



Council General International
Vice-president General
Electoral Board



Electoral Rules

PGI Elections – June 2023

August 13th, 2022



Electoral Board (Article 3.6.1)

- Brother Joseph Pandian (Vice-president General) – chairman
- Sister Marie-Françoise Salesiani-Payet (Secretary General) – member
- Brother Larry Tuomey (Treasurer General) – member

Note: no member of the Electoral Board may be a candidate in the election (article 3.6).

Timetable of the Election Process (Article 3.6)

15 June 2022

The Vice-president General, brother Joseph Pandian, as Chairman of the Electoral Board, in accordance with article 3.6, announced to the Council General International that the term of the 16th President General expires in **September 2023** and that an election for his/her successor will take place in **June 2023**.

13 August 2022

The Electoral Board issues the document “Electoral Rules” to the members of the Council General (article 3.6) setting out the process for the election of the 17th President General in accordance with the Rule. The members of the Council General have the responsibility of transmitting this information to the members of the Conferences and Councils in their country/territory.

The Chairman drew attention to the fact that the meeting of the General Assembly at which the election will be concluded had been postponed by one year from its original 2022 date by exceptional decision of the International Executive Committee (IEC) taken in a virtual meeting on 28th March 2021 and that by virtue of that postponement candidates not more than age 66 at the date of the Presidential election would be eligible to stand for election. The Electoral Board is advised that being “not more than age 66” may be interpreted to mean that candidates are eligible up to the day before their 67th birthday.

14 August to 15 October 2022

Members of the Council General, and all Superior/National Councils of our Confederation, are invited to propose names of the candidates to be the next President General (articles 3.5 and 3.7). These proposed names should be sent to cgi.17pgi@ssvpglobal.org. There is no limit to the number of names to be proposed to the Electoral Board.

- **Information to be sent to the Electoral Board:** name of the proposed candidate, nationality, age, time at SSVP, if he or she is active member, candidate’s email, and telephone number (Annex 1).
- **Formal conditions to be fulfilled:** more than 15 years as member of SSVP, current active member, no paid employee of SSVP Councils or special works, and satisfy the condition regarding age limit as amended by IEC.



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16 October to 15 November 2022

The Electoral Board will determine whether potential candidates fulfill the requirements for being eligible to stand for election from its analysis of the documents and declarations sent. The Electoral Board will formally ask the candidates if they agree or not with their candidatures.

16 November to 31 December 2022

The candidates who accept to participate in the elections should send to the Electoral Board these documents:

- 1) *ID or passport (scanned files).*
- 2) *a short resumé (CV) with 1 page (Annex 2).*
- 3) *a short platform (program and ideas for the tenure) with 1 page (Annex 3).*
- 4) *a declaration of active membership signed by the president of his or her Conference and by the Zone Council president or equivalent (Annex 4).*
- 5) *confirmation of being more than 15 years a member of the SSVP (for example: copy of the minute when he or she joined the Society, or such other evidence as satisfies the Electoral Board).*

1 to 31 January 2023

The Electoral Board will assess if the candidates satisfy all the conditions to be elected under the International Statutes (articles 3.3 to 3.8) and if the documents and annexes are in accord. The Electoral Board can make additional contacts with the candidates to ask for further information or clarification about any document sent.

1 February to 15 February 2023

Personal feedback to the candidates approved or rejected (confidential).
Period of reconsideration and eventual resources to the Electoral Board too.
The Holy See will be informed of the identity of approved candidates in accordance with tradition.

16 February to 12 March 2023

Time to translate all documents about the approved candidates (confidential).

13 March 2023

The Electoral Board will announce the final candidates in the election (article 3.8) on Council General International's webpage. CGI website will diffuse the resumé and platform of the final candidates.

Letters with further information and the ballot papers (with the names of the candidates approved by the Electoral Board) will be sent to the members of the Council General.

PAY ATTENTION: RULES SAYS NO CANVASSING: After candidates have been declared (13 March 2023), canvassing on behalf of a candidate or against a candidate is forbidden.

14 March to 12 May 2023



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All Superior or National Council must send to CGI the ballot papers with the chosen candidates by mail (regular courier), confidentially, in sealed envelopes. The Electoral Board will not accept any vote through email or other means.

