

Rules Governing First Elections of Alumni Association of NLU Delhi

I. Constitution, composition and tenure of the Election Committee

1. The Vice-Chancellor shall, by notification to be published on the University website, appoint a 3-member committee called the 'Election Committee' for the purpose of conducting the First Election.
2. The Election Committee will consist of two Professors from NLU Delhi and one external member.
3. The Election Committee shall stand dissolved automatically with the declaration of election results and the taking over of charge by the elected members of the Governing Body.

II. Functions of the Election Committee

1. Conduct a fair election through online mode.
2. Frame Rules of Code of Conduct for the candidates and consequences of its violation.
3. Decide upon the consequences of violation of the Code of Conduct.

III. Conduct of Election

1. The Election Committee will conduct the First Election for the constitution of the Governing Board (GB) of the Alumni Association (AA).
2. The whole process from Election Notification to the Declaration of election results shall not exceed from three to four weeks' time including holidays.
3. The Election Committee can take the help of other members as Co-opted members as supporting and technical staff.

IV. Composition and Tenure of First Governing Board

1. The GB will be consisting of five (05) members.
2. There will be no reservation of seats on any ground.
3. The members of the First GB shall hold office for a term of 3 years from the date of Election.

V. Mandate of First Governing Board

1. The GB shall decide the following:
 - a. Process of becoming member of the Alumni Association;
 - b. Membership Fee;
 - c. Office Bearers of the Alumni Association;
 - d. Rules for conducting elections.

VI. Modes of Elections

1. A system of direct election of the office bearers of the GB, whereby all members vote directly for the office bearers.
2. Each person will have one vote. Elections will be through first-past-the-post.

3. Voting will be online.
4. In case two candidates receive the same number of votes, the tie shall be resolved as follows: The candidate having the earlier/earliest year of graduation shall be preferred. If both/all candidates have the same year of graduation, the candidate older in age shall be preferred.

VII. Eligibility Criteria for Candidates

1. All alumni of NLU Delhi holding degree of B.A. LL.B.(Hons.), LL.M. and Ph.D. awarded by NLU Delhi from time to time and who has registered on the Alumni Portal on the University website is eligible to contest elections.
2. The candidate shall not have a previous criminal record, that is to say he/she shall not have been tried and/or convicted of any criminal offence or misdemeanour.
3. A candidate against whom disciplinary action is taken by the Bar Council of India and found guilty of professional misconduct will be barred.

VIII. Code of Conduct

1. No candidate shall indulge in, nor shall abet, any activity, which may aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred or cause tension between different castes and communities, religious or linguistic, or between any group(s).
2. Candidates shall refrain from criticism of all aspects of private life, not connected with the public activities of the other candidates or supporters of such other candidates. Criticism of other candidates, or their supporters based on unverified allegations or distortion shall be avoided. Criticism shall be confined to policies, programmes, past record and work.
3. All candidates shall be prohibited from indulging or abetting, all activities which are considered to be "corrupt practices" and offences, such as, bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters or holding public meetings during the period of 24 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of the poll.
4. No candidate shall be permitted to carry out processions, or public meetings, or in any way canvass or distribute propaganda in and outside the University campus.
5. No candidate shall, nor shall his/her supporters, deface or cause any destruction to any property of the University campus, for any purpose whatsoever. All candidates shall be held jointly and severally liable for any destruction/defacing of any of the University property.

IX. Consequences of violation of Code of Conduct

1. The Election Committee may take cognizance of a violation of the Code of Conduct or Rules of Election either *suo motu* or based on a complaint by any Alumnus.
2. If the Election Committee finds that any candidate has violated the Code, it shall forthwith issue a written order disqualifying such candidate(s) from the election. Provided that where the Election Committee finds that the violation is a minor one, it may decide against disqualification.
3. The Election Committee may exercise this power any-time before the declaration of results.

