

*NB : Under the applicable statutory provisions, a candidate may stand for a maximum of two positions. Where applicable, the nomination of a Council Member must include the nomination of the corresponding Alternate in the same letter. All Member Sections in good standing may nominate candidates for President, Secretary General, and Treasurer. Nominations for Vice-President and Council Member positions may be submitted only for candidates from the nominating Section's own Region.*

[Member Section Letterhead]  
[City], [Date]

**To:**

Secretary General  
UIA General Secretariat  
International Union of Architects (UIA)  
Paris, France

Dear Secretary General,

**OFFICIAL NOMINATION – PHASE 1**  
UIA Council Elections  
XXXth UIA General Assembly, Barcelona (2–5 July 2026)

In accordance with the UIA Articles and Bylaws, and pursuant to the official nomination procedure for the UIA Council elections to be held during the XXXth UIA General Assembly in Barcelona, Spain, from 2 to 5 July 2026, [full official name of the Member Section] hereby submits the following nomination:

**Name of candidate:** [full name]

**Nominated position:**

- ☐ President
- ☐ Secretary General
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ Vice-President for Region [include one: Region I: Western Europe / Region II: Central and Eastern Europe and the Middle East / Region III: The Americas / Region IV: Asia and Oceania / Region V: Africa ]
- ☐ Council Member for Region [include one: Region I: Western Europe / Region II: Central and Eastern Europe and the Middle East / Region III: The Americas / Region IV: Asia and Oceania / Region V: Africa ]
- ☐ Alternate Council Member for Region [name of region]

We hereby certify that the above-named individual:

- Is a member in good standing of our Member Section;
- Meets the eligibility requirements for nomination as set out in Article 15 of the UIA Statutes, including provisions on term limits and multiple candidacies;
- Has agreed to be nominated for the above-mentioned position(s).

This letter constitutes a **formal nomination only** and is submitted for the purpose of eligibility verification by the UIA General Secretariat under Phase 1 of the nomination procedure. This Member Section and the nominated individual undertake to submit, within the prescribed deadlines, all additional documentation required under Phase 2 of the nomination procedure, in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions.

Yours sincerely,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

[Name of President or Authorized Officer]  
[Official title]  
[Full name of the Member Section]

Official stamp (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_





## PROCEDURE FOR ELECTIONS PREPARATIONS

### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

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**The main statutory provisions concerning elections are contained in Bylaw XV. *Election of the Council* and in Appendix I: *Regulations governing voting*, chapter A.2. *General Assembly. Procedure for elections*.**

This document intends to summarize those provisions.

### ELECTING BODY

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**Members of the Council are elected by the Assembly except in some specific cases.**

#### Bylaw XV.1

*Members of the Council are elected by the Assembly, except in the specific cases described in Bylaws XIV.10 and XV.8.*

#### Bylaw XIV.10

*If, for any reason, a Council seat becomes vacant between Assemblies, the Council shall ask the relevant Region for nominations to fill this post. If the Region proposes more than one name, the Council will vote to make the final decision as to the appointment of the replacement Council Member.*

### APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATES

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**Candidates need to be appointed by UIA Member Sections under defined rules.**

#### Bylaw XV.3

*[...] Nominations for the posts of President, Secretary General, and Treasurer may be made by any Member Section, but nominations for the post of Vice-President or Council Members may only be made by Member Sections from the Region they will represent.*

**Council may subsidiarily make appointments in certain situations.**

#### Bylaw XV.8

*If, on the 90-day deadline (cf. Bylaw XV.2) [see "Schedule and procedure"], no nomination has been received for a Council post, the responsibility for finding valid candidatures for such posts will fall to the Council. Only the Council may make nominations after this deadline; no spontaneous candidatures to the Assembly floor will be accepted.*

