International Fire Service Accreditation Congress
Degree Assembly

Public Member Policy

Overview
This position is an elected position to the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) Degree Assembly Board of Governors (DABOG) per the IFSAC Bylaws. The public member also serves on the IFSAC Council of Governors (COG) and as a member of the IFSAC Degree Assembly.

Requirements
1. Requirements for service by an individual desiring to be considered for Public Member are:
   a. Applicants shall not be a current member of an institution that is otherwise eligible for corresponding or voting membership.
   b. Have a good understanding of accreditation, higher education processes, and emergency services.
   c. Knowledge of NFPA standards.
   d. A desire to serve as a consumer advocate.
   e. Have the willingness to represent and protect the public interest.
   f. Be involved in the accreditation process for fairness and reasonable action.
   g. Be able to travel to and attend meetings of the Degree Assembly Board of Governors (DABOG), Council of Governors (COG), Degree Assembly, and Congress.
   h. Be able to attend meetings of assigned committees.
2. The Public Member will not receive remuneration for their services. However, the IFSAC Administration Office shall reimburse the Public Member for reasonable travel expenses for their attendance at meetings.

Nomination and Election
1. An individual must apply for nomination by emailing or mailing to the IFSAC Administration Office a copy of their most recent resume or curriculum vitae along with a one to two page statement of their philosophy on accreditation and how their knowledge, skills, and abilities would allow them to properly represent the public in the IFSAC accreditation process.
2. Applications for nomination must be received no later than 60 days before a scheduled regular meeting at which nominations will be made and elections held.
3. Applications for nomination will be distributed to the IFSAC Degree Assembly members no later than 30 days prior to the meeting for review. All information provided by the applicant will become publicly available.
4. Nominations are to be made by a Degree Assembly member delegate during the Degree Assembly meeting from the applications that were received by the deadline prior to the meeting.
5. Elections will be held for those nominated following IFSAC Bylaws, policies, and procedures as well as Robert’s Rules of Order.