



European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging

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ARTICLE 1 - FORM - NAME

The Association is called European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging, abbreviated to EACVI.

The European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging is an internal constituent body of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC), designated as “Association” although not an autonomous legal entity.

The European Association of Echocardiography was formed at the ESC General Assembly on 2nd September 2003 in Vienna for an undetermined duration.

By a vote of the ESC Extraordinary and Ordinary General Assemblies in Amsterdam on 3rd September 2013, the ESC Working Group (WG) on Nuclear Cardiology & Cardiac Computed Tomography (NC & CCT), and the ESC WG on Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance (CMR) were dissolved and merged to form the unified EACVI structure.

The internal organisation of the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging is regulated by the ESC Statutes, ESC By-laws and policies as well as the present rules of governance approved by the ESC Board.

In any case, the ESC Statutes, by-laws and policies are prevalent upon the provisions hereafter.

ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE AND MEANS

The European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging contributes to the mission statement of the ESC which is “to reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease”.

The European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging has been formed to promote excellence in clinical diagnosis, research, technical development, and education in cardiovascular imaging.

The European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging takes responsibility for education and training of cardiologists and other professionals involved in Cardiovascular Imaging in the ESC member countries, and for the development of standards for their training, continuous education and professional conduct. In addition, the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging promotes education, training and standards throughout the world.

The European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging wishes to improve the scientific understanding of Cardiovascular Imaging through promotion of research in this field.

The European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging may undertake the scientific organisation of any congress, symposium or similar event, bringing together any and all professionals, including physicians,

scientists, biomedical technicians, nurses and allied health professionals, interested in Cardiovascular Imaging.

The European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging may organise the collection, analysis, processing, publishing and communication of medical or scientific information from a wide range of physicians, scientists or institutions of Cardiovascular Imaging.

The European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging may collect, edit and publish articles or information whether in printed or electronic form on any medical or scientific nature related to Cardiovascular Imaging and has been delegated by ESC the running of the topic related journal(s).

The European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging may award scholarships, awards or grants for education, training or research in its area of interest.

Within the framework of the European Society of Cardiology, the EACVI objectives are:

1. To support the ESC mission.
2. To develop a strong multi-modality imaging association.
3. To represent the three Constituent Bodies (Section Echo, Section CMR and Section Nuclear Cardiology/Cardiac CT) in the new structure in a balanced way. This includes a commitment to strive towards an EACVI leadership that truly reflects the multi-modality nature of the EACVI.
4. To promote patient- rather than technology-centred research and clinical practice.
5. To organise the EACVI congress and section-specific meetings.
6. To further promote the European Heart Journal Cardiovascular Imaging (EHJ-CVI), the European Heart Journal – Imaging Methods and Practices (EHJ-IMP) and any related ESC journals delegated to EACVI.
7. To certify individuals who have achieved appropriate standards of clinical and research excellence and quality performance in Cardiovascular Imaging.
8. To accredit clinical laboratories which have attained appropriate standards of excellence in Cardiovascular Imaging.
9. To contribute to the ESC annual congress and participate in the Board committees of the ESC.
10. To cooperate with all organs and communities of the ESC, and with the National Working Groups, associations or societies, on matters of Cardiovascular Imaging.
11. Collaborate with other international organisations for Cardiovascular Imaging.

The Rules of governance of the EACVI aim to outline the principles of governance of a transparent and democratic organisation within the European Society of Cardiology (ESC), with a strong collective leadership.

EACVI shall use the means that ESC provides, and necessary for its purpose.

ARTICLE 3 – CATEGORIES OF MEMBERS: INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AND FELLOWS

3.1 Individual members of the EACVI

Membership of the EACVI is subscribed to on an individual and direct basis. Full membership is open to all healthcare professionals, irrespective of their membership to a National Cardiac Society or Affiliated Cardiac Society of the ESC, including cardiologists, physicians, scientists, nurses and allied professionals, involved in the field of cardiovascular imaging, and who support the EACVI purpose and means as defined in article 2.

