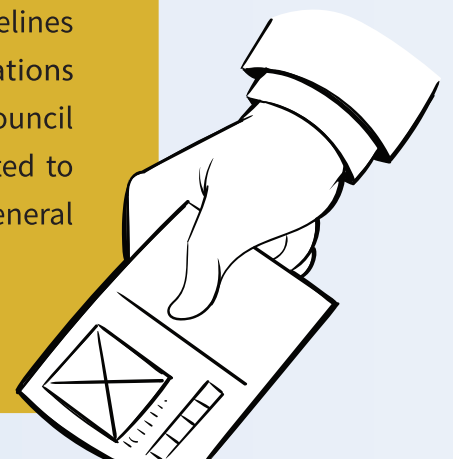




The Institute requested the membership to express interest to vie for Council positions falling vacant on completion of the 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM). Submissions were closed on Thursday, 4th March 2021 at 5:00PM. Subsequently and in accordance with the Institute's By-Law No. 61, the Council held a special meeting on 8th March 2021 at 7:00 a.m. to witness the opening of the application forms for the Chairman and Council positions. The summary of the applications is as follows:

No.	POSITION	Members who have expressed interest
1.	Chairman	3
2.	Council Member	11

In line with the Accountants Act, the Bylaws and Council guidelines on elections, the elections scrutineers will review the applications received for eligibility prior to approval by Council. After Council approval, the announcement of the candidates duly nominated to contest the elections to be carried out before the next Annual General Meeting on 4th June 2021 will be made to members.



CAMPAIGN PERIOD

The campaign period for ICPAK Council elections commences upon closure of the ICPAK Vote register and ends before the start of the voting period. The commencement and end of the campaign period for the 2021 Council elections is provided for in the 2021 Elections Calendar to be shared with members as approved by Council.



Pursuant to policy 6.0 of the ICPAK Policy Governing Elections of Chairman and members of Council, it is an electoral offence subject to disciplinary action for members to share unsolicited sms, text, twitter or WhatsApp or other campaign messages and/or campaign materials before or after the campaign period. This includes declaring intentions to vie for council elections or declaring intentions to vote or support members during council elections or general unsolicited greetings messages to members before the start or after the end of the campaign period.

ELECTORAL OFFENCES

In accordance with the ICPAK Policy Governing Elections, the following shall constitute election offences subject to disciplinary action:

- i. Making derogatory statements about other candidates and the Institute
- ii. Distributing gifts to members to entice them to vote for the candidate.
- iii. Distribution of offensive campaign materials
- iv. Unsolicited sms, Twitter or WhatsApp or campaigns and campaign materials before the campaign period
- v. Members not in good standing who propose or second candidates while not being in good standing shall commit an election offence.
- vi. Members who knowingly or by design use derogatory and defamatory communication or material, literature or and any other campaign materials in whatever medium
- vii. Distribution of campaign materials, sms, Twitter or WhatsApp after the campaign period whether knowingly or unknowingly
- viii. Making false accusations or malicious actions against other candidates



For purposes of the Institute elections, a gift is a present, donation, contribution, presentation, charity, award, favour, settlement, informal freebie, perks or handouts in cash or otherwise.

Where upon sufficient presentation of evidence, a candidate, their supporters, agents have contravened or members nominating or members of the Institute have contravened or infringed on any electoral offence, they will be liable to have committed an electoral offence and may be liable to the following penalties or may be disqualified from the elections or both as applicable:

- (i) A fine as follows:
 - Any penalty for breach of the elections code of conduct by the candidates, members of the Institute and or their agents for any of the election's offences for the position of Chairperson attracts a maximum fine of up to Ksh 100,000
 - Any Penalty for breach of the elections code of conduct by candidates and or their agents for the position of Council member attracts a maximum fine of upto Ksh. 100,000
- (ii) Be warned from holding any public meetings, campaigns or meeting the voters during election period
- (iii) Be barred from participating in the current and future elections
- (iv) The members nominating the candidate may also be cautioned, warned, be fined or be barred from participating in any future elections.
- (v) Members of the Institute may also be cautioned, warned, be fined or be barred from participating in any future elections.

Members are hereby guided to adhere to the Election Rules and Regulations to avoid facing disciplinary action.

Members are reminded to familiarize themselves with the election guidelines to avoid election sanctions by the election scrutineers before the due date of elections.

CPA Edwin Makori
Chief Executive & Secretary to Council

