

Proposal 3: Amend Bylaw 114.2 (Candidate Announcements)

Rationale:

TICA's election process currently (formally) spans a period of 8 ½ months, with 4 months allocated to declaration of candidacy before the Membership finally knows who the official candidates are. It would seem better to set the official field of candidates in a shorter period of time so that the Membership can focus on getting to know the candidates and the candidates can define their platforms. If passed, candidates can declare between 1 June and 31 July.

PROs:

The official candidates are established in a shorter period of time, allowing members to focus on comparing candidates and their platforms.

CONS:

Shortens the period of time that members can use to file as an official candidate.

Amend Bylaw 114.2:

114.2 Announcement of Candidates. ~~After the initial election, a~~Any member who has been a member in good standing for 2 consecutive years immediately preceding shall be eligible to seek office and shall declare his candidacy in writing to the Executive Office not more than ~~6~~4 months nor less than 2 months before the election month with the filing fee established by the Board of Directors. If no member in the region or no member in the Breed/Breed Group Section has been a member for the 2 years immediately preceding the election, the 2 year membership requirement shall not apply. This shall entitle the candidate to be listed as a candidate for the office sought in every issue of the newsletter including the newsletter prior to the ballot being mailed to the membership. Each candidate shall be entitled to publish a summary of his/her experience, credentials and platform in accordance with Standing Rules.