

Elections to the 2026-2027 IPLOCA Board of Directors

Thursday, 1 October 2026 – Athens, Greece

14:00-14:30 TRT (UTC +3)

Elections to the IPLOCA Board of Directors will take place at the 58th Annual Convention in Athens, Greece on **Thursday, 1 October 2026** during the Election Meetings. Elected Board members serve for two years with their second year also requiring confirmation during the Election Meetings.

Designated member representatives (one from each member company) should attend the 30-minute Election Meeting of their appropriate geographic region (Regular Members) or the Associate Member Meeting.

If no-one from a company is able to attend the meeting in order to vote, one vote per member company may be made on a **proxy form** and must be received by Georges Hage, IPLOCA Executive Director (georges.hage@iploca.com) no later than **Wednesday, 23 September 2026** in order to be counted.

The names of the candidates for vacant seats are posted here:

[Candidates for elections to the 2025-2026 IPLOCA Board of Directors - IPLOCA](#)

The Directors shall be approved and confirmed by a simple majority vote of the Regular Members, and any Associate Member serving as an Officer of the Board, at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Izmir on **Friday, 2 October 2026**.

Appointment of Directors-at-Large and Directors to seats that still remain vacant after the Election Meetings will be made by the newly elected 2025-2026 Board during the Board Meeting held on 2 October 2026 in the afternoon.

Responsibilities of Board Membership

By running for election to the IPLOCA Board of Directors candidates agree to fully support the organisation and its mission through regular attendance and active participation in meetings and events, including four Board Meetings a year that require international travel with their spouse.

Please note that an absence from any two consecutive meetings, or a total of three meetings during the two-year Board membership term, results in automatic dismissal from the Board of Directors.

A full list of the duties and commitments of directors is available on our website.

Vacant Seats for the 2026-2027 IPLOCA Board

Region	Director	Status for 2026-2027	Candidates
America North	Dale Mykyte	2 nd year confirmation	
	Matthew Westphal	2 nd year confirmation	

East & Far East	Matthew O'Connell*	Vacant seat	Matthew O'Connell
	Jichang Zhang	2 nd year confirmation	
Europe Central	Roberto Castelli*	Vacant seat	Giovanni Muriana Tribero
	Gian Marco Dondi*	Vacant seat	Stjepan Novak
Europe Eastern	Zara Kiziryan	2 nd year confirmation	
	Hakan Kozan	2 nd year confirmation	
Europe Mediterranean	Guido Cagnani	2 nd year confirmation	
	Bruno Pomaré	Officer	
Europe Northwest	Wilko Koop	Vacant seat	Andrew Ball
		Vacant seat	Blagoja Stavrov
Latin America	Alejandro Maluf	Officer	
	Gonzalo Montenegro	2 nd year confirmation	
Middle East & Africa	Michael Fakhoury	Vacant seat	
	Saji Khoury	Vacant seat	
Associate Members	Bill Solomon	Officer	
	Andre DeCastro	Vacant seat	Douglas Bailey
	Jason LaValley	Vacant seat	Roby Luca Bottero
			Gian Marco Dondi
			Simon Herrenknecht
			Marco Laurini
			Somaieh Salehpour

(*) Directors appointed for 2025-2026



WHITE BALLOT PAPER
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS 2026-2027

Geographic Region: **EAST & FAR EAST**

***Each REGULAR MEMBER (company) of this region should vote
for 1 candidate ONLY***

Second Year Confirmed

Jichang Zhang

Candidate

Matthew O'Connell (Nacap)



**WHITE BALLOT PAPER
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS 2026-2027**

Geographic Region: **EUROPE CENTRAL**

***Each REGULAR MEMBER (company) of this region should vote
for 2 candidates***

Candidate

Giovanni Muriana Tribero (Max Streicher)

Candidate

Stjepan Novak (Monter)



WHITE BALLOT PAPER
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS 2026-2027

Geographic Region: **EUROPE NORTHWEST**

***Each REGULAR MEMBER (company) of this region should vote
for 2 candidates***

Candidate

Andrew Ball (Murphy)

Candidate

Blagoja Stavrov (Qapqa)



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**CANDIDATES FOR THE SEAT OF
DIRECTORS FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Each ASSOCIATE MEMBER (company) should vote for 2 candidates ONLY

Officer Confirmed

Bill Solomon

Candidate

Douglas Bailey (Caterpillar)

Candidate

Roby Luca Botteri (Steeltrade)

Candidate

Gian Marco Dondi (Scaip)

Candidate

Simon Herrenknecht (Herrenknecht)

Candidate

Marco Laurini (Laurini)

Candidate

Somaieh Salehpour (Henkel)