



SCHEDULE, PROCEDURES, RULES, & GUIDELINES FOR PAGH ELECTIONS 2024



The general elections of PAGH for the year 2024 will be conducted according to the Schedules, Procedures, Rules, and Guidelines (SPR&G) given in the table below. Contents of the SPR&G conform to the PAGH Constitution which can be found on the PAGH website. 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 Bylaws.

Remember: Responsibility to know and understand ALL rules and requirements is yours as PAGH Members. In any case of error or mistake or conflict, EC reserves ALL RIGHTS to change these guidelines and/or any process as needed. **In all such cases, the actual PAGH Constitution shall prevail.**

[Note: All dates are fixed. However, scheduled times and venues for events mentioned herein may be changed as needed for optimum participation]

No	Activity/Event	Date/Time/Location	Procedures/Rules/Comments
1	Formation of Election Commission to conduct the 2024 PAGH Elections	By First Sunday of Oct (10/06/2024)	PAGH Executive Committee has approved the Election Commission 2024 (EC2024) consisting of: Mrs. Fehmida Shaikh, Aftab Silat, P.J. Swati, Syed Babar Bukhari, Muhammad Sadiq Khan & Rashid Khokhar (Chair). For any question/comment, EC2024 can be contacted at: Rkho1@aol.com
2	Voter List Review	10/25/2024	"Preliminary" Voters List to be made available at the PAGH Headquarters for public review and comments and corrections. This process to continue for 10 days.
3	Deadline to submit nominations	11/07/2024 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm at Pakistan Center* (or by arrangement with EC2024)	Nominations must be made only on official nomination forms for 2024 and must be accompanied with a non-refundable processing fee of \$1,000.00 and submitted to the EC2024 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. Nomination Form is being prepared and will be made available at the PAGH Headquarters or through a member of the EC2024 by 10/25/2024. Five (5) Positions up for Elections are: [1] President, [2] General Secretary, & Chairs of Committees for: [3] Education, [4] Culture & Religious, [5] Publication
4	Official announcement of all Nominees after qualifications check.	11/10/2024	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 and/or other reasonable electronic means.
5	Deadline to withdraw nominations	11/14/2024 7:30 pm to 9pm at Pakistan Center*	Nomination withdrawal must be made in writing, by a Nominee. Nominations 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.
6	Official announcement of CANDIDATES	11/15/202	Election Commission shall release the List of Candidates which shall consist of those Nominees who were deemed eligible by EC and have not withdrawn. These names will appear on the ballot.
7	Membership List to be used by EC available to CANDIDATES	11/15/2024 (By Arrangements with EC2024)	The Membership List shall be the <u>ONLY</u> authority for eligibility to vote and PAGH Executive Committee is <u>SOLELY</u> responsible for preparing it and providing the list to EC2024. If your name does not appear on this list, you will not be eligible to vote. The Membership List will be made available, ONLY by EC2024, at a cost of \$500,.
8	Special REQUIRED meeting of the Election Commission with candidates	Saturday 11/23/2024 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 CANDIDATES is mandatory. (Date & time subject to maximum candidates' participation)
9	Meet-the-Candidate Forum	Date/Time TBA at Pakistan Center* or an alternative venue	There will be a "Question & Answer" session between the CANDIDATES 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.
10	Early Voting (if any)	TBD	As per PAGH Bylaws 12.3.6, any Early Voting, if held as per EC discretion, may be held <i>"on a maximum of three (3) different days during the eight-(8) day period immediately preceding the day of the General Elections"</i> . EC will decide on the need and time and place once the nominations and withdrawals process has been completed. See below for voter eligibility.
11	General Elections Day Voting (if any needed)	Sunday 12/08/2024 at Pakistan Center* <i>[Timings to be Determined]</i>	The requirements for voting eligibility are as per Article 11.3 of the PAGH Constitution (circa 1999): <i>"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, government issued ID, passport, or a high school ID card, will be required to ascertain the identity of every voter. Also, proof of date-of-birth will be required from members who are high school students. Minimum voting age is 16 years.as of the General Election Day.

* Pakistan Center is located at 12638 Bissonett, Houston, TX 77099