Each individual member must accept the rules defined in the ESC statutes and in the articles of these rules of governance, and pay the annual fee defined by the EACVI Board for the current year.

The EACVI membership is based on a rolling membership model, where the subscription renewal is based on the anniversary of the joining date. Members are able to join at any time of the year and receive a membership for a period of 12 months.

EACVI Membership benefit packages vary according to the levels of membership held. The membership levels and the associated membership benefits may be amended, varied or withdrawn upon regular review. The EACVI will always publish any changes to or withdrawals of the membership levels and the associated membership benefits on the escardio.org website (or otherwise notify the member of such changes) as soon as possible before it implements such variations.

EACVI membership coherence, categories, benefits and fees are defined and approved by the EACVI Board.

3.2 Fellows of the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging

Physicians, scientists, nurses and other allied professionals who have made a major contribution to prevention, diagnosis, management or scientific understanding of cardiovascular disease, may apply to become a Fellow of European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging.

The procedures for application and election of the EACVI Fellows are decided upon by the EACVI Board.

These procedures, which may be amended from time to time, are available on the Fellows of EACVI section within the EACVI public website.

Each Fellow must accept the rules defined in the ESC statutes and in the articles of these rules of governance, and pay the annual fee defined by the EACVI Board for the current year.

3.3 Honorary members

The EACVI can bestow upon individuals with exceptional merits in matters of cardiac imaging, and the EACVI, the award of becoming an Honorary Member. These should be EACVI members, although exceptions are possible.

Proposals can be made by EACVI Board members in writing to the EACVI President and providing a detailed recommendation and curriculum of the candidate.

Such decision must be taken by 50% +1 vote of the voting EACVI Board members present at the vote. No more than 1 Honorary Member per year should be awarded. Honorary Members receive a sign of recognition, hold a one-time EACVI lecture, and are entitled to lifelong EACVI membership and to participate at one EAVCI congress per year without fee.

ARTICLE 4 – RESIGNATION, DEATH AND EXPULSION OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

4.1) Resignation

Individual members and Fellows of the EACVI may resign from their membership or Fellowship by sending their resignation in writing to the President or Secretary of the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging. Their European Association of Cardiovascular membership will then be terminated at the end of the term for which it has been paid.

4.2) Death

In the event of death of an individual member or a Fellow of the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging, the membership is terminated immediately. Their heirs and assignees will not by right acquire

membership or Fellowship of the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging, nor will obtain refund of the dues for the running period.

4.3) Disciplinary measures

An individual member of the EACVI may be expelled from the EACVI/ESC for justified grievance. A justified grievance can be a breach of the ESC Statutes, code of ethics and of the rules of governance of EACVI or of other ESC policies and procedures. This could include, for example, inappropriate behaviour, aggression of another member, or damage to reputation or to property belonging to the ESC or any action, behaviour or public statement, or abstention which may cause a damage to EACVI, EACVI Board, or EACVI Board members, or to ESC, whatever this damage could be (financial, reputation, or other).

The confirmed breach of confidentiality about information shared by EACVI or ESC representatives and/or staff may also be considered as a justified grievance.

A disciplinary process may be initiated by the EACVI Board and/or competent ESC Board Committee (Audit, Ethics or other).

Such process can lead, depending on the seriousness of the misconduct, to a sanction up to temporary suspension or expulsion.

Suspension and expulsion from membership is a decision taken by either the ESC, or EACVI Board which must then be confirmed by the ESC Board.

The ESC Board may also decide as a sanction to exclude (temporarily or not) a member from any officer and/or volunteer position within the ESC.

Before a sanction is decided upon, a letter of formal notice is sent to the member candidate for sanction by registered letter. This letter must specify the statutory or policy provision to which the member contravened. The member concerned is asked to explain the facts. The member concerned may be summoned before the ESC Management Group, ESC Board, ESC Ethics committee and/or EACVI Board. The letter must also inform the member of the possible sanction.