*If the Council is unable to find a valid candidate for a post after the 90-days deadline (cf. XV.8) and sixty-days (60) before the Assembly, that post shall be declared vacant at the Assembly. The Council, in its meeting immediately following the Assembly, shall either proceed to a vote to fill these posts or engage the procedure described in Bylaw XIV.10 above.*



## ELEGIBLE CANDIDATES

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**Candidates need to fulfil the following conditions:**

Bylaw XV.3

*Only candidates from Member Sections that have been Members since the previous ordinary Assembly may be nominated for election to the Council. (Bylaw V.1.3)*

Bylaw XV.4

*Presidential candidates cannot stand for election after two unsuccessful bids.*

**The number of terms of service for any candidate is as follows:**

Article 15.3

*The number of continuous terms of service on the Council for any one person, with the exception of alternates, shall not exceed three (3) terms or nine (9) years, regardless of the number of different posts held. This provision does not apply to the Immediate Past President and Honorary President.*

Article 15.4

*Persons who have previously served on the UIA Council for the maximum period of three (3) terms or nine (9) years continuously, shall again be eligible to run for election to Council after at least one three-year term of absence from the Council.*

Article 15.5

*Candidates are allowed to submit their candidacy for a maximum of two (2) offices for each election.*

Article 15.6

*Persons who have previously served as President of the UIA cannot run for any elected post except for the position of Honorary President.*

Bylaw XIV.11

*For election eligibility purposes, persons appointed during a triennial period shall be considered to have served a full term of office if they serve for more than half that triennial period; if they serve for less than half the triennial period, it shall be a null term of office and will not be counted in their eligibility for office.*

## DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT

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**Member Sections and candidates must submit the following documents for candidates to be included in the ballot papers:**

- **A declaration by the Member Section of which the candidate is a member committing to provide moral and financial support to him/her.**
- **A declaration by the candidate indicating that he/she is prepared to act as a member of Council.**
- **The Conflict-of-interest acknowledgment and disclosure form signed.**
- **The candidate's CV.**
- **A statement by the candidate explaining the advantages they will bring to the UIA.**

Bylaw XV.6



*To be included in the Assembly ballot papers, all nominations submitted under Bylaw XV.2 shall be supported by the following:*

*XV.6.1*

*A declaration by the Member Section of which the candidate is a member stating their desire to be represented by the candidate, and their commitment to provide moral and financial support to him/her if elected.*

*In exceptional circumstances, a commitment to provide the necessary financial support from a body other than the Member Section of which the candidate is a Member may be acceptable, provided that the Member Section gives its agreement.*

*XV.6.2*

*A declaration by the candidate that, if elected, he/she would be prepared to act as a member of Council.*

Appendix V: Conflict Of Interest Policy

Article 1 – Purpose

*[...] all candidates for any UIA elected or appointed role, upon submitting a declaration of their candidacy, shall sign this acknowledgement and disclosure form.*

Appendix II: Council Regulation Governing UIA Representatives

7. Council Members

*For election to any post on the UIA Council, candidates will be requested to submit a short statement in addition to their CV explaining the advantages they will bring to the UIA.*

## **RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS**

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**The Secretary General is the person responsible for the preparation of the elections.**

Bylaw XVI.5

*The Secretary General shall be responsible for the preparation of the Assembly and particularly for the elections. [...]*

**If the Secretary General is a candidate for any post, the examination of eligibility will be conducted by a designated Secretariat staff member under the supervision and responsibility of the UIA legal adviser.**

Bylaw XV.5

*[...] If the Secretary General is a candidate for any post, the examination of eligibility will be conducted by a designated Secretariat staff member under the supervision and responsibility of the UIA legal adviser.*

**The legal adviser is the person responsible for organizing and running all the voting at the Assembly.**

Appendix I: Regulations Governing Voting.

