

Election of ISfTE Secretary-General Elect (March, 2020)

The ISfTE 2020 Election committee has completed its work. As of the deadline of March 6th 2020, the Election committee received one nomination for Secretary-General Elect (leading to the position Secretary General 2021-2023). Nomination and Candidate Statement are below.

Sheryl J. Rushton, Weber State University, USA, nominated by Peggy Saunders and Shirley Dawson, both Weber State University, USA.

Below find Nominations, Candidate Statement and recommendation from the Election Committee.

Nominations from:

1. Professor Peggy Saunders, Weber State University writes:

I am nominating Dr. Sheryl Rushton for the position of Secretary-General. With her experience on the Board as treasurer, I think she will make an excellent SG.

2. Associate Professor Shirley Dawson, Weber State University, USA writes:

I would like to nominate Sheryl Rushton for the position of ISfTE Secretary General. Ms. Rushton has served faithfully as ISfTE Treasurer, mentors and supports new members, stays abreast of ISfTE policy and procedures, and is integral in planning ISfTE 2021. I believe Sheryl to be an excellent candidate for this position.

Candidate Statement

Sheryl J. Rushton, Weber State University, USA

My first year working at Weber State University a couple of my colleagues invited me to write a paper with them to present at the International Society for Teacher Education (ISfTE). That was all it took for me to fall in love with ISfTE and what the society represents. I have attended every seminar since becoming a member.

While participating in the seminar in beautiful South Africa, the Secretary General approached me to ask if I would consider being the Treasurer. I was honored and humbled to have the opportunity to work closely with some of the finest scholars I know from around the world.

The first thing I did as the Treasurer was to read the Society's constitution closely to make sure I followed my responsibilities as outlined by the founders. I have now been the Treasurer for ISfTE since 2016. During the past four years I have been able to maintain the financial records and report the information to the members of ISfTE.

While being on the Executive board, as Treasurer, I have participated in the efforts of the past and current Secretary Generals, Jackie Pow and Susan Tilley.

My vision for the future of ISfTE is to continue in the efforts to uphold the policies found in ISfTE's Constitution. The founders of ISfTE had a vision of how the seminars should be conducted that is unique from other conferences or seminars. It is important to me that this unique format be honored and perpetuated. The growth of membership for ISfTE is another important issue to me. Many of our members are beginning to retire, leaving us with an empty hole in our ISfTE family. I envision the members of ISfTE reaching out to colleagues in their own countries as well as reaching out to neighboring countries to embrace them as new members of ISfTE.

If elected, I look forward to serving our Society in the position of Secretary-General Elect (2020) and Secretary-General (2021-2023).

Recommendation from the Election committee

One individual, who meets the criteria of the position, has been nominated and has agreed to run for the position of Secretary General Elect/Secretary General. Our recommendation is to declare Sheryl J. Rushton, Weber State University, USA as the Secretary General Elect (2020-2021) and Secretary General (2021-2023) of ISfTE.