

2026 ARIN Election Preview

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Each fall, ARIN General Members in Good Standing elect candidates to the ARIN Board of Trustees and Advisory Council.

ARIN Elections Overview

Elections occur
each fall



Learn more at
arin.net/elections

Elected by
General Member
organizations



Interested in
running?
Nominations open
in early summer

Elections are held for
Board of Trustees, Advisory
Council, and the NRO
Number Council annually



General Members should
make sure their Voting
Contact is up to date



Looking ahead to ARIN 2026 Elections

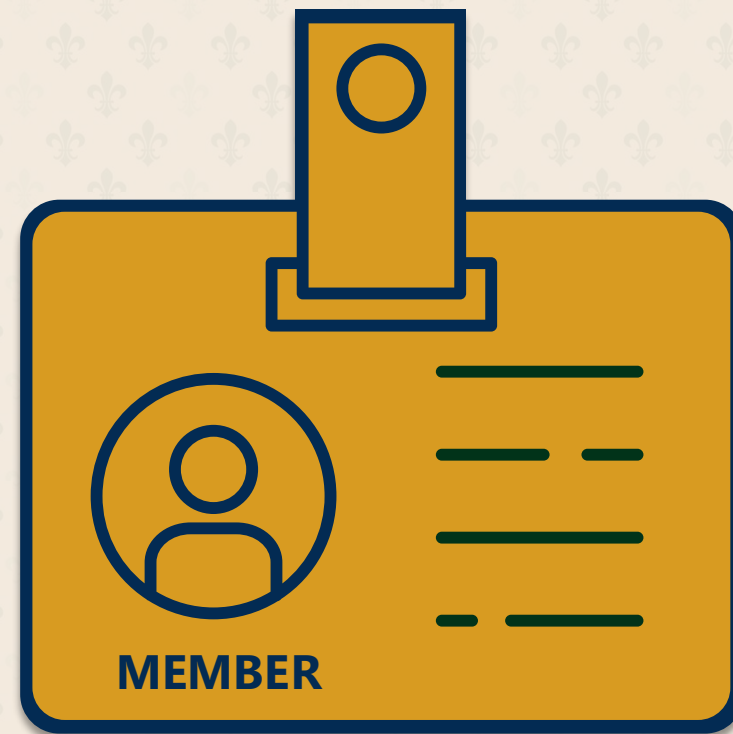
- Who can vote?
- Board and AC roles
- The nomination process
- Candidate assessments
- What about the NRO NC?



Membership Matters

General and Service Members

- Membership (both Service and General) with an ARIN Agreement
- General Members commit to participate in ARIN Elections





ARIN Membership Statistics

All customers with an active ARIN Agreement are Service Members

As a Service Member, you may request General Membership if ARIN's governance is important to your organization.

As of 7 April 2026:

- *Service Members: 25,132*
- *General Members: 1,497*

ARIN provides basic services to approximately 14,000 customers which hold Internet number resources that are not currently covered under any type of agreement with ARIN.

The Importance of Voting Contacts

To be eligible to vote, **General Member** organizations must be in **good standing**

Organizations must have a Voting Contact identified and listed by the deadline of **7 September**

Voting Contact changes must be finalized at least **seven days** before voting begins on 22 October

Don't Delay – Check your ARIN Online account today!

- Your Records > Organization Identifiers
- Select an Org Handle associated with your account
- If you have designated a Voting Contact, it will be displayed in the Voting Contact section
- If not, in the Org Info section, select, "Manage Voting Contact" from the Actions menu to assign one

Confirming Member Status

in your ARIN Online account

Note:
Organizations are members, not individuals

ARIN [Feedback](#) Welcome,

ACCOUNT MANAGER

- Dashboard
- Tickets
- Your Records**
- Point of Contact Records
Manage POCs linked to your account
- Organization Identifiers**
Manage Org IDs and Org POCs
- Associations Report
Records connected to your account
- IP Addresses
- ASNs
- Routing Security
- Transfer Resources
- Payments & Billing
- Downloads & Services
- Ask ARIN
Create a help desk ticket

Organization Record

Org Info

Org ID:
Org Name:
Business Tax ID:
Address:

Membership: Service Member

Registered Date:
Last Modified Date:

Actions

- Modify
- Manage Organization POCs
- Billing Info
- Request General Membership**
- Request Name Change
- Enroll in Premier Support Plan
- Transfer
- Request Transfer Pre-Approval
- Request IP Addresses
- Request ASN
- Manage IRR
- Manage RPKI

