



Guidelines on Nominations of Members of the Australian Branch of the International Law Association to International Committees and Expectations of Members*

1. Nominating committee

A sub-committee of the Committee of Management comprising the President, a Vice-President, and the Director(s) of Studies shall consider applications by persons to be nominated to international committees and make recommendations to the Committee of Management in relation to such applications. The Committee of Management shall be responsible for the final decision on nominations.

2. Eligibility for nomination by the Australian Branch

Where the Committee of Management proposes to nominate a person who is not a member of the Australian Branch, it shall be a condition of that nomination that the person become a member of the Branch as soon as possible.

3. Procedure for calling for nominations

Where there are opportunities for members of the Australian Branch to be nominated to international committees of the ILA, the Nominating Committee shall consider whether it is appropriate to nominate members of the Australian Branch to some or all of those international committees and the appropriate means of inviting applications for nomination. There should normally be a general call for nominations from among members, but the Nominating Committee may also approach individuals with the relevant expertise (whether those persons are members of the Australian Branch or not).

4. Expectations

1. Duration of membership of international committee

(a) Where the Australian Branch nominates a person for membership of an international committee, this will normally be on the basis of membership of the committee for the duration of its current mandate. Once that mandate has been completed, the persons will normally be expected to step down from the Committee if there are no vacancies for Australian Branch members on the Committee and there are other qualified members of the Branch who may wish to be nominated. Accordingly, the Nominating Committee will raise with serving members the issue of their continued participation as a member of the Committee when the relevant Committee has completed its current mandate.

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(b) Where a member of the Australian Branch appointed to an international committee on the nomination of the Branch goes to live outside Australia on a permanent or indefinite basis in a country where there is an ILA Branch, it is generally expected that the person will become a member of that Branch and, if appropriate, continue as a member of the international committee as a member of the new Branch.

2. Reporting on the work of international committees

(a) Australian Branch members of international committees are expected to participate actively in the work of their committees and also to report on an annual basis to the Committee of Management of the Branch on their activities as a member of the committee and the work of the committee. This may take the form of reports on the committee's work for the Branch Bulletin.

(b) Australian Branch members of international committees should also consider whether they should encourage Australian Branch members generally or the members of national committees to contribute material to them to assist the work of the international committee on which they serve.