IAENC
Islamic Association of Eastern North Carolina

Majlis Shoora Election Overview

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Your Step-by-Step Guide

This guide aims to explain:

1. Shoora Positions
2. Voter Eligibility
3. Candidate Eligibility
4. Candidate Nominations
5. Election Process
6. Staggered Terms
7. Determining Winners
8. Vacant Seats

The Majlis Shoora

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Members Total

7 Brothers

2 Sisters

How members are chosen

- Elected directly by the General Body's voting members
- One brother seat is held by the ECU MSA President, chosen by the MSA

Terms

- Two-year terms, staggered per the Constitution

Source: Constitution, Article VI §3.1 and §3.4

The 9 Shoora Positions

1. Amir
2. Vice-Amir / Acting Amir
3. Katib
4. Treasurer
5. Social Affairs
6. Public Relations
7. Educational Affairs
8. Women Affairs
9. Youth Affairs

Voting Member Eligibility

Only voting members of the General Body can vote on General Body matters, including the election of the Majlis Shoora.

To be a voting member, the Constitution requires that you:

- Be a member of IAENC
- Meet the applicable membership requirements
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Regularly participate in activities at Al-Masjid Islamic Center

Reference: Constitution, Article V §4; Article VI §2.1 & §2.3

Before the Election

How eligibility is checked

The Election Committee uses the official voting-member records to verify who is eligible to vote.

Not on the voting list?

If you believe you are eligible but do not appear on the list, or you have a question about your eligibility, contact the Election Committee before voting.

Reference: Constitution, Article V §4; Article VI §2.1 & §2.3

On Election Day

1. Your eligibility is verified
2. You receive the appropriate ballot
3. You may participate in the election as an eligible voting member

Reference: Constitution, Article V §4; Article VI §2.1 & §2.3

Becoming a Candidate

1. **Check Eligibility**
2. **Get Nominated**
3. **Verification**
4. **Official Candidate List**

Eligibility & Nomination

Step 1 — Check Eligibility

2+ years

Candidates must have been voting members of IAENC for at least 2 years prior to the election.

Reference: Constitution, Article VI §3.3

Step 2 — Get Nominated

5+ members

Candidates must be nominated by at least 5 voting members through a signed petition. (Preferably by non-family members to avoid conflict of interest)

Reference: Constitution, Article VI §3.6; Bylaws, Article I §3

Step 3 — Verification

After nominations are submitted, the election committee:

1. Receives the nominations
2. Verifies the nominations
3. Checks the applicable eligibility requirements
4. Contacts eligible nominees
5. Confirms their consent and willingness to appear before the General Body

Reference: Bylaws, Article I §3

Step 4 — Official Candidate List

Only candidates who complete the required eligibility, nomination, verification, and consent process will appear on the official election ballot.

- **Eligibility**
- **Nomination**
- **Verification**
- **Consent**

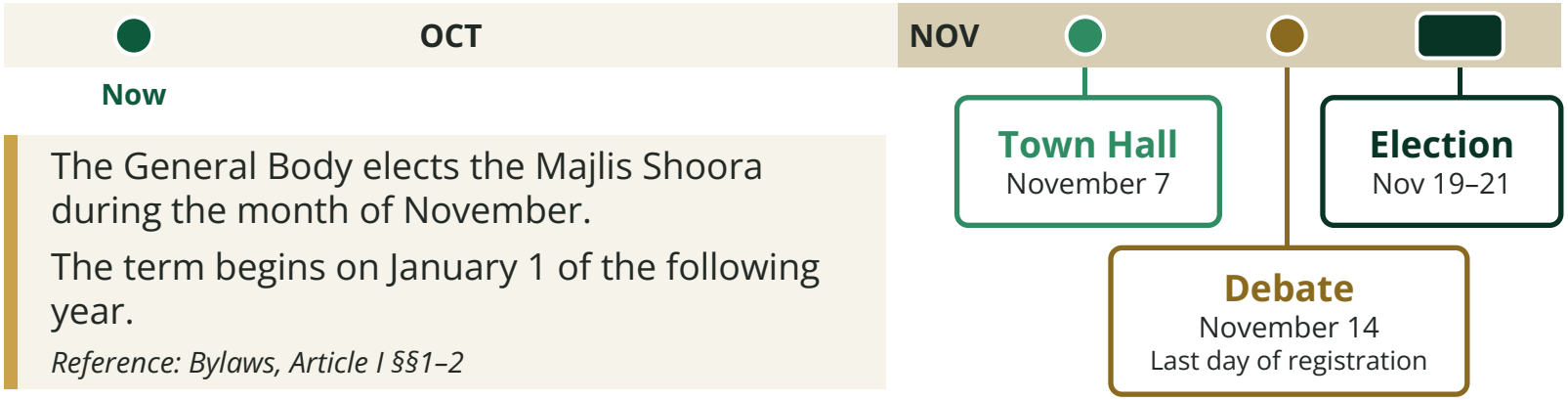
Official Election Ballot

Reference: Constitution, Article VI §3.3 & §3.6; Bylaws, Article I §3

Election Timeline

Registration open
Now – November 14

Candidate nominations
Oct 15 – Oct 31



The General Body elects the Majlis Shoora during the month of November.