Organization Points of Contact

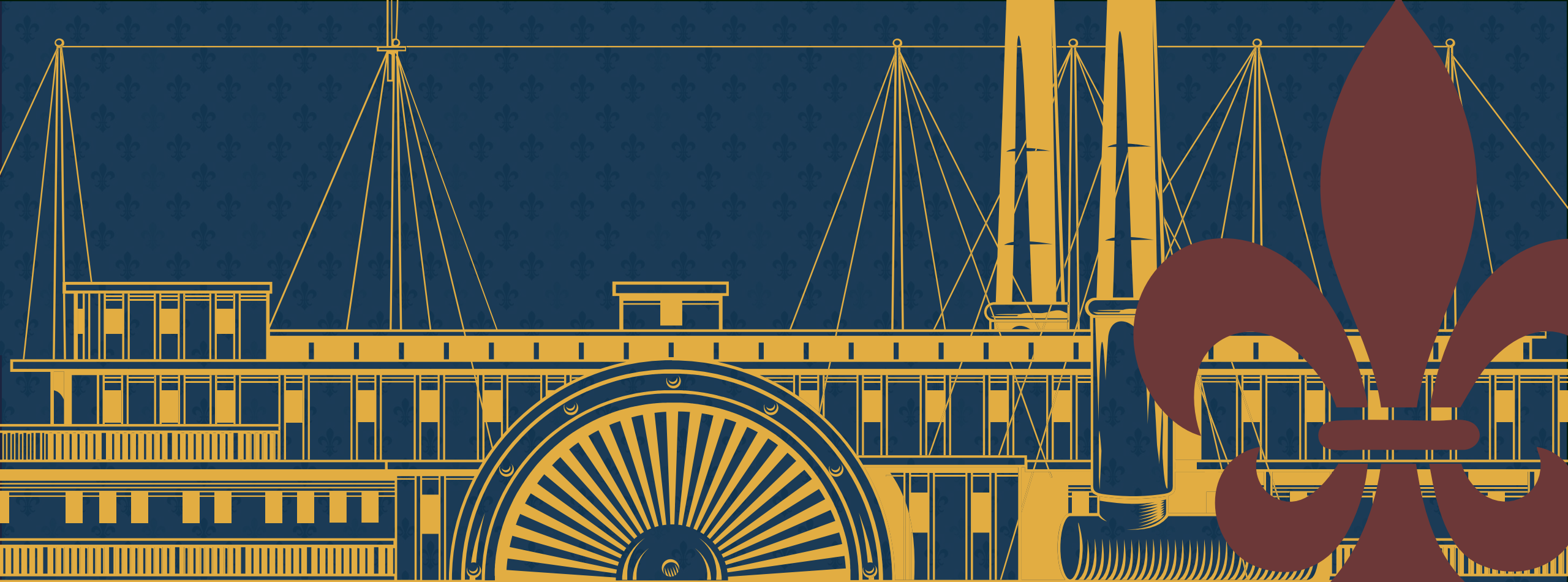
Only the Admin and Tech POCs associated with an organization can modify the organization record. If the A you can submit a request to [recover your Org ID](#).

▼ Admin POC:

Admin POC:
Name:
Phone Number:
Email:

▶ Tech POCs:
▶ Abuse POC:
▶ NOC POCs:

Manage

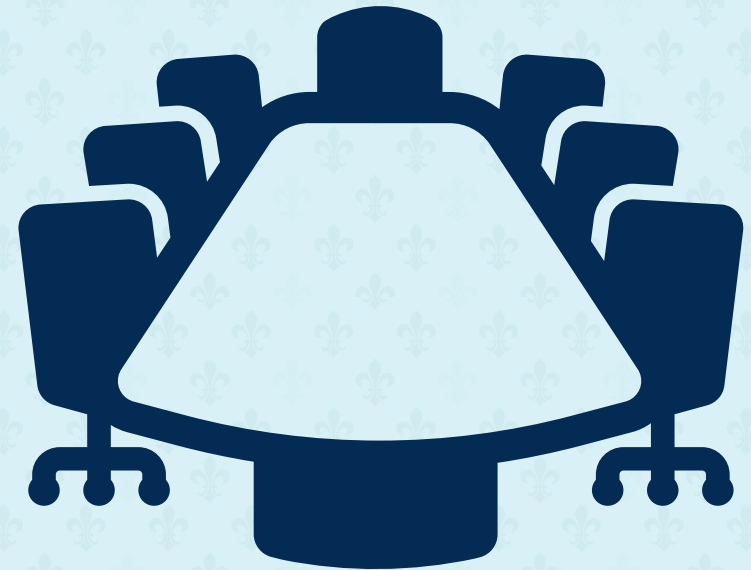


The Roles of the Board, AC, and NRO NC

Board of Trustees



The ARIN Board of Trustees provides **strategic direction** and **fiduciary oversight** of ARIN. Board members work to ensure the organization remains aligned with the interests of the Internet community it serves.



