

Nomination and election Executive Board and Committees of the Socio-gerontechnology Network

Background:

- The [committees](#) are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the network. Becoming a member of a committee should be easy for all members of the association; it is a simple and informal way to engage more closely with running the network. Hence, we have kept the rules for the committees informal and minimal.
- The [Executive Board](#) is responsible for managing the network. It is a formal body, and its tasks and responsibilities are stipulated in the articles of the association and by Dutch law. It is elected by the membership of the network, i.e., during the biannual General Assemblies. Executive Board members are elected for two years and can remain in office for a maximum of 3 terms (i.e., 6 years).
- For nominations and elections of the executive board members, the network follows a two-step approach: if a member wants to become an executive board member, they can join one of the committees. Each committee member has the right to nominate themselves to become a candidate for the executive board during an upcoming GA. The sitting executive board decides upon the list of candidates suggested to the GA, striving for a maximum of diversity in age, gender, ethnicity, regional representation and taking into account our value statement.

The rules guiding the nomination and election of the Executive Board thus are:

1. The main governing bodies of the association are its executive board and its committees. The executive board is elected by the General Assembly for 2 years and is authorized to delegate certain tasks carried out under its responsibility to committees that are appointed by the board (Article 12-3).
2. The executive board consists of a chair, a secretary, a treasurer and the chairs of the committees.
3. At present (October 2021), the association has three committees: the communication committee, the events committee and the committee of trust. Every member can propose the founding of a new committee to the executive board of the association, which will then decide on it during one of their bi-monthly meetings. Upon foundation of a new committee, its chair becomes a co-opted member of the executive board.
4. Each member of the association can nominate themselves to become a member of a committee. Together with the committee in question, the executive board decides on the nomination during their next meeting, upon the understanding that committees should be easily accessible for all members.
5. Ahead of each General Assembly, the sitting executive board issues a call for nomination among its own members and all committee members. Each executive board member and each committee member can nominate themselves as a candidate for the new executive board.
6. Based on all nominations, the sitting executive board draws up a list of candidates for the new executive board. This list is circulated together with the other material at least 4 weeks ahead of the GA. The GA decides upon this list by majority vote (absolute majority).