



## ELECTION PROCEDURES

### **5.9 Election**

#### **5.9.1 Eligibility**

- 5.9.1.1 A nominee must be present at the AGM, have been present at either of the two (2) immediate past AGMs, and must be endorsed in writing by their General Member organization.
- 5.9.1.2 No more than two (2) people from the same General Member and/or city may be elected. In the event that more than two (2) are nominated there shall be a ballot to determine which two (2) names shall go forward.
- 5.9.1.3 At no time shall the two (2) Vice Presidents be from the same organization or city.

#### **5.9.2 Nominations**

- 5.9.2.1 Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the opening plenary session at the AGM.
- 5.9.2.2 Nominations may be made by credentialed Delegates only.
- 5.9.2.3 Subject to Section 5.7.2.2 above a nominee may nominate her/himself.
- 5.9.2.4 An individual may accept nomination for only one (1) position.

#### **5.9.3 Interview**

Time shall be allocated at the AGM to allow the Members to interview the nominees.

#### **5.9.4 Voting**

- 5.9.4.1 Each General Member will have one (1) vote as exercised by their Delegate.
- 5.9.4.2 Voting will take place by secret ballot.
- 5.9.4.3 The Board shall appoint two (2) tellers (neither being a nominee) to supervise the ballot.
- 5.9.4.4 The nominee who shall receive fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of the votes cast will be elected.
- 5.9.4.5 Where there shall be more than two (2) nominees for a position and none receives fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of the vote on a given ballot, there will be a series of ballots with the nominee polling the least number of votes being dropped from the ballot at each stage.
- 5.9.4.6 In the event of a tie the voting process will be repeated.

### **5.11 Term**

- 5.11.1 Officers shall be elected to two-year staggered terms. President, Secretary, and one (1) Vice President shall be elected in one (1) cycle. Treasurer and one (1) Vice President shall be elected in the other.
- 5.11.2 No one shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms in any combination of offices and no one shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in any one (1) office.





## **ARTICLE 6**

### **6. DELEGATE**

#### **6.1 Number**

Each General Member may appoint one (1) Delegate plus one (1) Alternate Delegate who shall act as a Delegate in the Delegate's absence.

#### **6.2 Term**

Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be appointed from AGM to AGM.

#### **6.3 Appointment**

Each General Member shall supply a letter upon its official stationery at the AGM stating whom the Delegate and Alternate Delegate shall be for the year ahead. Each General Member may, by similar letter delivered to the Secretary, revoke the appointment and appoint a replacement at any time.

#### **6.4 Duties**

It shall be the duty of the Delegates to:

- 6.4.1 Elect and, if necessary, remove Officers.
- 6.4.2 Select the sites, dates and Hosting Organizations, for the AGM and Conferences.
- 6.4.3 Approve the annual budget.
- 6.4.4 Set Organizational Policy by approving Interim Organizational Policies that have been determined and implemented by the Board since the previous AGM.
- 6.4.5 Attend such meetings and/or participate in conference calls as directed by the Board.
- 6.4.6 Act as the contact person for the General Member they represent, advising the Secretary of their event date, contact information and other pertinent information.
- 6.4.7 Perform any and all duties imposed by statute, the Articles of Incorporation and these bylaws.

### **8.5 Voting**

- 8.5.1 Within twenty-four (24) hours of the opening of the AGM or ESM, each General Member shall submit in writing the name of its Delegate and Alternate Delegate.
- 8.5.2 The Delegate, together with the Alternate Delegate, shall act as the authorized representative and spokesperson of the General Member.
- 8.5.3 Each General Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote.
- 8.5.4 The Delegate may delegate the voting and signing authority to the Alternate Delegate.
- 8.5.5 Other organizations and persons may attend the AGM or ESM as non-voting observers