In the absence of a reply from the member concerned, or after he/she was given the opportunity to defend him/herself, the ESC/EACVI Board must decide with a majority vote on the sanction to be applied, and the ESC/EACVI send to the member concerned a registered letter informing him/her of the sanction, up to the exclusion of the ESC, and the reasons for it.

Those individual members or Fellows who resign or are suspended or expelled, are bound to pay dues in arrears and the dues of the current year at the time of resignation or expulsion.

When any disciplinary measure within the ESC or any Association of the ESC has been implemented, or when the individual resigns from membership from the ESC or any Association of the ESC during a pending disciplinary process, then the individual will automatically be suspended from any Board or Committee position, whether elected, appointed, or ex-officio. Depending on the outcome, the ESC Board will decide on the further activities of the individual within the ESC.

The expelled member is also expelled from the ESC and shall not take part in any activity of EACVI or the ESC, with no limitation of time.

ARTICLE 5 – ALLOCATED INCOME

Within ESC budget, allocated income to the EACVI include:

- Membership dues
- Sponsorships revenue from products and services including congresses, events and courses
- Allocated income of the journals delegated to the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging
- Any other resources authorised by applicable law and regulations.

The EACVI Board can seek financial support to cover investments or other expenses linked to the conduct of the Association activities in respect of ESC policies and procedures and in coordination with ESC staff.

ARTICLE 6 – INTERNAL GOVERNANCE OF THE EACVI

6.1 Board of the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging

The administration of the EACVI is conducted by a Board composed of:

1. Voting members who are elected by the EACVI members (see article 11 below) in even numbered years:
 - President
 - President-Elect
 - Immediate Past-President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - 6 Councillors who can also be Committee Chairs and who will be composed as follows:
 - 2 for Echocardiography
 - 2 for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance (CMR)
 - 2 for Nuclear Cardiology & Cardiac CT
 - 3 Vice Presidents: also Section Chairs of the three existing Sections
 - 3 Vice Presidents-elect of the three existing Sections
 - 2. Appointed members who have an advisory role (these members have no voting rights) Committee Chairs, who are co-opted members, appointed by the President and approved by the EACVI Board
1. Ex-officio members
 - Editors-in-Chief of the EACVI official journals appointed according to the ESC Editor in Chief recruitment and appointment policy.
 - Other co-opted members invited by the EACVI Board
 - Representatives of other societies/ESC Constituent Bodies upon invitation of the EACVI President. These representatives are nominated by their respective body for a 2 year-term. Nomination of these members is at the discretion of their societies/constituent bodies.
 - Representatives of other ESC internal Constituent Bodies (when applicable) with an advisory role

An ex-officio Board member is a member who is part of the Board by virtue of holding another office.

The Ex-officio members don't have voting rights within the EACVI Board.

2. The Chief Executive Officer and the EACVI manager, both as non-voting members

The duties of all EACVI Board members are executed free of charge. EACVI Board members will be entitled to reimbursement of expenses incurred while exercising their ESC duties in accordance with ESC Travel and meetings policy.

6.2 Executive Board of the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging

Within the Board, the executive Board is composed of:

- President
- President-Elect
- Immediate Past-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 3 EACVI Vice Presidents (Chairs of each section)
- Editors-in-Chief (non-voting)

The President of EACVI must be a member in good standing of one of the ESC National Societies of Cardiology and remain a Fellow of the ESC and EACVI.

6.3 Duration of terms and re-election

- 1) Voting EACVI Board members shall hold their positions for a period of two years.
This two-year term shall start and come to an end at the close of the EACVI general assembly.
- 2) There can be no re-election to the same position except for the position of Councillor, for which the candidate may stand for election for one more term, with a maximum of 2 terms.
- 3) Appointed and ex-officio Board members (with the exception of the Editor in Chief) are appointed by the EACVI Board for a 2 year-term, which term may be extended once at the same position.
- 4) The President-Elect will automatically become President at the end of their two-year mandate and the President will automatically become immediate Past President at the end of their mandate.

