



NIAS ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

5TH NIAS COUNCIL ELECTIONS – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Nigerian Institute of Animal Science was established by the National Assembly Act No. 26 of 2007 as amended 2015, as a regulatory agency for Animal Science practice with powers to regulate all matters pertaining to Animal husbandry in Nigeria. The Act is predicated on 3 core mandates viz: Professional mandates, Industry mandates and Social mandates

The Institute is governed by a Council, which members are elected/appointed. The tenure of the current (4th) Council will end by September 2020. Consequently, election into Council positions for the 5th Council will be conducted during the forthcoming NIAS Annual General Meeting scheduled for 3rd November, 2020 during the 9th ASAN-NIAS JAM (ABUJA 2020). Nominations are hereby invited from Registered Animal Scientists for the elective positions into the Council. Elective Council positions as listed in the Principal and Amended Acts are as shown in the table below.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION INTO COUNCIL POSITIONS

Members seeking to be nominated for Council positions shall satisfy the following requirements:

- Shall be a Registered Animal Scientist
- Shall be up-to-date in the payment of his/her Annual Practicing License to the Institute
- Shall be up-to-date in the payment of his/her ASAN annual due
- Shall be nominated by at least two Registered Animal Scientists who are up-to-date in the payment of their ASAN due and Annual Practicing License of NIAS
- Shall be present during the Institute’s AGM

ELECTIVE COUNCIL POSITIONS

S/N	DESIGNATION/DISCIPLINE REPRESENTATIVE	NUMBER
1	President	1
2	1 st Vice President	1
3	2 nd Vice President	1
4	Animal Biotechnology	1
5	Livestock Economics and Marketing	1
6	Livestock Extension and Information Technology	1
7	Range and Pasture Science	1
8	Animal Genetics and Breeding	1
9	Dairy Science	1
10	Poultry Science	1

11	Beef Production Science	1
12	Swine Production Science	1
13	Small Ruminant Production Science	1
14	Animal Physiology and Bioclimatology	1
15	Livestock Production and Environment	1
16	The Feed Milling Industry	1
17	Livestock Processing and Preservation Technology	1
18	Agro-Allied Industries	1
19	Civil Society Organizations	1
20	Deans of Faculties of Animal Science or Provosts of Colleges of Animal Science	6 (1 per zone)

NOMINATION

- Candidates or nominees from the zones shall show proof of active participation and commitment to the activities and programmes of the local chapter of the Institute/ASAN attested to by the ASAN State Chairman/Chairperson and the NIAS Zonal Development Officer.
- Candidates for Civil Society Organization position in the Council must provide evidence of belonging to a Civil Society Organization.
- No member shall nominate /sponsor more than TWO candidates for election
- The Committee shall ensure in the nomination of candidates, equal representation of members in the Academia, Industry, Ministry as well as Gender.

SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FORMS

- Completed nomination form must be sent to the email address niaselection2020@gmail.com
- All nomination forms must be received not later than 12:00 mid night of 9th October, 2020.
- **Completed application will be sent to ASAN and NIAS Secretariats by the Committee to be verified by ASAN and NIAS for the following;**
 - ❖ **ASAN and NIAS membership**
 - ❖ Payment of ASAN dues and NIAS Annual Practicing License

TENURE OF OFFICE

- In accordance with section 6 (1) of the Principal Act establishing the Institute, the maximum number of terms that a member shall be in Office is 2 terms.
- Subject Discipline shall not be used to disqualify any candidate.

DEANS OF FACULTIES OF ANIMAL SCIENCE OR PROVOSTS OF COLLEGES OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

- In the absence of Deans of Faculties of Animal Science or Provosts of Colleges of Animal Science, Deans of Faculties of Agriculture who are Registered Animal Scientists shall be eligible to contest election in their geopolitical zones.
- Members are required to meet at their zones to decide the Dean or Provost to represent them. **This process will be supervised by the Committee.** Such a nominee shall be forwarded to the Electoral Committee for ratification at the AGM without any further election.
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GUIDELINES/ELIGIBILITY FOR VOTING

CAMPAIGN

- Candidates who are successful during screening and qualified to contest are allowed to campaign
- There shall not be use of insulting words during campaign
- Campaigns shall not be by financial inducement
- All forms of campaigns shall terminate at 12:00 noon on the day of election

VOTING

- Voters shall be Registered Animal Scientists who have paid their 2020 AGM fees
- Voting shall be by secret ballot system with ballot boxes, ballot papers and by some other means as shall be approved by Council.
- **A voter can vote only once for an elective Council position**
- Eligible voters cannot vote by proxy
- Each contestant will be allowed to present an agent to witness the voting and collation of results

DECLARATION OF RESULTS

- Election results shall be declared at the venue of the election

For further inquiries and correspondence concerning the elections please contact the undersigned on phone numbers 08163983746 or 08026565312 and email address niaselection2020@gmail.com.

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