ARIN Board of Trustees

Ratifies policy changes recommended by the Advisory Council



Provides strategic direction for ARIN's scope and mission, and provide financial oversight

Ten members (9 elected plus ARIN's President & CEO)



Trustees serve three-year terms

Board of Trustees Candidate Qualifications

- Professional experience in technology, public policy, finance, legal or nonprofit sectors
- Strategic governance insight and corporate-level decision making
- Ethical integrity and accountability
- Awareness of the Internet number resource ecosystem
- Commitment to open-minded collaboration

Advisory Council



The Advisory Council (AC)

- **Facilitates communication** regarding proposed changes to ARIN Internet number resource policy
- **Guides proposals and policies** through the ARIN Policy Development Process
- **Recommends community consensus policies** to the Board of Trustees for ratification.



ARIN Advisory Council



15 members
Three-year terms



Presents on the
status of
policies at ARIN
Meetings



Meets monthly

AC Candidate Qualifications

- Understanding of Internet number resource public policy
- Experience facilitating and developing policy



NRO NC



Number Resource Organization Number Council (NRO NC)

facilitates the global policy development process.

It also selects the individuals to serve on ICANN's Board in Seats 9 and 10.



Also known as the ASO AC within the ICANN framework



15-member body – three per RIR



Two elected/one appointed (2026 is an appointment year)

Candidate Qualifications



- Professional experience in Internet number resource management or public policy
- Ethical integrity and accountability
- Awareness of the Internet ecosystem

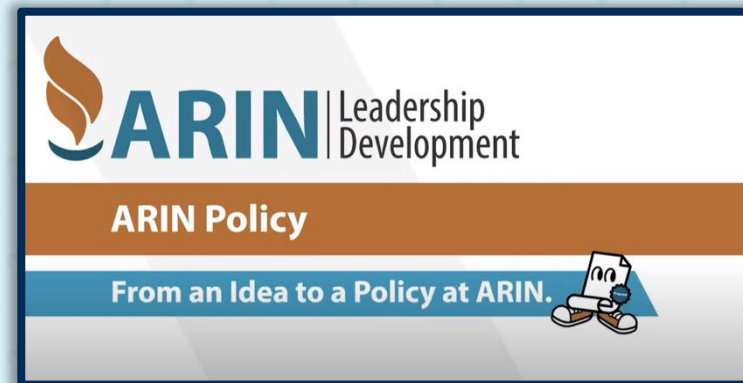
Want to Learn More?



We offer two short, on-demand videos as part of our Leadership Development Series:

- The Board of Trustees and the governance of ARIN
- An in-depth look at the Policy Development Process and Advisory Council (AC)

Learn how you can take on a leadership role in the ARIN community.