6.4 Oath of office and declaration of interest

All members of the EACVI Board must sign the EACVI oath of office prior to taking their functions and EACVI President must in addition sign the ESC oath of office.

All EACVI Volunteers must submit their annual Declaration of Interest in a timely manner. Failure to do so will lead to the individual being suspended from his/her volunteer office held within the EACVI and ESC, and the ESC Management Group is informed. Such an individual is reinstated upon submission of the required Declaration of interests, provided that competent ESC committees do not object.

6.5 Resignation or death of a Board member or volunteer

In the event of resignation, incapacitation exceeding 6 months, or death of any member of the EACVI Board, he or she will be replaced as follows:

- 1) If it concerns the President, he/she will be succeeded for the balance of the appropriate two-year mandate by the President Elect on an acting basis.
- 2) If it concerns the President Elect, the EACVI Board will refer the matter to the next EACVI general assembly for a vote following, to the extent possible, the procedures laid down in these rules of governance. In the meantime, until voting has taken place, the task related to the position of President Elect within the EACVI may be delegated to one of the other voting Board members, or to any previous EACVI Board member. A previous Board member will have no voting rights.

- 3) If it concerns the Past President, the EACVI Board may, at its own discretion, appoint any previous Board member for the balance of the two-year mandate. This previous EACVI Board member will have no voting rights.
- 4) If it concerns the Secretary, Treasurer, or another voting Board member, the EACVI Board may appoint one of the other voting Board members to assume such responsibilities for the balance of the two-year mandate, or may appoint, at its own discretion, any Fellow of the EACVI to fill such position for the balance of the two-year mandate. The latter Fellow will have no voting rights. The Board will refer the matter to the next EACVI general assembly for an approval vote covering the balance of the mandate, thus making this person a voting member of the Board.
- 5) If it concerns non-voting EACVI Board members, the President may propose any qualified person for the balance of the two-year mandate. This must be approved by the EACVI Board.

6.6 Meetings and deliberations

1. The EACVI Board and Executive Board meetings shall be convened by the President or at least one-half of the voting Board members.
2. The EACVI Board and Executive Board must meet a minimum of 3 times every year in person or online.
3. The agenda is to be drawn up by the President, or those Board members who convene the meeting. The agenda is to be sent at least 1 week before the date of the meeting.
4. Upon the decision of the President, meetings shall be held either in person or by any audio/visual means of communication.
5. The presence of no less than half of the voting members is necessary for a valid vote.
6. Decisions will be made by a simple majority of the votes of the members present at the meeting. Each voting member of the EACVI Board or Executive Board, respectively, may cast one vote. No proxy votes will be accepted. Absent voting Board or Executive Board members, respectively, may submit their opinion in writing on items appearing on the agenda but may not express a vote.
7. In the event that the number of votes cast at a meeting of the EACVI Board or Executive Board on any matter is tied, the President shall have the deciding vote.
8. The EACVI Board and Executive Board resolutions will be recorded in minutes. They have to be submitted for approval by the Board at the following EACVI Board meeting.

ARTICLE 7 – ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

7-1 Role and responsibilities of the EACVI Board

The EACVI Board defines the general policy and strategic direction of the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging, in respect of the ESC strategic plan and reports this to its members.

The EACVI Board approves the projects, the programme of activities and all corresponding budgets, upon presentation by the Executive Board.

The EACVI Board prepare the annual budget of the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging, which is submitted to the ESC Board for approval.

The President will be responsible for ensuring the execution of the decisions of the Board and ensuring the daily operation of the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging.