A. General Assembly (in person or virtual or hybrid)

1. Procedure for voting.

*1.1 At Assemblies, the UIA legal adviser or a competent lawyer or notary designated by the Council shall be responsible for organizing and running all voting, including the elections. In case of his/her absence or inability to act, the Council shall designate the Immediate Past President or another Past President to replace him/her for this task. The Council shall also designate the Immediate Past President or another Past President to assist the UIA legal adviser or his/her replacement.*

## **SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE**

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**The call for submission of nominations must be launched by the Secretariat one-hundred and eighty (180) days before the Assembly.**

**Bylaw XV.2**

*One-hundred and eighty (180) days before an ordinary meeting of the Assembly, the General Secretariat shall invite Member Sections to propose nominations of persons willing and able to act for all posts that shall become vacant at that meeting of the Assembly. [...]*

**The deadline for submission of nominations by Member Sections is ninety (90) days before the Assembly.**

**Bylaw XV.2**

*[...] Nominations shall reach the General Secretariat Ninety (90) days before the Assembly meets.*

At this point, nominations may be in the form of a letter from the Member Section. The documents listed above need only to be sent at a later stage (see below).

Even if it is not explicitly mentioned in the Statutes and Bylaws, it is logical and customary that the Secretary General informs Council of the nominations. This also relates with the following provision:

**In case no nomination has been received for a Council post, Council needs to find valid candidates.**

**Bylaw XV.8**

*If, on the 90-day deadline (cf. Bylaw XV.2), no nomination has been received for a Council post, the responsibility for finding valid candidatures for such posts will fall to the Council. Only the Council may make nominations after this deadline; no spontaneous candidatures to the Assembly floor will be accepted.*

**Confirmation of nominations received from Sections needs to be made by the Secretary General eighty (80) days before the Assembly.**

**Bylaw XV.5**

*After having examined their eligibility (cf. Bylaw XI.11), the Secretary General in consultation with the UIA legal advisor, shall advise all the persons nominated, as well as their Member Sections, of their nomination, eighty (80) days before the Assembly. [...]*

It is customary that, when advising of the nominations, the Secretary General also requests the mandatory documents to be submitted.

**Documents to be provided by the Member Sections and the candidates need to be submitted sixty (60) days before the Assembly.**

**Bylaw XV.7**

*The declaration required by Bylaw XV.6.1 [Member Section declaration] shall be in the hands of the Secretary General sixty (60) days before the Assembly. In the absence of this declaration, the candidate's name will be struck from the ballot.*

*Candidates wishing to accept a nomination shall submit the declaration required by Bylaw XV.6.2 not less than sixty (60) days before the Assembly. In the absence of this declaration, a candidate shall be deemed to have refused the nomination. XV.7*

**The deadline for the appointment of further candidates by Council for those posts for which no nominations by Sections were received is sixty (60) days before the Assembly.**

**Bylaw XV.8**

*[...] If the Council is unable to find a valid candidate for a post after the 90-days deadline (cf.*



*XV.8) and sixty-days (60) before the Assembly, that post shall be declared vacant at the Assembly. [...]*

**The deadline to advise all Member Sections of the valid nominations is forty-five (45) days before the Assembly.**

**Bylaw XV.9**

*The Secretary General or his/her designated replacement shall advise all Member Sections of the valid nominations made by Member Sections and the Council forty-five (45) days before the Assembly.*

**All Sections presenting candidates must have paid their fees forty-five (45) days before the Assembly.**

**Bylaw XI.11**

*Any Member Section whose membership fees for the year in which the Assembly takes place, has not been deposited in the Union bank account, and cleared forty-five (45) days before the Assembly loses the right to have one of its members run for election to any post.*

**Appointment of new members of Council for those posts declared vacant at the Assembly must be made by Council at its meeting immediately following the Assembly.**

**Bylaw XV.8**

*The Council, in its meeting immediately following the Assembly, shall either proceed to a vote to fill these posts or engage the procedure described in Bylaw XIV.10 above.*

