

Key 2015 Election Improvements & Updates

1. We plan on continuing to withhold the candidate's names until the end of the Call for Candidates period. We will announce all candidates at the end of the period. Using this method, we receive more candidates than when we announced them individually as they submitted their candidacy. ***Any candidate can announce their candidacy themselves at any time.**
2. Application for Honorary Membership will be open from June 1 - June 30 (30 days only). Individuals will still have to submit a form if they wish to be considered for honorary membership. If they miss the Honorary Membership window, then they will only be eligible to vote if they sign up and purchase an individual membership.
3. All individuals who have a current honorary membership will receive 3 targeted emails regarding this renewal period in addition to the system generated renewal reminders that will also be sent out.
4. Unsubscribed emails to Voting list - without an [@owasp.org](mailto:owasp.org) email address, there is no way for Simply Voting to know who has chosen to unsubscribe from receiving these emails.
Solution: Emails will be sent out via VR to all registered voters letting them know they should have received a ballot. If they did not receive a ballot, they are to contact us ASAP.
5. We plan to publish a " special edition" connector that only includes the candidates names, "why me", profile picture and bio.
6. An email will be sent to the entire community prior to the paid membership deadline asking individuals to check the [Membership list](#) to be sure they are listed as a current individual member. If they believe they are a individual member, but their name is not on the Membership list, they will be asked to contact me immediately.

Global Board of Directors Primary Responsibilities

Seated members of the Board of Directors attend and contribute to monthly meetings. Additionally, they:

1. Create and review a statement of mission and purpose that articulates the organization's goals, means, and primary constituents served globally. They then support that mission and purpose.
2. Support all employees. The Board should ensure that the employees have the moral and professional support needed to further the goals and performance objectives of the organization.
3. Ensure effective planning. The Board must actively participate in the overall planning process for the organization and assist in implementing and monitoring the organization's goals.
4. Monitor and strengthen programs and services. The Board's responsibility is to determine which programs are consistent with the organization's mission and monitor their effectiveness.
5. Ensure financial integrity of the Foundation. Secure adequate funding resources for the organization to fulfill its mission; protect assets and provide financial oversight following general accepted accounting principles and policies and assist in developing the annual budget and ensuring that proper financial controls are in place.

2015 Global BoD Timeline

- Notify current board member(s) who's term is up - April 24 - done
- Call for Candidates Opens - May 1
- Submission for Questions From the Community for the Candidate Interviews Opens - May 1
- Honorary Membership Self Nomination Opens (for 30 days) - June 1
- Email Reminder Call For Candidates - June 1
- Email Reminder Honorary Membership - June 15
- Email Reminder for Questions from the Community - June 15
- Email Reminder Honorary Membership – June 25
- Honorary Membership Closes - June 30
- 2nd Email Reminder Call For Candidates - July 1
- 3rd Email Reminder Call For Candidates - July 15
- Deadline for Call for Candidates Closes - July 31
- Deadline for Questions from the community - July 31
- The 4-5 top questions from the community will be selected - Aug 3
- Verification of candidates - Aug 3 thru Aug 6
- Candidates announced in OWASP "Special Edition" connector and posted to social media/email - Aug 7
- Top 4-5 questions are shared with all candidates - Aug 10
- Scheduling of interview recordings Aug 10 - Aug 14
- Deadline for interview recordings to be completed - Aug 21
- Recordings posted on the election wiki page - Sept 4
- Email/Social Media notifying the community the recordings are posted - Sept 4
- Paid Membership Deadline - Sept 30
- Voting opens - Oct 7
- Voting closes - Oct 23
- Results shared with all candidates - Oct 28 (AM)
- Results shared via "special edition" connector, email and social media - Oct 28 (PM)

- Mark Miller has generously agreed to host the candidate interviews again this year.
 - Links for the Board Candidate Submission Form, the Honorary Membership form and the Questions from the Community form have all been created for this election.

