

2024 JCI WISCONSIN ELECTION RULES

These Rules and Article 8 of the JCI Wisconsin Bylaws shall govern campaigns for elected office for the 2024 JCI Wisconsin year. The Elections Committee encourages all members to consider participation in the leadership of this organization. The best way to improve our organization is through participation; ask any member who has served about the benefits of becoming a leader! These rules have been developed to provide an equitable campaign for all candidates for elected office of JCI Wisconsin.

2024 Elections Committee

Filing Requirements

The word “Candidate” means any candidate or potential candidate for election to any office of JCI Wisconsin, which is to be filled by vote of the qualifying delegates of the JCI Wisconsin Corporation.

The following requirements must be fulfilled to be considered a JCI Wisconsin candidate for 2024 Office:

- All candidates must provide a completed Nomination Form including local officer signatures along with the necessary filing fee. The Campaign Manager must be disclosed on the Nomination Form.
 - No member of the current Executive Committee may serve as a campaign manager.
 - Any incomplete filing of the above listed requirements deems ineligibility for candidacy.
1. Each candidate and their campaign committee shall conduct themselves in a manner as to not discredit themselves, their chapter, region, or JCI Wisconsin. (Encompassing and not limited to, “discredit” includes non-professional conduct, slander and/or inappropriate behavior i.e. ...sexual harassment. The candidate and their campaign committee are strongly encouraged to consider actions resulting from challenges and pay offs as they may be interpreted as inappropriate behavior.) Violations by a campaign committee member or campaign worker will be considered a violation by the candidate.
 2. There will be one candidate’s mailing from the Chapter Service Center. Candidates will be limited to a one sheet tri-folded (8.5x11 inch) double sided flyer sent in the quantity required by the Chapter Service Center by **August 15, 2024**. The cost of the mailing will be split by those candidates who participate and the printed flyer must be pre-folded to fit within a regular envelope.
 3. All monies owed by candidates to JCI Wisconsin must be paid in full **prior** to the 2024 Mid-Year Convention. All accounts receivables are due in hand by **6:00 pm** to the Chapter Service Center **Thursday, September 10, 2024**.
 4. Posters at Mid-Year Convention shall be placed during the one (1) hour time frame determined by the Election Committee. All posters must be removed by candidates/their committees and disposed of properly within one hour following the adjournment of the Corporation Meeting at which the elections take place. Posters may only be placed in the corporation meeting space and be hung with materials that meet the discretion of the establishment’s management and by order of their rules. **Poster hanging is from 12 noon – 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 2nd, 2024.**
 5. A complete expense report must be presented to the Elections Committee Chairperson and cc’d to the President by **6:00 p.m. Thursday, September 10, 2024 by each candidate running for an elected JCI Wisconsin office.**
 6. Any alleged violations of these election rules or bylaws must be filed, in writing, to the Elections Committee Chairperson by 8 a.m. Saturday morning of the Election.
 7. The time limit allowed for nomination speeches on the convention floor shall be ten (10) minutes total for State President and five (5) minutes total for each State Vice President. Individuals who are nominating and seconding nominations for any candidate must be a properly certified delegate or an alternate delegate in good standing with JCI Wisconsin and listed as a member on the last audited chapter roster of JCI Wisconsin.
 8. Any questions or disputes of the election rules must be brought before the Elections Committee for a clarification.
 9. Candidates may post one message on the JCI Wisconsin statewide Facebook page to promote their candidacy. No candidate or members of their committee may respond to or initiate discussion on the post or pose a question of another candidate. If questions specifically for one or more candidates are posted on the discussion board by a JCI Wisconsin member, the candidate or campaign committee member will need to reply via email directly to the initiating party, not with a posting on the Facebook post. The Elections Chair will monitor the activity of postings and will log accordingly.
 10. Chapters or regions are encouraged to schedule a forum with the approval of the Elections Committee. The Elections Committee will provide guidelines for questions. The Elections Committee will also provide one moderator for each forum. Possible forums will take place in August.
 11. Any violation submitted for review and determined by the Elections Committee to be in violation will result in the following action:
 - a. Discrediting themselves, other candidates, their chapter, region or JCI Wisconsin and/or announcing their candidacy prior to the specified announcement date: Person will be disqualified and cannot be a candidate.
 - b. All other violations: a ten vote sanction per violation to the candidate in question.
 12. In order for a candidate to properly file the necessary Nomination Form and filing fee, it is understood that a conversation and vote may take place with the potential candidate’s local chapter for approval prior to the official candidacy announcement date. In addition, with payment processing via AutoPay available to JCI Wisconsin chapters, communication from a local chapter to the Chapter Service Center to withdraw funds for AutoPay processing of a members filing fee can be requested prior to the official candidacy announcement date. Neither circumstances are deemed an infraction to Bylaw 8.02(b) referencing candidate announcements and are acceptable practices for a potential candidate.

THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 8 OF THE BY-LAWS THAT GOVERN THE ELECTION PROCESS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BY-LAW-ELECTION COMMITTEE

8.05 An Election Committee, comprising of 3 members appointed by the State President, supervised by the Executive Vice President and approved by JCI Wisconsin's Board of Directors no later than the June Board Meeting. The Elections Committee will set further rules as approved by the Board of Directors at the Mid-Year Board retreat and/or no later than June 30th, govern all election campaigns by candidates for elective office of this Corporation. The Election Committee shall check the nomination papers to all candidates and shall certify those candidates who meet the requirements of these Bylaws and the Bylaws of the U.S. Jaycees. Only those candidates certified by the Election Committee shall have their name placed before the Mid-Year Meeting of the Corporation for consideration. To be certified by the Election Committee, the candidate's nomination papers shall have been filed with the Chapter Service Center or Elections Committee Chairperson not less than thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of the Mid-Year Meeting of the Corporation. This committee shall verify the qualifications of each candidate by obtaining a statement setting forth such qualifications signed by the President and State Director of the Member Organization in which the candidate is an Individual Member. This committee shall verify with the State Secretary the credentials of all delegates and alternates to insure proper certification and shall tabulate all ballots. This committee shall enforce such rules and regulations relating to elections as may be promulgated by the Board of Directors and which are not inconsistent with the Bylaws of this Corporation. (Updated September 2015)

By-LAW - SANCTIONS

- 8.08
- (a) The elections committee shall investigate all alleged violations of the election regulations as spelled out by these bylaws, policies and election rules as approved by the Board of Directors. Violations and sanctions will be determined by a 2/3 majority of the election committee.
 - (b) Rulings of the election committee may be appealed to the Executive Committee, a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee will be required to overturn the decision of the election committee.

POLICY POSTER AND OTHER PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

8.01 It shall be deemed a violation of these regulations if any candidate or person or associations working in any candidate's behalf, defaces walls, surfaces, or causes any damage to public or private property in the promotion of his/her candidacy. No adhesive substances other than masking tape shall be permitted in affixing promotional materials to walls or to other surfaces.

POLICY ELECTION EXPENDITURES

- 8.02
- (a) Every candidate for elective office shall submit to the Election Committee a statement of expenditures of campaign expenses and such other statements as the Committee may require. Expenditures shall be limited as follows: State President \$5,000; State Vice Presidents \$2,500; Regional Director \$1,500; including, but not limited to, the following: Preparation and distribution of campaign mail and literature; AT ESTIMATED RETAIL PRINTER'S COST: poster, photographs, and other promotional materials; entertainment expenses; reasonable cost of maintaining a local headquarters room at convention hotel, and personal or organizational stenographic services customarily used or employed by the candidate or persons or associations in his/her behalf, as well as incidental postage, and stationery expenses other than in connection with general mailings or promotional material.
 - (b) Candidates for the office of President and State Vice President shall not announce their candidacy prior to the first Monday following the 4th of July of the election year.
 - (c) Any candidate or potential candidate shall not campaign for or endorse in any way, any other candidate or potential candidate.

POLICY CANDIDATE FILING FEE

8.03 A filing fee is required of all candidates for the office of JCI Wisconsin State President (\$100), State Vice Presidents (\$75), Regional Director (\$50), and District Director (\$25), Program Manager and other appointed officers/positions (\$25). (Updated May 2007).