

4th December 2020

2020 PRSK AGM AND ELECTIONS

Good afternoon colleagues,

The Society is due to hold its 2020 Annual General Meeting on 11th December 2020 to consider among other agenda items, the election of office bearers.

However, we have received reservations from members who expressed their concerns on the nomination process. In particular, the nomination of candidates by sitting Council Members.

Following these concerns, the Council held a special Council meeting on 3rd December 2020 and noted the below with the guidance of the Society lawyer:

- That the due electoral process was followed in the nomination of office bearers in line with PRSK Constitution Article 17 (3) that states that *Any candidate wishing* to contest for election for any office shall be proposed and seconded by full members of the Society at least fourteen (14) days prior to the election date. In the event of there being more than one nomination for any particular office, elections shall be conducted
- That the Notice of the AGM was sent to all members on 9th November 2020.
- That reminders of the AGM and elections were sent on 10th and 18th November 2020 on all PRSK platforms: email and social media.
- That a final reminder was sent through the President's Message that went out to all members on 19th November 2020.

However, as a Council we deliberated and came to a conclusion that election is not just about following the constitution and legal procedures, but must be seen to be fair, transparent and credible.

Based on the above, as a demonstration of goodwill, the Council has resolved to:

- Reschedule the upcoming AGM and elections to 7th January 2021.
- Handover the electoral process to an independent electoral body who will handle the call for nominations and elections.
- Bar all sitting Council Members in the current and future councils from nominating any candidate vying for an elective post in PRSK.
- Seek membership validation to review the PRSK Constitution to reflect the above position.

The Society highly encourages you to reach out to Secretariat via <u>admin@prsk.co.ke/prsk@prsk.co.ke</u> with any comment or suggestion.

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