

Candidate Pack

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The Election Oversight Panel (EOP) has been established to guide Candidates who wish to stand for election with the IAAF.

The IAAF called for world-wide expression of interest for the positions on the Panel and has appointed 5 members each of whom has significant experience in sport: as athlete, administrator or both; law, business and governance including election management experience.

The EOP was appointed by Council in December 2018 for a term of 4 years.

The EOP will regularly publish information relevant to the IAAF Council on the Election Page on the IAAF website. All candidates are urged to check it regularly.



Margot Foster, Chair

Margot is a highly-experienced Australian sports lawyer and administrator, having held roles on boards and committees in a number of sports bodies for over 30 years. Margot is an Olympian rower, having won a bronze medal at the 1984 Los Angeles Games in the women's coxed four. She is the Chair of the EOP.



Robert Kayihura

Robert is a Senior Advisor for Sub-Saharan Africa at Covington & Burling, a top-tier law firm. Based in South Africa, Robert was previously Senior Counsel for Uber, and Legal and Corporate Affairs Director at Microsoft.



Jon Napier

Since 2013, Jon has been the Director of Integrity & Governance for World Sailing, leading the governance and in-house legal team at the world governing body of sailing. He has overseen the development, implementation and enforcement of new electoral processes at World Sailing.



Vidushpat Singhania

Vidushpat is an Indian lawyer specialising in sports law who has participated in the development of new national sports governance rules within India. He has advised on the conduct of elections by national sports bodies, including dealing with disputes arising during electoral processes.



Luk Verlaenen

Luk has been involved with the sport of athletics for 40 years, as an athlete, coach and administrator within the Flemish and Belgian Athletics Federations. During his tenure as a member of the board of the national federation, he oversaw a series of elections and ran for office himself.