7-2 Role and responsibilities of the EACVI Executive Board

The roles and responsibilities of the Executive Board are among others:

- to discuss business and operational plans, operations, organisation and major projects and actual results and to report to the EACVI Board on a regular basis with the CEO and/or ESC management staff
- to discuss and report to the EACVI Board on governance issues prior to reporting to the ESC Board
- to propose and seek approval for the budget from the EACVI Board within the ESC budget guidelines.

In circumstances which require immediate action to avoid substantial damage, financial or otherwise, to the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging, the Executive Board calls upon the ESC treasurer and Management Group.

The EACVI Board will be informed as soon as possible.

Veto right:

The veto can only be used by EACVI Vice Presidents (Section Chairs) for matters and decisions severely and directly impacting the integrity, finances and existence of the Sections.

This right is to be used individually and only in exceptional circumstances where consensus in the Board cannot be reached. In case of exercise of veto, the members of the Board shall make every effort to resolve the matter which occasioned the veto.

7-3 Role and responsibilities of the President

The role of the President of the EACVI includes but is not necessarily limited to:

- Finalising the agenda for the EACVI Board and Executive Board meetings as well as the EACVI General Assemblies
- Chairing the EACVI Board, Executive Board as well as EACVI General Assemblies
- Ensuring implementation of the decisions of the ESC board of whom he/she is a voting member and reporting to the EACVI Board and proper conduct of the EACVI business.
- Cooperate with the ESC Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Finance Officer and EACVI Manager in preparing 3-year business plans, reviewing budgetary and financial issues of the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging.

7-4 Role and responsibility of other EACVI Board members

i. Roles and responsibilities of the President-Elect

The President-Elect will automatically assume the office as President of the EACVI after two years and acts on behalf the President when needed.

The role of the President-Elect of the EACVI includes but is not necessarily limited to the following:

- Interact openly and transparently with the ESC Board
- Act as representative or spokesperson of the EACVI
- Ascertain in partnership with the EACVI President that the Board focuses on strategic planning and policy development

- Perform the duties of the EACVI President in absence or incapacity including completing the Presidential term in the event of a vacancy
- Manage assignments given by the President or the EACVI Board
- Make recommendations on work processes and volunteers' assignments
- Ascertain, together with the EACVI Executive Board, continuity in EACVI leadership
- Before taking office as President, consider and prepare Board appointed Committees for the coming two years including renewal of Chairpersons and members as needed
- Will participate with the Vice Presidents to develop the scientific programme of the EACVI congress

ii. Roles and responsibilities of the immediate Past President

The immediate Past Presidency automatically follows a two-year term as President.

The Past-President serves for two years and is thereafter not subject to re-election to a new Board position at the end of his/her mandate.

The role of the immediate Past President of the EACVI includes but is not necessarily limited to the following:

- Act as representative or spokesperson of the EACVI
- Provide insights into the EACVI history and guidance to the EACVI President and Board
- Act as Chairperson of the new Nominating Committee for the EACVI
- Assume responsibility for establishing that high ethical standards are adhered to by all who are engaged in the EACVI business and affairs
- Ascertain in partnership with the President that the EACVI Board focuses on strategic planning and policy development
- Manage assignments given by the President or the EACVI Board and ensure continuity in the activities of the EACVI
- Represent the EACVI at the ESC Congress Programme Committee
- Become the Chair of the International Communities and Membership Committee

iii. Roles and responsibilities of the Secretary

- Act as representative or spokesperson of the EACVI
- Ascertain in partnership with the President that the EACVI Board focuses on strategic planning and policy development
- Provide guidance to the EACVI President and Board on statutory and organisational matters
- Ensure due process has been followed if membership proposes a change to the Constitution
- Manage assignments given by the President or the EACVI Board and ensure continuity in the activities of the EACVI
- Supervise and keep records of the EACVI Board minutes, activities and membership in close cooperation with the ESC dedicated Staff

