

Guidance regarding supporters

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To stand for election to Governing Council candidates must have support from two RICS professionals (FRICS, MRICS or AssocRICS).

Information required

Candidates must submit the following information about each supporter, on their application form:

- their full name
- their class of membership (FRICS/MRICS/AssocRICS)
- their RICS membership number
- their employer
- their geographic location
- their contact details (email and phone)

Applications will be invalid without two supporters, and we will not be able to progress the candidate's application. Please note, both supporters cannot be from the same organisation.

Candidates should make sure that their supporters are happy for this information to be shared and tell them that they will receive an email from Mi-Voice (our independent electoral services provider) to confirm that they give their consent to act as your supporter. It will also ask them to consent to their name, class of membership, employer, and geographic location, being published on the candidate's profile on the ballot paper as evidence to the electorate that each candidate has the required supporters. There will be a period of time after the elections close to allow for confirmation of supporters.

The email will be automatically generated once the application has been received. Candidates are asked to make sure that their supporters have received this email and respond accordingly. If supporters have not received the email, then they are to contact Mi-Voice, E: support@mi-voice.com, T: +44 (0) 2380 763 987. Mi-Voice Support is available from 09:00 - 17:00, Monday to Friday (excluding UK Bank Holidays). Before

contacting Mi-Voice, please make sure that the email has not been sent to the junk folder.

Supporters **must** reply to the email from Mi-Voice to confirm they will act as your supporter. No reply will be taken as they are **not** happy to act as your supporter.

RICS will carry out membership and regulatory checks on supporters. Please ensure your chosen supporters are aware of this and that they must be 'members in good standing' to be eligible to act as a supporter. Please refer them to the guide to membership checks and background screening for more information.

Eligibility

To be eligible to act as supporter, the supporter/s must:

- (i) be an RICS professional (FRICS, MRICS or AssocRICS),
- (ii) be members in good standing
- (iii) have known the candidates for at least one year at the point of application
- (iv) be based in the same geographic region as the candidate (geographic seats only)

Supporters can include retired members.

Supporters **must not**:

- (i) be a member of RICS staff.
- (ii) be a member of Governing Council
- (iii) also be standing for election to Governing Council
- (iv) both be from the same organisation (this does not include former / retired members)
- (v) support more than one candidate standing for election