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Ballots (electronic voting)

Version 1

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Section 1 Notice of ballot:

The notice of a ballot shall be communicated by the Honorary Secretary to all members at least four weeks in advance of the date of the ballot. The notice shall include

- the dates, time and electronic address for electronic voting; and
- the date and time when voting shall be made available at IHQ

and include:

- The resolution on which the vote is being taken in the case of a vote; or
- List of nominated candidates in the case of elections.

A ballot shall be kept open for submission of votes for at least 48 hours.

Section 2 Circulation of statements:

All statements submitted by a member of the General Assembly in support of or against the resolution, or the statements by nominated candidates, as applicable, received by the Honorary Secretary within one week of publication of the notice, shall be circulated or published within two weeks of publication of the notice. The Council may submit its opinion on any of the statements received.

Section 3 Electronic voting system:

A web-based electronic voting system shall be used. The selected system shall be a standard web-based system that is reliable, secure, simple and allows for authentication while allowing participants to remain anonymous. The Council shall approve the system to be used prior to each ballot.

Results shall be made available to all voters at the end of the poll. Results shall also be published on the Association's journal within a week of the close of the poll.

Section 4 Special circumstances:

IHQ administration shall provide assistance at IHQ for on-line voting for a minimum period of 2 hours on one of the polling days. A paper record of who voted from the IHQ setup will be retained by IHQ administration. This record will be sealed once voting is over and handed over to the Honorary Secretary for safekeeping.

Section 5 Anonymity:

Voter identification shall follow the rules as described in the byelaws for elections or for General Assemblies – that is either show of hands or secret ballot.

- When voting is taken by show of hands, the voting choice of the voter shall be made public.
- When voting is taken by secret ballot, no person shall analyse or publish the data in such a manner that the voters can be identified; provided that analysis to verify the absence of coercion may be carried out after approval by the Council.

