

Statement by Co-Chair of the Nominating Committee,  
Dr. Sudershan Narula, announcing the results of both the 2020 and 2021.  
election cycles for the AFICS/NY Governing Board

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Good afternoon worldwide AFICS/New York members.

As you may know that in accordance with Article V.1 of the Association' By-Laws and Paragraph 2 in the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Board, the Afics/New York conducts its GB elections through its Nominating Committee and I, as a co-chair of that Committee, will announce the results both for 2020 & 2021 election cycles.

And I am sure you have been eagerly waiting for that.

By way of background, you may recall that elections for the Governing Board members could not be held in 2020 due to the extraordinary situation of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Governing Board subsequently decided that elections for both 2020 and 2021 cycles would be held in 2021.

Therefore, in 2021, there were twelve (12) open positions on the Governing Board: six with a term of two (2) years for the 2020 cycle and six with a term of three (3) years for the 2021 cycle.

The difference in the length of terms was necessary to maintain, in the long-term, the rotation that for every year there should be six seats for election from the total of eighteen elected member seats on the Governing Board.

At the same time, the Board further decided that elections would be conducted through the support of an online election company as the Nominating Committee was still not able to conduct the elections by mail.

This was the first time that we sought the support of a vendor who managed the distribution of ballots, both through electronic means and the mailing of paper ballots, once the voting package had been prepared by the Nominating Committee and sent to them for distribution.

In this connection, this year's ballots were distributed via your email or mail through the Election Services Co. who also managed the voting process working with the Nominating Committee throughout the process.

Before I announce the election results, I would like to thank all the nominated candidates whether they volunteered to run for the elections or accepted our invitation and to all the members who voted as it was not easy to go through the bios of 18 candidates for two cycles.

And the Nominating Committee thanks the President, the Bureau, and the Governing Board for trusting the Committee to independently conduct these elections even though the Committee is designated by the Associations' President as per the AFICS/New York by-laws and the rules of procedure of the Governing Board.

I would also like to thank Nancy Hurtz-Soyka the other Co-Chair of the Nominating Committee, Ms. Joan McDonald, and Ms. Paulette Austin, the other two members of the Committee for undertaking such a painstaking task/job where the chosen *hybrid election mode* added to the complexity of holding joint elections for 2020 and 2021.

Please also note that everyone will hear the election results at the same time and the results will be posted on the AFICS/New York website soon after this announcement.

First, I am pleased to announce the results for the 2020 cycle where candidates were running for a two-year term, 2021 to 2023.

Here are the names of the six candidates in an alphabetical order, the way we had listed them on the ballot, who have received the greatest number of votes.

For 2020 Election Cycle 2-Year Term (2021-2023)

AVEDON, Steven  
DESOUZA, Susan  
DE TOMASSI, Furio  
LANDEY, Deborah  
RAJIC, Vera  
RAPHAEL, Nancy

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And now the names of six candidates, again in an alphabetical order, for the 2021 cycle, running for a 3 -year term, 2021-2024, who have received the greatest number of votes:

For 2021 Election Cycle 3-Year Term (2021-2024)

BISHOPRIC, Suzanne

BRZAK-METZLER, Marianne

DIETZ, John

HAJI-AHMED, Sandra

KARIA, Jay

SHAH, Darshak

Congratulations to all. Thank you.

Sudershan Narula, Co-Chair AFICS/NY Nominating Committee