

### **Election of ISAF Vice-Presidents**

#### Regulation 4.3

A submission from the Executive Committee

#### **Purpose or Objective**

To introduce a simpler and more straight-forward process for electing Vice-Presidents that preserves the current gender requirement. In addition, option 2 ensures Vice-Presidents come from at least 5 different continents.

#### **Proposal 1**

Delete current regulation 4.3 and replace with:

#### 4.3 Election for Vice-Presidents

- (a) The Executive shall include at least two Vice-Presidents of each gender. However if there are fewer than two candidates of one gender, the number of Vice-Presidents of the other gender shall be increased accordingly.
- (b) The ballot paper for the election of Vice-Presidents shall list all candidates and shall identify male and female candidates.
- (c) Members of the General Assembly shall vote in one ballot for their preferred seven candidates.

To be valid, a ballot paper shall vote for a complete set of seven Vice-Presidents that complies with 4.3(a). It shall have seven votes, and include votes for at least two candidates of each gender. This requirement will be varied if there are fewer than two candidates of a gender.

- (d) Counting the votes

Within candidates of the same gender, the two receiving the most votes shall be elected; this regulation shall be varied if there are fewer than two candidates of a gender. The remaining Vice-Presidents shall be elected on the basis of total votes received.

- (e) Breaking Ties:

- (i) When there is a tie that needs to be broken, a separate run-off ballot shall be held between the tied candidates to break it. When a tie involves more than two candidates, and a run-off ballot only partially breaks that tie, another run-off ballot shall be held between those who are still tied.
  - (ii) When all candidates remain tied after a run-off ballot, a toss of a coin (or other game of chance) shall be used to break the tie.

- (f) Vacancies

In the event of retirement or death of a member of the Executive, the Executive may recommend to Council for its approval the appointment of an interim replacement to serve until the next AGM. The AGM shall then elect a replacement.

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Current Position

Current Regulation 4.3

Reasons

1. The current system is complex and open to manipulation and chance.
  2. The proposed system is simpler yet flexible, allowing every MNA delegate simply to vote in a single ballot for his or her preferred set of seven Vice-Presidents that reflect the required gender balance and those candidates with the most votes are elected.
  3. The current requirement for at least two female Vice-Presidents is retained but generalised to be "at least two from each gender".
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