ISER Young Investigator Councilor Election Guidelines

Purpose: The Young Investigator (YI) Councilor will work to increase ISER membership, particularly of YIs, and to address the needs of YI members of ISER. The YI Councilor also will assist in the selection of travel awardees, as well as help to organize YI-directed activities at ISER-sponsored meetings as well as other suitable venues. The YI Councilor also will be a *de facto* member of the ISER Membership Committee.

1. **Candidate Eligibility Criteria**
   **(Required)**
   - Must be a current Young Investigator Member of ISER (see below).
     Young Investigators shall be predoctoral or postdoctoral (PhD/MD/OD/DVM/DO)/equivalent students, clinical residents, or clinical fellows engaged in vision/eye research for no longer than 7 years since their terminal degree.
   - Candidates must be available to attend Council meetings held each year at ARVO and at the Biennial ISER meeting.
   - Candidates must submit a current CV, plus two letters of recommendation from supervisors and/or mentors who are current ISER members.
   - Candidates must have given either an oral or poster presentation at least at one previous ISER Biennial Meeting.

2. **Term of Service**
The term of office shall be two years. The first YI Councilor will be appointed from January 1, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2014. Therefore, the YI Councilor must be a YI member of ISER during the term of office.

3. **Submitting a Nomination**
Self-nominations will be accepted. YI’s may also nominate another fellow YI, with that person’s consent. Nominators/nominees must: 1) complete and submit an application, 2) obtain and submit two letters of recommendation from supervisors and/or mentors who are current ISER members; and 3) submit a consent letter from the nominee.

4. **Selection and Election Process**
YI Councilor nomination applications and attendant materials will be reviewed by the ISER Executive Committee, who will select the top 5 best-qualified candidates; those candidates then will be posted on a ballot for election by the general membership of ISER. The candidate receiving a simple majority of the votes cast will be elected to the YI Councilor position.

5. **YI Council Member Application**
In summary, the following information should be supplied by YI Council Member candidates and should be part of the application form:
   - Name, institution
   - YI member status (verified by ISER staff)
   - Full CV
   - Training level/Graduation date/time in rank (on application form)
   - Supervisors'/Mentors’ names
   - Names of authors of reference letters
• Summary of previous ISER involvement (attendance, travel fellowship)
• Confirmation that candidate will attend Council meetings
• Vision statement, limit to 250 words, a statement to appear on the election ballot describing why you are applying for this position and your qualifications for doing so.