- Make recommendations on work processes and volunteers' assignments

v. Roles and responsibilities of the Treasurer

- Act as representative or spokesperson of the EACVI for any financial matters pertaining to the Association.
- Ascertain in partnership with EACVI President that the EACVI Board focuses on strategic planning and policy development.
- Supervise finances and provide guidance to the EACVI President, EACVI Executive Board and EACVI Board especially to long-term financial planning and management and unbudgeted expenses.
- Participate in fundraising activities and ensure full transparency of all transactions and compliance with current regulations.
- Cooperate with the ESC Chief Executive Officer, ESC Chief Finance Officer, ESC Chief Operating Officer (COO) and EACVI Manager in preparing business plans, reviewing budgetary and financial issues of the EACVI.
- Reports on financial matters to the EACVI General Assembly.
- Supervise the EACVI finances held by the ESC

7-5 Roles and responsibility of other groups: Sections / committees

i. Roles and responsibilities of the Sections

- The role of the Sections is to represent each imaging modality and to support the EACVI mission.
- EACVI Vice Presidents will be responsible for executing the decisions of the EACVI Board and ensuring the smooth running of the EACVI.
- The Sections are represented on the EACVI Board through their EACVI Vice President (voting) and Vice President-elect (voting). There are two Councillors representing each section on the EACVI Board.
- Each EACVI Vice President (Section Chair) is a member of the EACVI Executive Board

Creation of a new Section requires approval by the EACVI Board (50%+1 vote of the full Board present at the vote) as well as the EACVI General Assembly. The detailed process for creation of a new Section will be defined by the EACVI Board.

ii. Committees

The President will select the Chair of each Committee in consultation with the Executive Board ensuring that each section will have at least one committee chair, but the aim is of a balanced (e.g. countries, modalities/sections) leadership of committees. In this selection process the elected EACVI board members should preferably be considered for Committee Chair.

In case there is no suitable Chair among elected Board members, the President of the EACVI can nominate an ad hoc Chair that will automatically become a non-voting Board member.

The Scientific Programme chairs for the different subspecialty congresses (e.g., EuroEcho, EuroCMR, ICNC) are the exception to this rule and are not appointed directly by the President. They are usually the EACVI Vice-Presidents, who can appoint a scientific programme committee of their choice in consultation with the EACVI President.

Vice Presidents will select one Section representative for each Committee.

7.6 Invitations to step down

As a general rule, applied to all EAVCI Board members, Co-chairs, members or other persons involved in task forces and committees; one may be invited to step down.

This decision should be:

- Based on defined criteria: less than fifty percent (50%) meeting attendance, lack of compliance with timelines and assignments.
- Taken collegially with the other members of concerned body or committee (with a two-third (2/3) majority required).
- Approved by the Executive Board

If the invited member does not step down, the expulsion rules apply.

ARTICLE 8 – EACVI GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

EACVI holds an annual assembly of its members (called general assembly) with the following purpose:

- Presentation of EACVI annual activities.
- Presentation of EACVI Election results and composition of the new EACVI Board and of the new EACVI Nominating Committee (in even years).
- Presentation of any changes to the EACVI membership scheme or benefits (if any).
- Discuss and express members opinion/vote on other EAVCI associated matters as required.

The general assembly of members shall meet each year preferably at the time of the annual Congress of the EACVI. General assembly is attended by the current EACVI Board and the members of EACVI.

Additional general assemblies may be convened by the EACVI President as required.

An invitation to attend must be given to all EACVI voting members by electronic mail no less than thirty (30) days in advance.

Voting members shall meet and vote either in person or by any audio/visual means of communication, upon decision of the EACVI Board.

The President of the EACVI presides over the general assemblies of members and is responsible for all procedures related to the preparation and conduct of the general assemblies. If the President is unable to perform these tasks, these may be conducted by a member of the EACVI Board designated by the EACVI Board to this effect.