Learn more at: www.arin.net/leadership



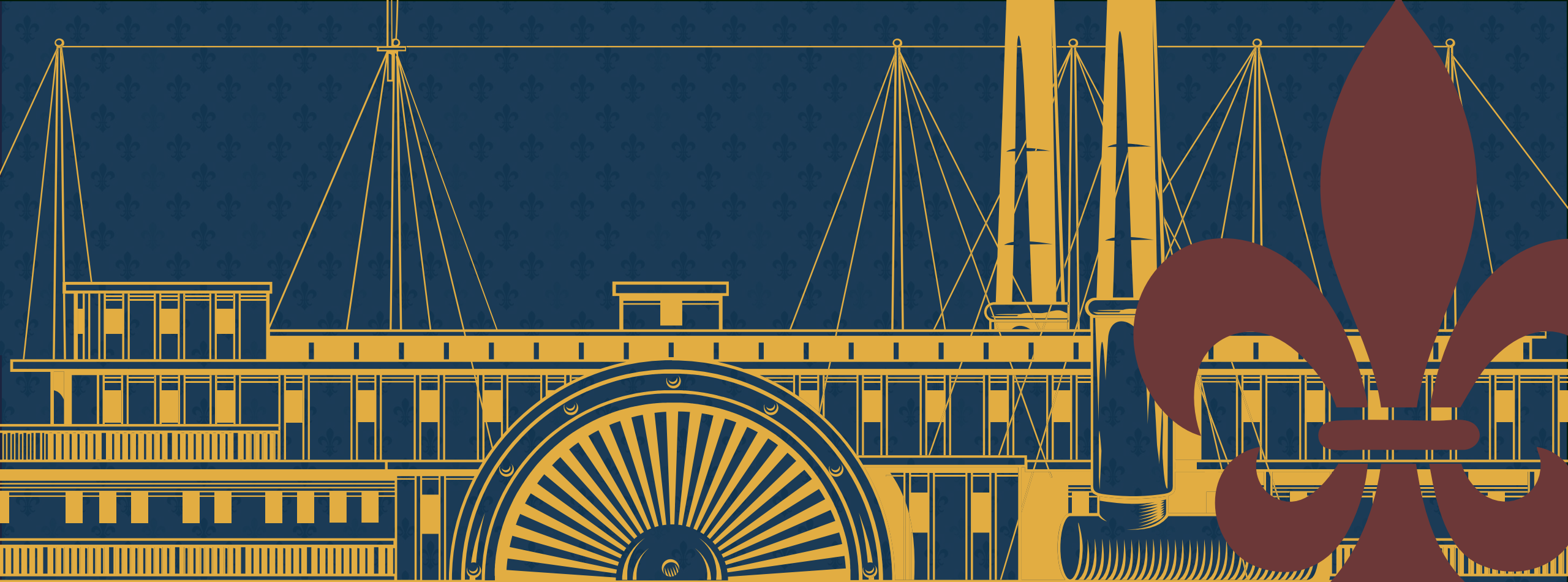
Join the Nomination Committee (NomCom)



NOW SEEKING THREE VOLUNTEERS

from General Member Organizations to fill
seats on the 2026 and 2027 NomCom!

Applications open until 28 APRIL at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2026-NomCom>



