RIPE NCC
RIPE NETWORK COORDINATION CENTRE

RIPE NCC Arbiter Panel Election

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Background

There is an arbitration procedure in place for the settlement of disputes and for the evaluation of requests for Internet number resources by the RIPE NCC.

The RIPE NCC Conflict Arbitration Procedure explains their role and the scope of the arbitration process in more detail.

Background

- The Arbiter Panel consists of seven to fifteen people
  - There are currently nine arbiters on the panel
- A call for Arbiters was made on 5 February 2026, following the expiry of Keith Mitchell's term
- 12 people applied:
  - Two withdrew from the process
  - Two did not respond to further requests for information required for the process
- The Executive Board nominated the remaining eight volunteers to stand for election since there were more applicants than seats
- The GM has the final authority to approve arbiters
- After approval by the GM, the arbiter immediately becomes available for the settlement of disputes
- The elected arbiters' membership on the arbiter panel will terminate at the end of the Autumn GM 2031

Criteria to Become an Arbiter

Arbiters must be **natural persons**

They must have **good knowledge of the Internet** environment

Working **experience in the IT sector** and good knowledge of **RIPE NCC procedures and RIPE Policies**

The entire Arbiters Panel **should reflect as broad a spectrum** of Internet community members as possible

Candidates

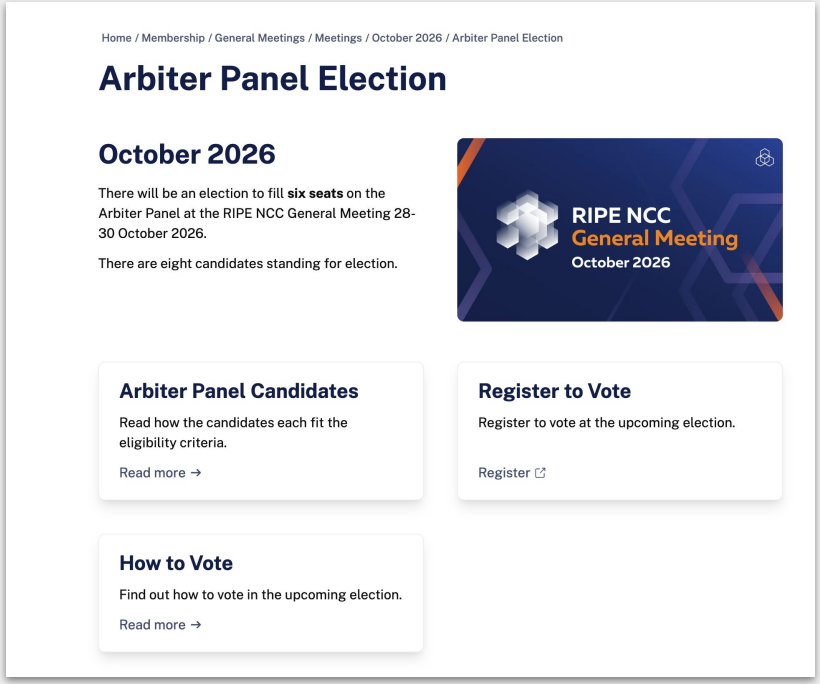
The candidates are:

- Victor Bolaños Guerra
- Jean-Paul M. Chia
- Kurt Jaeger
- Ralph Karseboom
- Matyas Koszik
- Klaus Landefeld
- Benjamin Nivois
- Giuseppe Pitzus

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You can find out how each candidate **meets the eligibility criteria** on the General Meeting webpages:

www.ripe.net/s/gm/oct-2026/arbiter-election/



Questions & Comments