Only EACVI members having settled their dues ahead of the General assemblies and still member at the date of the actual votes, have voting rights at EACVI general assemblies. As of 1st January 2026, members must have settled their due at least 3 months ahead of the General Assemblies

Decisions of the General Assembly will be made by a simple majority of the votes cast by the present members.

ARTICLE 9 - EACVI NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The EACVI Nominating Committee shall be responsible for nominating to the voting EACVI members, for its vote, candidates for the position of:

- elected voting members of the next EACVI Board
- voting members of the succeeding EACVI Nominating Committee

In the event of death, incapacity or resignation of any member of the Nominating Committee, the Chairperson appoints a replacement member. That replacement needs to be confirmed by a simple majority vote of the first next EACVI Board.

For the new EACVI Board, the Nominating Committee should aim at proposing more than one candidate per position.

The Nominating Committee will fix the EACVI election timelines in order to be in a position to announce the election results during the EACVI General Assembly.

Decisions within the Nominating Committee will be made by a simple majority of the votes of those members present having the right to vote. In the event that the number of votes cast is tied, the voting will be repeated. In case of the second tied vote, the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall have a deciding vote. Otherwise, the Chairperson shall not have a vote.

The EACVI Nominating Committee (NC) aims to have equal representation between the sections and thus consists of:

1. The Immediate EACVI Past-President (Chair, non-voting at NC selections). He/she takes into account all the principles of representation stated in the NC bylaws and leads the initial, general discussion amongst all voting and non-voting members about all received applications for EACVI Board positions.
2. One representative from each section's past leadership (3 in total, non-voting at NC selections): e.g. the Immediate EACVI Past Vice-Presidents or, if these are not eligible because of conflicts of interest, the previous past Section Chairs (in reverse chronological order) who are eligible and have no conflicts.

They will provide input about the candidates for Councillor/Vice President-Elect for their sections and their suitability to be nominated (e.g. scientific contribution, teaching, international recognition, balanced geographical distribution as detailed in the NC bylaws).

3. The current President-Elect (non-voting at NC selections)
4. 5 voting representatives of the EACVI Community elected by the EACVI voting members

The Selection of NC members candidates should be made avoiding any conflict of interest.

There should be no more than 1 candidate to voting positions of Nominating Committee from one country except if from the same country as the Nominating Committee Chair. The country where the person currently works (having a permanent position) will be considered when selecting the candidates to positions of member of the NC.

Selected candidates for NC voting positions shall represent each section of the EACVI.

The NC Chair will ensure the final composition of the NC follows these rules.

A Nominating Committee member cannot sit on the Board at the same time except for the position of the current President-Elect (non-voting) and that of the Immediate Past-President, who chairs the Nominating Committee.

The role of the Nominating Committee consists of:

- Evaluating and proposing candidates for EACVI Board elections
- Ensuring balance of candidates with appropriate experience from all regions within the ESC member countries according to pre-defined selection criteria
- Selecting candidates that represent all imaging modalities in a balanced way

The term of the Nominating Committee mandate is two years non-renewable.

ARTICLE 10 - PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE EACVI BOARD AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The new EACVI voting Board and Nominating Committee are elected by the voting members of EACVI.

The new elected Board members shall be announced at the general assembly that immediately precedes the two-year term of said Board.

10.1 Eligibility to EACVI Board positions

- Only EACVI members originating from an ESC member Country (as defined in article 3 of ESC Statutes, see <https://www.escardio.org/The-ESC/Member-National-Cardiac-Societies>) are eligible to a Board position.
- To stand for Board positions, candidates must also be EACVI members in good standing holding voting rights at the date of application.

Appointed committee chairs are eligible for future elected EACVI Board positions provided that they comply with the other requirements of the Association.

Ex-officio Board members are eligible for future elected EACVI Board positions under the condition that they held another position (not as ex-officio) in previous mandates and provided that they comply with the other requirements of the Association.

