



Re: Election of New Officers for 2019

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Dear ISPA USA members:

The term of our current group of six officers expires at the end of 2018. Beginning at our annual meeting in Anaheim this January, we will begin the process of nominating and electing new officers for a four year term for 2019-2022.

At our annual meeting in Delaware last June, we appointed Chris Vogeler as the election coordinator for ISPA USA. Chris is not seeking office on the new Executive, and he has graciously agreed to ensure a fair, impartial and accurate result of the election process. This is a two-step process, which I will lay out for you here in this email.

Step 1 is to gather nominations of interested parties for preparing the ballot. Self-nominations are fine, and you merely need to email Chris Vogeler at chris.vogeler@gmail.com (mailing address: 3024 Darien Lane, Twinsburg, OH 44087) with your statement of intent to run for the ISPA USA Executive and which position you are interested in. You may suggest nominees, but they would have to agree, naturally. I have attached the ISPA USA bylaws. The descriptions of each position on the Executive are listed in Article V Section 2. It is desired to have at least two vice-presidents, one each east/west of the Rocky Mountains as we currently have.

Chris will compile the list of nominees and prepare a tentative ballot to review and approve at our meeting in Anaheim. Once approved, we will move on to the election process.

Step 2 is the election process. We will distribute the ballots by email (or paper mail in some cases) by 28 FEB 2018, the date by which membership dues are due. Every member who has paid their dues for 2018 will have a vote in the election. Simply complete the ballot and return it to Chris Vogeler by email or US Post (see above) by the end of May 2018. Chris will tally the ballots on 01 JUN 2018 and we will announce the new Executive at the North American Championship in Cleveland 20-23 JUL 2018. New Executives will assume their duties as of 01 JAN 2019.

I hope that many of you are willing to consider service to ISPA USA as an officer on the Executive. Having talented people with organizational skills and enthusiasm for competitive Skat is essential to the future of our ISPA Section.

Warmest regards and Gut Blatt,

Bill Thompson

Pres. ISPA USA