

Schedule, Procedures, Rules, and Guidelines for PAGH Elections of 2021

The general elections of PAGH for the year 2021 will be conducted according to the Schedules, Procedures, Rules, and Guidelines (SPRaG) given in the table below. Contents of the SPRaG conform to the PAGH Constitution of January 2000. You are requested to familiarize yourself with these rules in order to facilitate a smooth and orderly election process. Particular attention is drawn to Articles 11 and 12 of the Constitution. For everybody's benefit, your cooperation in this matter would be most appreciated.

No.	Activity/Event	Date/Time/Location	Procedure/Rule/Comment
1	Deadline for new membership or for old members to renew their membership to be eligible to vote.	09/30/21	As per Article 11.4 of the PAGH Constitution.
2	Deadline to submit nominations	Sunday 11/07/21 2 pm to 4 pm at Pakistan Center	Each nominee contesting for PAGH Officer's positions must submit an official nomination form and it must be accompanied with a non-refundable processing fee of \$1,000.00 and submitted to the Election Commission** at the place and time designated for this purpose. Each nominee contesting for PAGH Committee Chair's position must submit an official nomination form and it must be accompanied with a non-refundable processing fee of \$500.00 and submitted to the Election Commission** at the place and time designated for this purpose. The only acceptable form of payment shall be a cashier's check or money order made payable to PAGH. No cash or personal checks please. Official nomination forms are available at the PAGH Headquarters or through a member of the Election Commission.
3	Official announcement of all Nominees	Wednesday 11/10/21	All official announcements shall be made on a bulletin board for display at PAGH Headquarters and, if possible, through the regular membership mailing, and/or on appropriate radio programs, and/or through local Pakistani newspapers.
4	Deadline to withdraw nominations	Sunday 11/14/21 2 pm to 4 pm at Pakistan Center	Nomination withdrawal must be made in writing and in person by the Nominee only. Nominees not withdrawn prior to this deadline will be carried on the ballot. Once withdrawn, a candidate may not be re-nominated. In any event, withdrawal from candidacy does not imply a refund of the nomination processing fee.
5	Membership List Available to Nominees	Sunday 11/14/21	The Membership List shall be the sole authority for eligibility to vote. If your name does not appear on this list, you will not be eligible to vote. The Membership List will be made available at a cost of \$300.00. Membership list will be provided without any personal data of PAGH members
6	Official announcement of Nominees who have not withdrawn.	Monday 11/15/21	See rule # 3 above.
7	Special meeting of the Election Commission** with candidates (Mandatory).	Sunday 11/28/21 12 noon to 4 pm at Pakistan Center	The Election Commission** shall meet with all qualified Nominees to further clarify rules and procedures in order to minimize false expectations and to establish a common Code of Ethics to be followed during the election process. Suggestions for any process improvement will be heard. Attendance of all qualified Nominees is mandatory
8	Meet-the-Candidate Forum	Sunday 12/05/21 12 noon to 4 pm at Pakistan Center	There will be a "Question & Answer" session between the qualified Nominees and the general membership. It is intended to serve a dual purpose: (1) to provide an opportunity for candidates to present their agenda, and (2) for the membership to get to know each candidate better.
9	Early Voting (To Be Decided)	N/A	See rule # 10 below
10	General Elections Day Voting	Sunday 12/12/21 9 am to 6 pm at Pakistan Center	The requirements for voting eligibility are quoted in Article 11.3 of the PAGH Constitution: " <i>Voting at General Elections: Only members who are in good standing on or before September 30th of the election year and who are at least sixteen (16) years of age as of the day of General Elections for that particular calendar year and whose names appear on the final official list of the voting General Members shall be eligible to vote in the General Elections. All voting shall be in person. There shall be no proxy voting.</i> " A valid picture identification, such as a driver's license or a high school ID card, will be required as proof of membership from every voting individual at the ballot. Also, proof of date-of-birth will be required from members who are high school students. Minimum voting age is 16 years.