

**Indian Association for Women's Studies**  
**BYE-LAWS FOR ELECTION**

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1. The Executive Committee shall finalize the schedule for holding elections of the EC by postal ballot at least six months preceding the General Body meeting. The schedule should be clearly indicate the number of persons to be elected from each constituency (ordinary members life members, institutional including corporate members), the total number of nominations/consent/ withdrawals/completed ballot papers by Returning Officer and the dates for dispatch for nomination forms list of nominations received and ballot papers along with final list of nominations by the Returning Officer.
2. The Executive Committee shall also appoint a Returning Officer and tellers from among the members, who have expressed their decision not to contest the elections.
3. Nomination forms along with the list of members belonging to that constituency should be sent to all voting members, inviting the specific number of nominations that they can make as decided by the EC five month before the date specified for general body meeting.
4. Any member who wishes to be elected to the Executive Committee may do so provided she has been a member of the IAWS for at least one year.
5. The proposed candidate must give her written consent before the ballot papers are printed.
6. The nomination forms should provide for signature of the nominating member, another member seconding the nomination and the consent of the nominee (sample attached).
7. The last date for receiving completed nominations by the Returning Officer should be at least four months before the general body meeting.
8. Scrutiny of nomination forms shall be done by the Returning Officer, assisted by two tellers within one week after the last date for receiving nominations. The Returning Officer will thereafter send out letters to all duly nominated candidates with complete list of nominations, asking them to confirm their willingness to context the election. Such confirmation/withdrawal letters must reach the Returning Officer twelve weeks before the General Body Meeting.