**Bylaw XIV.10**

*XIV.10 If, for any reason, a Council seat becomes vacant between Assemblies, the Council shall ask the relevant Region for nominations to fill this post. If the Region proposes more than one name, the Council will vote to make the final decision as to the appointment of the replacement Council Member.*

## **ALTERNATES AND SUBSTITUTES**

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**The following statutory provisions indicate how to proceed in case the elected representatives are unable to perform their duties.**

**Bylaw XV.10**

*Council Members should have an Alternate nominated by his/her Member Section, who shall have the responsibility of attending Council meetings when the Council Member cannot.*

*In the event that a Council Member or that member's Alternate is unable to act, the Member Section they represent shall nominate a second Alternate and shall, at all times, be responsible for ensuring that the seat is filled.*

**Bylaw XV.11**

*If a Council Member has not participated or has not been represented by the designated Alternate in two consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council, that member shall be considered to have resigned and the seat will be declared vacant unless he/she overcomes his/her absence by participating in a conference call during the meeting in session. In extraordinary circumstances, the Council may waive this Bylaw by a 2/3 majority vote. An official letter from the Member Section/Council Member specifying the circumstances of the absence must arrive at the Secretariat before the opening of the Council, otherwise the absence will be treated as unexcused.*

**Bylaw XV.12**



*The Member Section responsible for a Council seat that has been declared vacant due to repeated absences automatically loses its right to present candidates for election at the following General Assembly. In extraordinary circumstances, the Council may waive this Bylaw by a 2/3 majority vote.*

**Bylaw XV.13**

*The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary General, and Treasurer shall have no Alternates. In the event of any of them being unable to continue to take an active part in the work of the Council or to assume their duties, a substitute shall be appointed as provided herein.*

## **SCRUTINEERS**

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**Three (3) scrutineers assisting in the voting process at the Assembly (including the elections) need to be proposed by the legal adviser and confirmed by the UIA Council.**

**They must be chosen among competent persons of the Member Sections that are not directly implicated.**

**They must be proposed thirty (30) days before the Assembly and are usually confirmed at the Council meeting taking place right before it starts.**

**Appendix I: Regulations Governing Voting.**

**A. General Assembly (in person or virtual or hybrid)**

**1. Procedure for voting.**

**1.3** *The UIA legal adviser or his/her replacement with the assistance of the Immediate Past President or the Past President designated by Council, shall propose three scrutineers thirty (30) days before the Assembly and to the Assembly, chosen from among competent persons of the Member Sections that are not directly implicated, assisted by two staff members from the UIA Secretariat (not delegates). The Council shall confirm the proposed scrutineers.*

