

# Call for nominations: 41<sup>st</sup> AITA/IATA asbl General Assembly Monaco, 23 August 2025

21 February 2025

In accordance with the **Constitution of AITA/IATA asbl**, the 2025 General Assembly (GA) in Monaco will proceed to the renewal of Council. The President and Councillor Aled Rhys-Jones will reach the end of his four-year term of office and is not eligible for re-election. Three Councillors will reach the end of their first 4-year term of office and are entitled to stand again for election. There is currently also one vacant Councillor post.

- **President and Councillor Aled Rhys-Jones** (reached the end of a third term of office and is not eligible for re-election)
- **Councillor Sofia Wegelius** (elected for a 4-year term of office in 2021)
- **Councillor Ksenia Nesterova** (elected for a 4-year term of office in 2021)
- **Councillor Patrick Schoenstein** (elected for a 4-year term of office in 2021)
- **Vacant Councillor post**

President Aled Rhys-Jones has reached the end of his third term of office and is not eligible for re-election; Councillor Sofia Wegelius has declared her intention not to seek re-election as a Councillor but will present her candidacy for election as President; Councillor Patrick Schoenstein has declared his availability to renew his mandate as Councillor at the end of his first term in office; Councillor Ksenia Nesterova does not seek re-election.

The 2025 General Assembly will, therefore, elect a President and four Councillors who will all be appointed and take office immediately following election. The Councillors are elected for a mandated period of four (4) years ("the Mandate Term"). These posts take an active role in the general management of the Association.

Any natural person can announce their candidacy for these posts. Each candidate needs the written support of at least two (2) Members (National Centre or Associate). Only Members (National Centre or Associate) who have paid their **2024/2025** Membership Fee can support candidates. Only Members who have paid their **2025/2026** Membership Fee can vote at the 2025 Monaco General Assembly.

## ***Description of functions under the Constitution of AITA/IATA asbl***

**President** – The President of AITA/IATA asbl represents the Association officially upon all occasions.

**President & Councillors** - share the joint responsibility, delegated to them by the GA, for the strategic governance and the day-to-day management of the Association by ensuring that the vision, mission, values and practices are in line with the objects of the Association.

The President & Councillors are not remunerated by AITA/IATA asbl, nor do they receive any allowances. To enable Council to deliberate validly, candidates **agree to participate in all statutory meetings** and must have secured the provision for funding their travel expenses before submitting their application. These points should be **clarified explicitly** in the Candidates application letter.

*Candidates who believe that they can fulfil the duties either of the President or a Councillor, are called upon to declare their intention to stand for election. Following the approval of candidates by Council, approved candidates must comply with the precise terms and procedures of the timetable attached to this notification.*

In accordance with the Election Timetable below, a candidacy must have been received by the President and Secretariat by **midnight GMT on Monday 26 May 2025**

## Electoral Process and Timetable 2024 - 2025

To prepare the elections with greatest transparency in time for the General Assembly of 2025, Council will proceed according to the following timetable, which is limited to change only within the Constitution.

- **31 December 2024** : date by when Councillors who wish to renew their mandate confirm their intention to do so.
  - Councillor Sofia Wegelius
  - Councillor Ksenia Nesterova
  - Councillor Patrick Schoenstein
- **Saturday 22 February 2025** : date by when Members will receive the first call of the General Assembly by email. Also, the date by when the call for candidates to the role of President and four (4) Councillor posts will be sent to all Members with voting rights. Any natural person can announce their candidacy. For a candidacy to be valid, a candidate must have the support of at least two (2) Members (National Centre or Associate) of the organisation<sup>1</sup>.
- **Monday 26 May 2025** : date by when a candidacy must have been received by the President and Secretariat. The Secretariat will check all candidacies received and acknowledge their receipt.
- **Saturday 28 June 2025** : date by when the complete list of individual candidates will be sent by email to Members with voting rights: these will be Members (National Centre or Associate) accepted by the AITA/IATA Council as having membership rights for 2025/2026. **Also, the deadline for the draft agenda of the General Assembly to have been sent to all Members (National Centre and Associate).**
- **Saturday 26 July 2025** : date by when the Secretariat of AITA/IATA asbl must receive at least two Member (National Centre / Associate) Support Forms for each candidate. In accordance with the Constitution of the Association, only Members (National Centre or Associate) with voting rights at the 2025 General Assembly can vote for candidates. **Also, the deadline for the receipt of Members' proposals (National Centre or Associate) for consideration at the General Assembly.**
- **Friday 8 August 2025** : date by when Council will have examined the validity of and agreed the list of candidates. **Also, the deadline by when the agreed list of candidates will be emailed to all Members together with the Statutory documents of the General Assembly, prior to the meeting of the General Assembly on Saturday 23 August 2023 in Monaco.**

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<sup>1</sup> In order to be valid, the support of at least two (2) Members (National Centre or Associate) must be on a Support Form which will be emailed to all Members. (Decided by Council in October 2016)