



**FIRE & LIFE SAFETY SECTION
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FLSS Board Policy #5

FLSS Board Endorsement of Candidates For External Elected Position

SECTION 1.

Endorsement by the board of the Fire & Life Safety Section of candidates for elected positions outside of the IAFC will only be considered for individuals wishing to be elected to organizations that share a similar mission to the Fire & Life Safety Section.

SECTION 2.

All candidates wishing to receive the endorsement of the board of the Fire & Life Safety Section for elected positions outside of the IAFC shall submit the following to the Board via the FLSS staff liaison:

1. Description of the organization the candidate is expressing an interest in being a candidate.
2. Description of the elected position the candidate is interested in filling.
3. Resume of the candidate.

SECTION 3.

Consideration of candidates will occur in Executive Session of the Board.

SECTION 4.

The Fire & Life Safety Section Board will review the candidate's submitted package to:

1. Determine if the organization shares a similar mission to the Fire & Life Safety Section.
2. Determine if the candidate warrants endorsement by the Fire & Life Safety Section Board.

In order for the candidate to be endorsed, 2/3 of the quorum of the Fire & Life Safety Section Board members present at the Board meeting must vote favorably on items #1 and #2 of Section 4.

SECTION 5.

Candidates failing to receive a positive vote will be notified by the Board and their failure to receive a positive vote shall remain under Executive Session.

SECTION 6.

Candidates receiving a positive vote may speak at the annual meeting of the Fire & Life Safety Section for (3) three minutes. Those wishing to speak before the body at the Fire & Life Safety Section annual meeting must notify the Fire & Life Safety Section Chair or the IAFC Staff Liaison at least (15) fifteen working days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 7.

Endorsed external candidates who are speaking at the Fire & Life Safety Section annual meeting are allowed to distribute election materials at the door or place materials in the seating area.

SECTION 8.

Once endorsed by the FLSS board, one announcement will be sent electronically to all section members in a "Report from the Chair" specifying the details of the endorsement.

SECTION 9.

External candidates receiving a positive endorsement from the Fire & Life Safety Section Board may indicate on their election material that they are "endorsed by the Board of the IAFC Fire & Life Safety Section" or similar language. Any other statements must be preapproved by the FLSS Board.

SECTION 10.

Motions from the floor at the Fire & Life Safety Section annual meeting to endorse a candidate, without the candidate already having received a positive endorsement by the FLSS Board, will be ruled "out of order."

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