President-Elect: Candidates for the position of President Elect must be a FESC and a Fellow of the EACVI, currently serving or have served in the immediate previous EACVI Board or in the pre-previous EACVI Board as elected or appointed member. The elected candidate will automatically become President two years later.

Secretary and Treasurer: Candidates for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer must have served on one preceding EACVI Board.

Vice President-elect: One can be eligible as a Vice President-elect candidate, after having served at least 2 years as an elected Board Member or as a Councillor on the EACVI Board. If there are no candidates meeting these criteria, the Nominating Committee may choose candidates with other appropriate qualifications from the existing applications, such as relevant national society leadership or other relevant contribution to the field.

A EACVI Board member may not hold more than three leadership positions at the same time. Sitting on the nucleus of an ESC Working Group or Council or Association is counted as one leadership position. A

candidate who already holds three offices may therefore not stand for election or be proposed as a candidate, except if one of its term of office expires before the new functions start.

Candidates standing for the available EACVI Board positions must be endorsed by their own National Cardiac Society.

10.2 Eligibility to Nominating Committee positions

Members of the current Nominating Committee cannot be candidates for the elections performed under that Nominating Committee's mandate.

Only EACVI members originating from an ESC member country (see <https://www.escardio.org/The-ESC/Member-National-Cardiac-Societies>) are eligible to become a Nominating Committee member.

10.3 Voting process for the election of EACVI Board members and Nominating Committee members

1. All candidates have to sign an oath of office and code of conduct and to submit their Declaration of Interest (DOI) prior to the start of the elections process. If this requirement is not fulfilled, the candidate will not be accepted.
2. Voting for the new Board and Nominating Committee members will be conducted under the responsibility of the Executive Board
3. The Executive Board may proceed to conduct said elections at the earliest four (4) months before the general assembly.
4. Said elections may be conducted by electronic voting procedure.
5. Only EACVI members having settled their dues ahead of an election (i.e. when the voting platform opens) have voting rights. As of 1st January 2026, members must have settled their due at least 3 months ahead of an election and still be members when the voting platform opens.
6. A job description for each association has to be provided Board position to ensure previous experience.
7. Voting will be by secret ballot.
8. If only one candidate is proposed for any position (e.g., when there is no other candidate), a vote will take place in any case (with three voting options: agree / disagree / abstain). The proposed candidate will be elected by simple majority.
9. Abstentions, null and blank votes are not included in the number of votes cast.
10. If any candidate is not elected by a simple majority of votes, his/her candidature will fail. The Nominating Committee must make a new proposal within three months, followed by voting through secret ballot. The Executive Board will supervise said vote.
11. A candidate can apply to only one voting Board position.
12. Representatives and employees from Healthcare industry companies are not eligible to EACVI Board and Nominating Committee positions.

ARTICLE 11 - ACCOUNTING PERIOD

The accounting period shall start on the first of April and end on the thirty first of March.

ARTICLE 12 - DISSOLUTION

The dissolution of the EACVI must be proposed by the ESC Board. It requires approval at an ESC General Assembly.

ARTICLE 13 – CONGRESS and MEETINGS

1. EACVI Congress

EACVI leads a multi-modality imaging congress. This congress is called “EACVI congress” and will be co-chaired by the President, President-Elect and/or the Vice Presidents.

2. Section-specific meetings

- Each Section will organise its own Section-specific meetings. These meetings are the primary responsibility of the Sections except when the EACVI congress is taking place.

Special attention will be given to the development of sponsorship to Section-specific meetings. If sponsor support to Section-specific meetings is reduced as a result of the creation of a single EACVI, then the EACVI will share some of its central sponsor support with the Sections to allow them to continue to run their meetings. The proportion of support will be proportional to the number of delegates at each meeting and will be decided by the EACVI Board and the Vice President/Chair of the relevant Section.

ARTICLE 14 - CHANGES IN THE RULES OF GOVERNANCE

Upon recommendation of the EACVI Board, any provision of the EACVI Rules of governance may be changed by the ESC Board.