



## **IACC Elections – 2018 - Election Etiquette**

Dear IACC Shura Candidates,

In order to **conduct 2018 IACC** election fairly the election commission has mandated the following rules for all candidates and for their surrogates.

- **Your Responsibility** - The importance of serving the IACC community through the institution of the Masjid cannot be over emphasized. It may be considered as a "Corporate Social Responsibility" and above all to please and gain the mercy, goodness, benevolence and blessings of the Almighty Allah (SWT). Any motive, attitude or outlook towards any objectives of political or financial gain may therefore be shunned and avoided. The sole purpose should merely be to seek refuge and protection from His (SWT) wrath. This effect needs to be clearly borne in mind, practiced and ensured by all members of the IACC community and more importantly by its elected leaders, namely, the Ameer, and the members of the Shura.
- **Election Manifesto** - Candidates nominated for elections should submit one-page document after the "Election Etiquette" meeting on Saturday, **October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. This document should highlight their involvement in Masjid affairs and what they desire to accomplish if elected in this Shura. This document, after reviewed by the election commission, will be posted on Masjid bulletin board and may be published on the IACC website. The Election commission will prepare a form for this manifesto / bio-data.
- **Photographs** – All candidates should submit a passport size photograph along with the election manifesto.
- **Meet the candidates' events** - Election commission will organize one "Meet the candidates" event, on **November 3 after Dhuhr**. The candidates for Ameer position will have 5 minutes, and candidates for Shura positions will have 3 minutes to address the community to highlight their qualifications, and their vision and how they plan to accomplish that vision for the next term. It will be followed by a Q&A session. More details will be communicated to you in coming days about the format of the event.
- **House of Allah** - The sanctity of the Masjid should be persevered at all times (before, during and after the election process is complete).
- **Provocative Actions** - Actions such as loud noises, slogans, loud debates or heated arguments, jokes between candidates or their acquaintances will not be tolerated on or around the Masjid premises.
- Based on the severity of violation, Election commission may issue a warning or in some case disqualify the candidate.



- **Election Campaign:**

1. Campaigning of any sort for any “candidate” or “position” on the Masjid premises will not be allowed at any time. Candidates shall not use any IACC resources and facility for election related activity or campaign.
2. No placards, papers, flyers, banners, or badges are allowed to be distributed or posted on the Masjid premises.
3. Negative campaigning, backbiting, bashing of any other candidates, current/previous Shura members will NOT be allowed at any time.
4. Suggestions for improvement in the election process may be submitted via email listed below ( or in writing, dropped off in the box marked “Suggestions” kept in the front office.) Please refrain from unnecessary criticism of the election commission, it will not help your candidacy.
5. Neither the candidates nor any surrogate of the candidates are allowed to solicit/campaign within the perimeter of IACC property.
6. Be positive and focus on future programs, define your vision on how to build a better Muslim community.
7. If candidates are directly involved in violation of above-mentioned rules, the commission may disqualify their candidacy.

- **The final list** – The final of candidates published on **October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018** will remain unchanged on ballot paper.
- **Voting** - During early **voting November 13 to November 17 as well as general voting on November 25, 2018**, candidates should not be present in the vicinity of the polling areas (IACC Library and adjacent corridors), except to cast their vote.
- Elections shall be conducted as per the final voter list provided by IACC and published in June 2018. Candidates and their surrogates are not allowed to intervene in the voting process in Masjid premises on behalf of other community members. Any candidate or their surrogates found in violation of this rule may result in their disqualification.
- One representative per candidate will be allowed to observe the counting process on **November 25, 2018**.