

The following document represents the discussion at the board election sub-committee of 11th March 2004, and is presented to the Interim Board as a work in progress item for comment and discussion.

Election Timeline

The election is expected to proceed along the following timescales.

1. March 16th Approval of Membership Agreement
2. March 19th On-Line Membership Sign-Up Open
3. March 23rd Text of membership Open announcement approved
4. March 24th Membership Recruitment Drive
(which lists are emailed)
(believe this should be linked to public announcement)
5. March 30th Text of candidate invitation approved.
6. April 2nd On-Line Candidate Proposal in Board and Arch. Board Open
7. April 16th Board and Arch Board Proposal Closes
8. April 20th Interim Board approves Candidates for Election
9. May 5th Election and Candidates Announced
10. May 10th Voting Opens
11. May 28th Voting Closes
12. June 1st Interim Board reviews Election Result
13. June 3rd Election Results announced

Membership Information Requirements

When signing up for membership of the X.Org foundation, the election sub-committee recommends the following information is gathered from potential members.

1. First Name, Surname (required)
 - a. Nicknames are not acceptable. While an email address may reflect a nickname, entries such as “Mickey Mouse” will be removed from the membership listing.
2. Email Address (required)
 - a. Validated by generating email and password for web. Users will then have to respond for their account to be enabled.
3. Primary Company Affiliation (optional)
 - a. Applicants must provide their main company affiliation when applying for membership.
 - b. The field will be optional, as individuals, such as students, may be unattached members.
4. Physical Address (required)
 - a. Full Mail Address including country, postal code, etc. will be required to verify authenticity.
5. Contact Telephone/Fax Number (optional)

- a. The foundation should gather this information for authentication and contact purposes. It is optional, and people will not be required to provide this information.
6. Qualification for Membership (200 Words)
 - a. A short personal statement of contribution to the X Window System Technology environment will be required from prospective members.

Candidate Proposal for Board or Architecture Board.

Candidates and/or Proposers will need to be members and be logged into the Member web site to enter their candidacy or the candidacy of another person.

Where someone proposes another Member for election, the proposal will not be effective until a confirmatory email is received from the person who is being proposed for election.

The election subcommittee envisages the following information as being necessary to consider a person to be entered for the election.:

1. First Name, Surname (as above)
2. Email Address (as above)
3. Personal Statement (200 Words)
 - a. Why does this person want to participate in the Board or Architecture Board of the Foundation. What benefits will they bring.
4. Endorsement (required)
 - a. An existing member of the X.Org Foundation needs to provide an endorsement of this candidate. If not the person entering the candidate, then this person will be emailed to confirm the endorsement of this candidate.

The sub-committee recommends that photographs are not included in the web page of candidate details.

Voting Mechanism

The election sub-committee recommends the following principles to be implemented for the e

1. Voting conducted on-line at www.x.org, where all the candidate information and personal statements will be available to member before voting. If necessary, depending on the complexity of the voting mechanism, a link to an external open source voting website will be provided.
2. Secure page when Member must login to vote.
3. Member has a maximum of 8 votes to be able to select from the list of candidates.
 - a. Use check boxes and count to ensure that the person does not enter too many selections.

- b. Members may vote more than once, but only the last vote will be accepted.
- 4. Votes logged. Confirmation email sent to voter?
 - a. Each time a Member votes, a confirmatory email will be sent to both the member and the election sub-committee (through a closed list) to ensure an open procedure.
- 5. When the votes are counted, the committee recommends that the 4 candidates with the highest total votes cast are given 2 year seats (to be re-elected in June 2006), and the next 4 candidates are given 1 year seats (to be re-elected in June 2005).