The term begins on January 1 of the following year.

Reference: Bylaws, Article I §§1–2

Staggered Elections

All Seats Are Elected in 2026, With Different Terms

The Constitution establishes staggered elections to “ensure continuity of service.”

Group A 2-year term

- Amir
- Four members at large

Group B 1-year term

- Vice-Amir
- Katib
- Treasurer
- One member at large

Group A serves two years. Group B serves one year, then is elected to a two-year term in November 2027.

Reference: Constitution, Article VI §3.6

Staggered Elections

Group A

First term: 2 years

- **Amir**
- **Members at large (4)**

Group B

First term: 1 year

- **Vice-Amir / Acting Amir**
- **Katib**
- **Treasurer**
- **Member at large (1)**

Election schedule

2026 — A: 2 yrs, B: 1 yr → **2027** — B elected, 2 yrs → **2028** — A elected, 2 yrs → **2029** — B elected, 2 yrs

Determining Winners

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Highest votes

Brother nominees with the most votes

+

1

MSA President

Elected by the ECU Muslim Students Association

+

2

Top sister nominees

Most votes from sister voting members

=

9

Majlis Shoora

7 brothers + 2 sisters

Secret ballot. Election quorum: 30% of voting members.

Reference: Bylaws, Article I §4; Constitution, Article V §6; Article VI §§2.6 & 3.1

Assigning the Seats

The vote elects members; the Shoora assigns posts.

At their first meeting after the election, the elected members select the Amir, the Acting Amir, and the coordinators for each area of responsibility.

Amir	**Vice-Amir / Acting Amir**	**Katib**
Treasurer	Social Affairs	Public Relations
Educational Affairs	Women Affairs	Youth Affairs

Chain of command: Amir, then Vice-Amir / Acting Amir, then Katib, then Treasurer.

Reference: Bylaws, Article I §5; Constitution, Article VI §§3.5 & 3.13

When a Seat Becomes Vacant

A seat becomes vacant when a member:

- **Leaves the area**
- **Becomes unable to serve**
- **Misses more than 3 meetings**
  without a compelling reason

Two ways to fill it:

Leadership Position

The Shoora repositions its own members to fill the seat.

Amir, Vice-Amir, Katib, Treasurer, and coordinator posts

Member-at-large seat

The next-highest vote-getter from the last election fills in.

The replacement serves the rest of the term

Reference: Constitution, Article VI §§3.7–3.9; Bylaws, Article I §7

Vacant Leadership Position

Temporary vacancy

> A member at large covers the duties (4 Shoora votes). If the Amir is out, the Vice-Amir acts.

For the rest of the term

1. The Shoora repositions its own members. No one holds two offices.
2. Amir seat: the Vice-Amir becomes Amir, and another member fills the Vice-Amir post (4 Shoora votes).
3. If still unfilled: the Shoora elects someone from the voting membership (6 Shoora votes).

Votes are by secret ballot. Reference: Constitution, Article VI §§3.7 & 3.8

Vacant Member-at-Large Seat

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A member-at-large seat becomes vacant (the member leaves the area, becomes unable to serve, or has unexcused absences)

2

The next-highest vote-getter from the last election may be appointed by the Board of Directors

3

The new member serves the rest of the term, and the name is announced to the community

Reference: Bylaws, Article I §7

Why Your Vote Matters

Your masjid is more than a place of prayer. It is a center for worship, education, service, and community.

Shape Our Future

Your vote helps shape the future direction of our masjid.

Be Heard

Every voice deserves to be heard through a fair process.

Choose Together

Choosing leadership is a responsibility we share as a community.

One community. One responsibility. A shared future.

One Masjid. One Community.

As we elect our next Shoorah, let us move forward with:

Sincerity	Mutual respect	Shared commitment

May Allah guide our community toward what is best, bless our future leadership with wisdom, and keep our hearts united in serving His house.

May Allah put barakah in our masjid and unite us upon goodness. Ameen.

Questions



We welcome your questions, thoughts, and feedback.

Your participation is valued, and we appreciate everyone taking the time to be part of this important process for our masjid.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan for your time and participation.