The Path to the Ballot



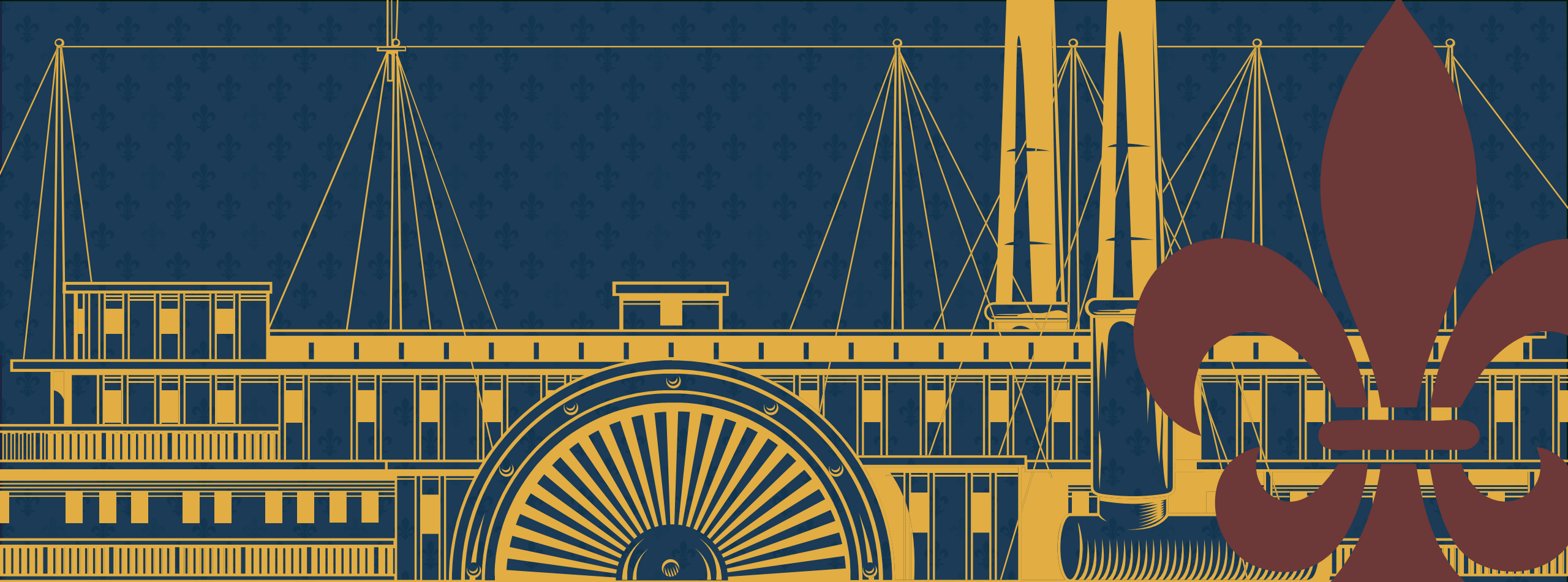
Election Process

- **Nominations Open**
 - 8 June 2026
- **Nominations Close**
 - 22 June 2026
- **Initial Candidate Slate Announced**
 - 8 September 2026
- **Voting Period**
 - 22-30 October 2026
- **Results Announced**
 - By 6 November 2026

Nominations Process



- Nominations are open for **14 days** with an optional extension for Board nominations
- Self-nominations only
- All nominees must complete a questionnaire for review by a third-party vendor
- The initial slate of candidates will be published for the community in early September.



Election Officer Report

Ron da Silva, ARIN Board of Trustees



Why does the Board have an Election Officer?

Per ARIN bylaws, the election process is approved and published. Process defines role, and

- Explains assessment criteria
- Confirms review of eligible voters
- Consults on material candidate issues
- Certifies election results

Evaluation Criteria



Evaluation by third-party provider consists of:

- Job description
- Guidance letter to NomCom
- Questionnaires, background checks*, interviews, community input
- Qualified or Not Qualified (and removed from the slate).
- Optionally + Additional Skills Recommended

Voting Members:

- Statements of Support, Candidate Speeches and Board Candidate Forum
- Need for some "extra skills" vs. all candidates.

** Background checks are for Board candidates only*



Review of Eligible Voters



Performed by the President and CEO, and reviewed by the Election Officer.

- There are typically 1500-2000 eligible voters
- Often only 700-800 of those cast a vote (many with multiple votes)
- General Members in Good Standing are listed online
- Voting Contacts obscured



Material Issues



Work with third-party evaluator to assess issues raised and reflect them back to the Nomination Committee and ARIN's Chief Human Resource Officer and/or General Counsel.

- More nuanced issues like red flags, criminal charges without convictions, patterns, financial obscurity
- Requires balancing fairness and avoiding prejudice or the Board limiting the power of election rights.
- Process continues to evolve to best inform General Members and to not limit qualified candidates by pre-selection.