13 June 2023 (in the afternoon)

SSVP CGI General Assembly (first round and eventually second round if required, in accordance with articles 3.9.1 and 3.9.2). New President General "Term of Promises" must be read by him or her after the elections' results.

Rule 3.3: "The President of the Council General is elected by all the members of the Society, represented by the Presidents of the Superior, Assimilated and Associated Councils, who exercise this right on their own behalf and on behalf of the members they represent".

Rule 3.9.2 Voting procedure: "The voting system used shall consist in two rounds and shall be effected by secret ballot. The first round shall include the postal votes of those electors who are unable to attend in person. In the second round, which shall only be required if no candidate obtains one half plus one of the votes presented, the candidates shall be the two members who have obtained most votes in the first round. Due to time restrictions, this second voting round shall be performed directly and by secret ballot; no postal votes shall be accepted".

9 September 2023

Inauguration ceremony, in Paris (France), and first Board meeting of the new team.

FINAL NOTES

- The Board of CGI has approved these Electoral Rules.
- The Electoral Board will resolve any issues arising in relation to this election. Its decision makes binding these Electoral Rules.
- Prayers to the Holy Spirit for the guidance of electors to be maintained by Conferences and Councils.
- The Electoral Board will issue, during the electoral process, other guidelines, clarifying, where necessary, the voting procedures to be adopted for these elections.

ANNEXES

- Annex 1: Nomination Form.
- Annex 2: Vincentian life resumé (CV).
- Annex 3: Proposed Action Programme (if elected).
- Annex 4: Confirmation of SSVP membership.

**Brother Joseph Pandian
Vice-president General
Electoral Board Chairman**



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Annex 1: NOMINATION FORM

Data of the NOMINATOR:

Name	
Office held by the nominator	
E-mail and phones	

NOMINEE's personal data:

Full name of the nominee	
Home address	
City and country	
Nationality	
Date of birth	
Occupation	
Status marital	
Passport or ID number	
E-mail	
Telephone (mobile or fixed)	

NOMINEE's SSVP membership data:

Name of present Conference	
Address of the Conference	
City and country	
Office held in Conference	
Name of current Conference president	
Name of the local Council which the Conference belongs	
Name of the president of this local Council	



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Data of first joining the SSVP	
Name of the first Conference joined	
Active member since:	

To be signed by the NOMINATOR:

Date	
Place (city and country)	
Signature	

To be signed by the NOMINEE:

Date	
Place (city and country)	
Signature	



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Annex 2: VINCENTIAN LIFE RESUMÉ (CV)

THE NOMINEE IS INVITED TO DESCRIBE ON **NOT MORE THAN ONE PAGE (A4)** THE EXPERIENCE HE OR SHE HAS HAD IN THE SOCIETY SINCE JOINING, AT CONFERENCE OR COUNCIL LEVELS, OR EVEN IN ANY SPECIAL WORK AS A VOLUNTEER.

There is no specific model. The candidate can include as much relevant information as he/she wishes, limited to 1 page.



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Annex 3: PROPOSED ACTION PROGRAMME

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE NOMINEE TO SET OUT ON **NOT MORE THAN ONE PAGE (A4)** HIS OR HER VISION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY AND THE KEY PRIORITIES OF A STRATEGIC PLAN.

There is no specific model. The candidate can include as much relevant information as he/she wishes, limited to 1 page.



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Annex 4: CONFIRMATION OF SSVP MEMBERSHIP

I confirm to the ELECTORAL BOARD that _____

(name of nominee candidate) has to our knowledge been **an active member of the SSVP for more than 15 years** and **does not hold any remunerated post** in the Confederation at any level or in any associated Special Works.

To be signed by:

PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE:

Name of the president	
Email and telephone	
Date	
Place (city and country)	
Signature	

PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL (ZONE COUNCIL OR EQUIVALENT):

Name of the president	
Email and telephone	
Date	
Place (city and country)	
Signature	

***It is necessary to annex:** confirmation of being more than 15 years a member of the SSVP (for example: copy of the minute when he or she joined the Society, or such other evidence as satisfies the Electoral Board).*