# List of UIA Council Members serving since 2017

Post	2017–2021	2021–2023	2023–2026
<b>President</b>	Thomas VONIER (USA)	José Luis CORTÉS (Mexico)	Regina GONTHIER (Switzerland)
<b>Secretary General</b>	Serban Tiganas (Romania)	Pei Ing TAN (Malaysia)	Rui LEÃO (Macau)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Fabian LLISTERRI (Spain) Pierre SAUVEUR (Belgium)	Seif A. ALNAGA (Egypt)	Seif A. ALNAGA (Egypt)
<b>Region I Vice-President</b>	Lorenz BRÄKER (Switzerland)	Natalie MOSSIN (Denmark)	Teresa TABOAS (Spain)
<b>Region II Vice-President</b>	Nikos FINTIKAKIS (Greece)	Istelianna ATANASSOVA (Georgia)	Jerzy GROCHULSKI (Poland)
<b>Region III Vice-President</b>	Roberto SIMON (Brazil)	Sam OBOH (Canada)	Nivaldo ANDRADE (Brazil)
<b>Region IV Vice-President</b>	Jong Rhul HANH (R. of Korea)	Ishtiaque Z. TITAS (Bangladesh)	ZHANG Li (China)
<b>Region V Vice-President</b>	Mohammed MUNYANYA (Kenya)	Tokunbo Omisore (Nigeria)	Vity Claude NSALAMBI (Angola)
<b>Region I Council Member</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pierre SAUVEUR (Belgium)</li> <li>• Natalie MOSSIN (Denmark)</li> <li>• Jose Maria LLOP I TORNE (Spain)</li> <li>• Peter OBORN (United Kingdom)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eric WIRTH - Lionel DUNET (France)</li> <li>• Carmela Lilia CANNARELLA (Italy)</li> <li>• Teresa TABOAS (Spain)</li> <li>• Regina GONTHIER (Switzerland)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lionel DUNET (France),</li> <li>• Daniel FÜGENSCHUH (Austria)</li> <li>• Carmela Lilia CANNARELLA (Italy)</li> <li>• Paula HUOTELIN (Nordic Section)</li> </ul>
<b>Region II Council Member</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elbay GASIM ZADA (Azerbaijan)</li> <li>• Istelianna ATANASSOVA (Bulgaria)</li> <li>• Jerzy GROCHULSKI (Poland)</li> <li>• Nikolay SHUMAKOV (Russia)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruta LEITANAITE (Baltic Countries)</li> <li>• Fani VAVILI-TSINIKA (Greece)</li> <li>• Bohdan LISOWSKI - Grzegorz STIASNY (Poland)</li> <li>• Aysen CIRAVOGLU(Turkey)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oleg HAMAN (Czechia),</li> <li>• Fani VAVILI-TSINIKA (Greece)</li> <li>• László Mikó (Hungary),</li> <li>• Aysen CIRAVOGLU (Turkey)</li> </ul>



<b>Region III Council Member</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rim SAFAR SAKKAL (Bolivia)</li> <li>• David AGUILAR PAREDES (Honduras)</li> <li>• José Luis CORTES (Mexico),</li> <li>• José Enrique ARISPE CHAVEZ (Peru)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rim SAFAR SAKKAL (Bolivia),</li> <li>• Antonio MORAES de CASTRO (Brazil)</li> <li>• Augusto BALLEEN REY (Colombia)</li> <li>• David ROJAS ESCARREGA (Mexico)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marco A. VERGARA VÁZQUEZ (Mexico)</li> <li>• Jadille BAZA APUD (Chile)</li> <li>• Augusto BALLEEN REY (Colombia)</li> <li>• Andrea COTO MARTÍNEZ (Costa Rica)</li> </ul>
<b>Region IV Council Member</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ishtiaque Z. TITAS (Bangladesh)</li> <li>• Divya KUSH (India)</li> <li>• TAN Pei Ing (Malaysia),</li> <li>• ZHUANG Weimin (China)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richard KIRK (Australia)</li> <li>• Debatosh SAHU (India)</li> <li>• Anju Malla PRADHAN (Nepal)</li> <li>• ZHANG Li (China)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richard KIRK (Australia)</li> <li>• Debatosh SAHU (India)</li> <li>• George KUNIHIO (Japan)</li> <li>• Young-Keun HAN (South Korea)</li> </ul>
<b>Region V Council Member</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tawfik EL RASHIDY (Egypt)</li> <li>• Fodé DIOP (Senegal)</li> <li>• Kevin BINGHAM (South Africa)</li> <li>• Jacinta KABARUNGI (Uganda)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vity Claude NSALAMBI (Angola)</li> <li>• Mugure NJENDU (Kenya)</li> <li>• Mohamed Sahby GORGI (Tunisia)</li> <li>• Jacinta KABARUNGI (Uganda)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hayatte NDIA YE (Chad)</li> <li>• Mugure NJENDU (Kenya)</li> <li>• Mohamed Sahby GORGI (Tunisia)</li> <li>• Jacinta KABARUNGI (Uganda)</li> </ul>

#### List of UIA Council Members that are ineligible for office in 2026

- Regina GONTHER (Switzerland)  
Article 15.6 of the UIA Statutes: Persons who have previously served as President of the UIA cannot run for any elected post except for the position of Honorary President.
- Jacinta KABARUNGI (Uganda)  
Article 15.4 of the UIA Statutes: Persons who have previously served on the UIA Council for the maximum period of three (3) terms or nine (9) years continuously, shall again be eligible to run for election to Council after at least one three-year term of absence from the Council.