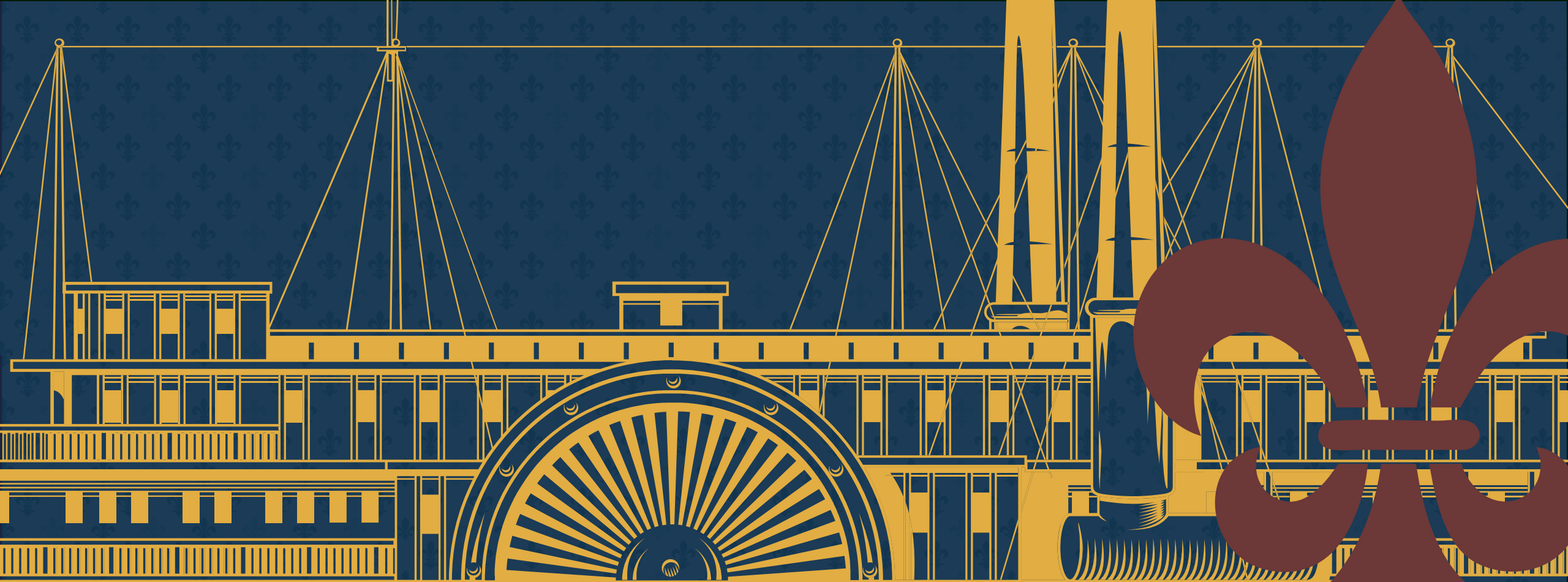
Election Certification



After the election is complete:

- Validate accuracy of voting tallies
- Ensure adherence to bylaws and published processes





Wrapping Up

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Statements of Support

After the final candidate slate is announced, community members are encouraged to submit substantial statements of support for candidates on the ARIN Election Headquarters website:

arin-elections.net

Statements of Support remain open until the end of the voting period.

Final Reminders



Nominations

8-22 June



General Member voting eligibility cut off

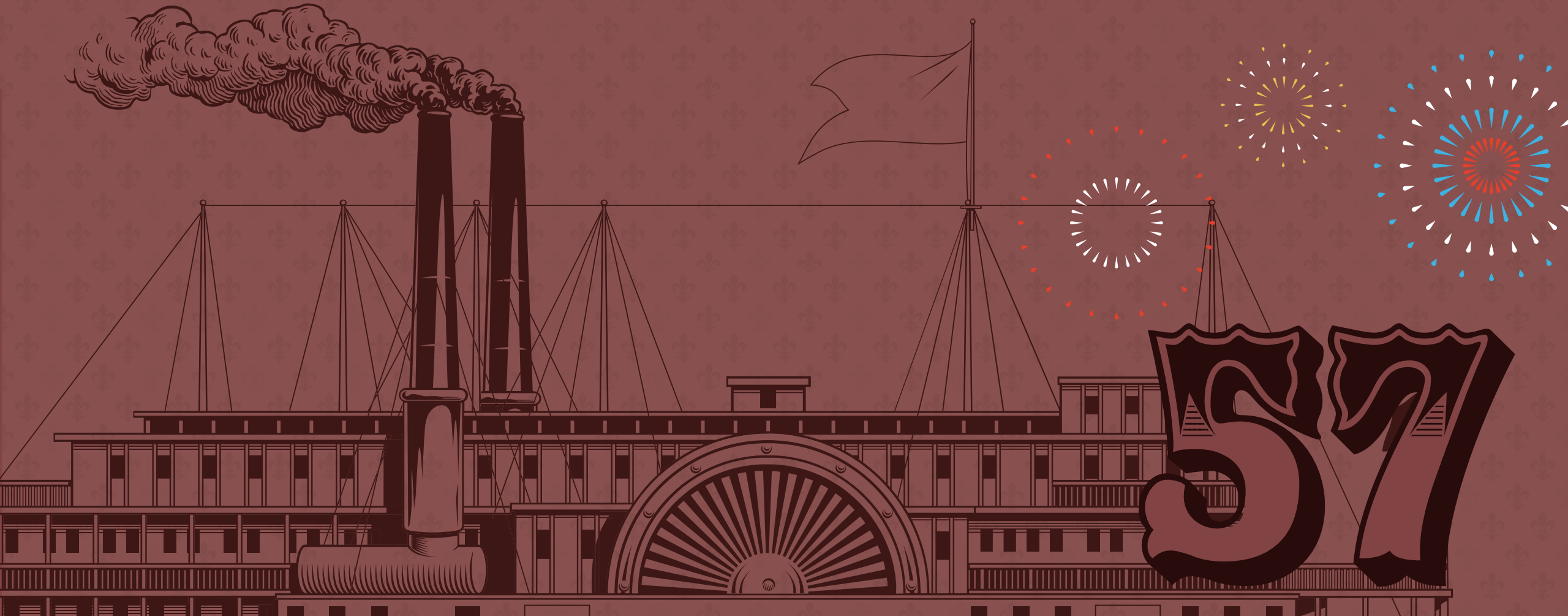
7 September



Elections

22-30 October

Questions and Comments?



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