

**ENDORSEMENTS FOR POLITICAL APPOINTMENT**

- 1. Purpose:**

The International Association of Women Police may, on occasion, endorse political candidates to further the best interests and objectives of the IAWP.
- 2. Objective:**

The endorsement of political candidates will assist IAWP by bringing visibility to the IAWP and the issues important to the organization
- 3. Procedure:**
  - 3.1. All requests for political endorsements must be in writing to the president.
  - 3.2. A letter of endorsement must accompany the request from an IAWP member outlining the candidate's support of the goals and mission of the IAWP, women in policing, and other issues important to the IAWP.
  - 3.3. Special consideration for endorsement will be given to active members of IAWP or individuals who have demonstrated their support of IAWP in the past. Requests must be in the best interest of IAWP.
  - 3.4. The president shall appoint an endorsement committee and chair consisting of a member of the Board of Trustees, the Coordinator from the region where the endorsement is being requested, and a member at large. The committee shall inquire of the individual making the request to determine if the endorsement is in the best interest of the IAWP.
  - 3.5. The committee chair shall notify the Board of the intent to endorse a candidate and request comments concerning the candidate to be directed to the endorsing committee. A deadline for responses will be set. The endorsing committee will review all information available in its inquiry and make a decision about the endorsement. The president will announce the decision to the Board.
- 4. Criteria:**
  - 4.1. Is the individual supportive of IAWP goals and objectives?
  - 4.2. Is the individual making the request a member of IAWP?
  - 4.3. Does the individual have any conflicts of interest with IAWP or criminal justice issues/concerns?
- 5.** This policy does not restrict members from using IAWP membership or Board affiliation on qualifications when running for political office.
- 6.** IAWP members who choose to personally endorse candidates outside of IAWP's endorsing process shall not use IAWP affiliation in their endorsement.

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