

## Election Canvassing FAQs

### **Q. Can I canvas for votes during the election process?**

**A.** Yes, candidates are permitted to canvas for votes during the election process. However, it is essential to do so responsibly and ethically. All candidates should ensure that their canvassing efforts are fair and respectful to all nominees.

### **Q. What are the guidelines for ethical canvassing?**

**A.** Ethical canvassing involves promoting your candidacy without exploiting any positions of authority or access to members that other nominees might not have. Here are some key guidelines:

- **Respect Privacy:** Do not use personal information of members obtained through your role for canvassing purposes.
- **Fair Access:** Ensure that your canvassing efforts do not unfairly leverage your position within any groups or committees.
- **Transparency:** Be honest and transparent about your intentions and the information you share during canvassing.
- **Respect Boundaries:** Avoid persistent or intrusive canvassing that may make members uncomfortable.

### **Q. Can I use my position within IWFM groups or committees to canvas for votes?**

**A.** No, candidates should not use their positions within IWFM groups or committees to gain an unfair advantage in canvassing for votes. It is important to maintain a level playing field for all nominees.

### **Q. Are non-executive directors, IWFM staff, groups, or committees allowed to promote any one individual above others?**

**A.** Current non-executive directors, IWFM staff, groups, or committees are expected to remain neutral and should not promote any one individual above others. This ensures a fair and unbiased election process for all candidates.

### **Q. What should I do if I believe another candidate is canvassing unethically?**

**A.** If you have concerns about the ethical conduct of another candidate's canvassing efforts, please report the matter to the Head of Governance at [governance@iwfm.org.uk](mailto:governance@iwfm.org.uk) All reports will be handled confidentially and investigated appropriately.

### **Q. Are there any specific restrictions on canvassing methods?**

**A.** While there are no specific restrictions on canvassing methods, candidates are encouraged to use respectful and professional approaches. Avoid any form of canvassing that could be perceived as coercive or manipulative.

### **Q. How can I ensure my canvassing is seen positively by members?**

**A.** Focus on highlighting your qualifications, experience, and vision for IWFM. Engage with members in a positive and constructive manner and be open to answering their questions and addressing their concerns.

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