## List of UIA Member Sections

REGION I Western Europe	REGION II Central and Eastern Europe and the Middle East	REGION III The Americas	REGION IV Asia and Oceania	REGION V Africa
<p>Andorra</p> <p>Austria</p> <p>Belgium</p> <p>France</p> <p>Germany</p> <p>Ireland</p> <p>Italy</p> <p>Luxembourg</p> <p>Malta</p> <p>Nordic Countries</p> <p>Portugal</p> <p>Spain</p> <p>Switzerland</p> <p>United Kingdom</p>	<p>Armenia</p> <p>Azerbaijan</p> <p>B.A.F. (Western Balkan Countries)</p> <p>Belarus</p> <p>Bulgaria</p> <p>Cyprus</p> <p>Czechia</p> <p>Georgia</p> <p>Greece</p> <p>Hungary</p> <p>Israel</p> <p>Kazakhstan</p> <p>Kosovo</p> <p>Lebanon</p> <p>Palestine</p> <p>Poland</p> <p>Romania</p> <p>Russian Federation</p> <p>Serbia*</p> <p>Slovakia</p> <p>Slovenia</p> <p>Syria</p> <p>Turkey</p> <p>Ukraine</p> <p>Uzbekistan</p>	<p>Argentina</p> <p>Bolivia</p> <p>Brazil</p> <p>Canada</p> <p>Chile</p> <p>Colombia</p> <p>Costa Rica</p> <p>Cuba</p> <p>Dominican Republic</p> <p>Ecuador</p> <p>El Salvador</p> <p>Guatemala</p> <p>Honduras</p> <p>Jamaica</p> <p>Mexico</p> <p>Paraguay</p> <p>Peru</p> <p>Trinidad &amp; Tobago</p> <p>United States America</p> <p>Uruguay</p>	<p>Australia</p> <p>Bangladesh</p> <p>China</p> <p>Chinese Taipei</p> <p>D. P.R. of Korea</p> <p>Hong-Kong</p> <p>India</p> <p>Indonesia</p> <p>Japan</p> <p>Macau</p> <p>Malaysia</p> <p>Maldives</p> <p>Mongolia</p> <p>Nepal</p> <p>New Zealand</p> <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Philippines</p> <p>Republic of Korea</p> <p>Saudi Arabia</p> <p>Singapore</p> <p>Sri Lanka</p> <p>Thailand</p> <p>Timor Leste</p> <p>United Arab Emirates</p> <p>Vietnam</p>	<p>Algeria</p> <p>Angola</p> <p>Benin</p> <p>Botswana</p> <p>Burkina Faso</p> <p>Cameroon</p> <p>Cape Verde</p> <p>Chad</p> <p>Côte d'Ivoire</p> <p>Democratic Republic of the Congo</p> <p>Egypt</p> <p>Ethiopia</p> <p>Gabon</p> <p>Ghana</p> <p>Guinea</p> <p>Kenya</p> <p>Libya</p> <p>Madagascar</p> <p>Mali</p> <p>Mauritania</p> <p>Mauritius</p> <p>Morocco</p> <p>Nigeria</p> <p>Republic of the Congo</p> <p>Rwanda</p> <p>Senegal</p> <p>Sierra Leone</p> <p>South Africa</p> <p>Sudan</p> <p>Tanzania</p> <p>Togo</p> <p>Tunisia</p> <p>Uganda</p> <p>Zambia</p>

(\*) Membership to be ratified by the XXX General Assembly of the UIA

