shall be sent to the Chief Electoral Officer, including the name of the Candidate and the position(s) they wish to run for, via email to: **elections@cufirst.ca**

Note on Nominations: Individuals may be nominated for multiple positions but can only be elected to and hold one (1) Executive position.

Campaigning

An announcement shall be made at least once per week from the Dropping of the Writ until the General Meeting by the Chief Electoral Officer outlining the full list of Candidates and the position(s) for which they are running.

Candidates will be allowed to campaign from the time of accepting their Nomination until the beginning of the General Meeting. All candidates will be invited to deliver a speech lasting no longer than five (5) minutes at the General Meeting, before voting begins.

The use of official club resources, including Social Media accounts, for the purposes of campaigning for a candidate is prohibited.

Voting

Scheduled Elections are held annually in March at the Spring General Meeting. All voting will take place in-person using physical paper ballots.

If only one (1) candidate is nominated for a position, that candidate shall be acclaimed and assume that position without the need for a vote.

Elections where two (2) candidates are nominated for a position shall be conducted using First-Past-the-Post (FPTP) rules, where the Candidate who receives the highest percentage of votes from eligible voters wins.

Elections with three (3) or more candidates shall be conducted using Single Transferable Vote (STV) rules. Under this system, voters rank their favoured candidates, the ballots are tallied, the candidate with the lowest percentage of the popular vote is eliminated, and the ballots for that candidate are redistributed to other candidates based on the next favoured choice. This process continues until one (1) candidate receives at least 50% of the vote, and that individual will be declared the winner.

Electoral Inquiries and Complaints

All inquiries and complaints regarding the electoral process or the conduct of a candidate should be directed to the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO). These messages should be submitted in writing via email to: **elections@cufirst.ca**.

Contact

Anthony Caliciuri, Chief Electoral Officer

- Email: **elections@cufirst.ca**
- Website: **cufirst.ca/elections**

This document is by no means a complete and full account of the electoral process or election rules. The complete Electoral Code can be found in Article VIII of the CU FIRST Constitution.