

Procedure for Running a New Slate in the US Election for the 39th World Zionist Congress

This document describes the preliminary procedures and schedule adopted on January 10, 2024, by the US Area Election Committee for the 39th World Zionist Congress, as convened by The American Zionist Movement (AZM). It is subject to revision after the date of the 39th Zionist Congress has been confirmed by the World Zionist Organization (AZM). For the full election rules and references (in place since the 2020 election) see: <https://azm.org/elections/>

1) New Slates:

Groups not represented in the delegation from the US at the 38th Zionist Congress and wishing to participate in the election to the 39th Zionist Congress shall send an application to be received by the Area Election Committee **no later than May 15, 2024**, stating the desire of the group to participate in the election. The letter shall be addressed to Judge Abraham Gafni, Chairman, Area Election Committee, c/o American Zionist Movement, 633 Third Avenue, 21 Floor, New York, NY 10017, or may be sent to elections@azm.org

The application shall:

- State the name of the proposed slate and its platform
- Describe the Zionist philosophy embodied by the slate
- State how the slate's participation will advance the Zionist Movement
- Express the group's full acceptance of and compliance with the WZO Constitution, the Jerusalem Program, and the AZM Constitution
- Show proof that it is submitted by a nonprofit entity incorporated in any US State, the District of Columbia, or territory
- Be accompanied by a \$2,500 check payable to the American Zionist Movement as a filing fee

The Area Election Committee shall consider the application and make a decision regarding an applicant group's principled right to participate by July 1, 2024.

Following the approval of the application, the new slate organizers shall submit by August 1, 2024, a list of the slate's candidates for election listed in the order they would be elected, consistent with the requirements of Sections III and IV of the Rules, to be included on its petition for the right to run in the 2025 US election for the 39th World Zionist Congress. New slates are also required to sign a statement indicating that if their group wins delegates to the 39th World Zionist Congress they will become a member organization in the AZM by the end of 2026.

- 2) After the information listed in the section above has been submitted, but no earlier than August 15, 2024, the slate may begin to collect the requisite 800 signatures reflecting support of the slate's petition and register the signatories as voters. Obtaining at least 800 valid signatures is a requirement in order for the slate to be approved to run.

The online petition shall include the name of the new slate, the platform of the new slate (as previously submitted to the Area Election Committee), and the names of its candidates for election in the order they would appear on the party's list of nominees.

- i) Registrants will sign the petition on behalf of the new slate during the early registration process electronically. The Area Election Committee will make online petitions and registration available to new slates.
 - ii) Candidates must meet the requirements of Section IV.
 - iii) No person may sign a petition for more than one new slate.
 - iv) If the minimum required valid signatures are reached, the slate shall be included on the ballot.
- 3) The signatures of at least 800 valid Registered Voters must be collected by September 30, 2024 in order for a slate to appear on the ballot. After the new slate has obtained 800 valid signatures an additional \$2,500 fee must be paid to AZM no later than October 10, 2024.
- 4) New slate representatives will be advised by October 31, 2024, whether their slate has met the requirements for participation in the election.
- 5) The staff of AZM and the AEC and their legal advisors stand ready to provide advice and guidance to any person or group aspiring to qualify a new slate and help them conform to the election regulations.