

Election of ISAF Vice-Presidents

Regulation 4.3 – Proposal 2

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 2

Delete current regulation 4.3 and replace with:

4.3 Election for Vice-Presidents

- (a) The Executive shall include Vice-Presidents from at least five different Continents, and at least two of each gender. However:
 - (i) if the candidates for election come from fewer than five Continents, then at least one Vice-President from each Continent shall be elected.
 - (ii) 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, grouped by Continent, 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, it shall include votes for candidates from at least five Continents, and for at least two candidates of each gender. This requirement will be varied if 4.3(a)(i) or (ii) above applies.

- (d) Counting the votes:
 - (i) From within each Continent's candidates, the candidate receiving most votes shall be elected as a Vice-President. However if there are candidates from all six Continents, only the five of these candidates with the most votes shall be elected on this basis.
 - (ii) The remaining Vice-Presidents shall be elected on the basis of total votes received. However, if necessary to secure two Vice-Presidents of a particular gender, the final one (or two) elections shall be restricted to candidates of that gender.
- (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.

Current Position

Current Regulation 4.3

Reasons Proposal 2

1. The current system is complex and open to manipulation and chance, and does not guarantee a globally-balanced Executive.
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 and global balance, and those candidates with the most votes are elected subject to achieving a balanced Executive.
3. The current Executive has good continental balance with Vice-Presidents from five different continents. The proposed system ensures this same continental balance will be reflected in any future Executive.
4. Every MNA delegate to the General Assembly is required to vote for candidates from other continents apart from his or her own.
5. The current requirement for at least two female Vice-Presidents is retained but generalised to be "at least two from each gender".

Note: The current geographic split of MNAs by continent is:

Africa: 21 countries (ISAF Group Q);

Asia: 27 (ISAF Groups I, J, K, and Kazakhstan & Kyrgyzstan from Group H);

Europe: 49 (ISAF Groups A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H excluding Kazakhstan & Kyrgyzstan);

Oceania: 9 (ISAF Group L);

North America & Caribbean Islands: 18 (ISAF Group P & Island MNAs from Group O)

South & Central America: 14 (ISAF Groups M, N, & Mainland MNAs from Group O).
