

Procedure for election of IFDS Executive Members

IFDS Deed of Incorporation - Article 12

"Should, when electing persons, no one person have received an absolute majority of votes, a second vote shall be held, or should a binding proposal have been made, a second vote shall be held on the candidates proposed. Should no one person once again have received an absolute majority of votes, re-votes shall be held until either one person shall have acquired the absolute majority of votes or two persons shall have been voted for but shall have tied. Should the aforementioned re-votes (not including the second round of voting) be held, then they shall be carried out between those persons for whom votes were cast in the previous round of voting, with the possible exception of the person who acquired during that previous vote the smallest number of votes. Should more than one person have acquired the smallest number of votes during the previous vote, lots shall be drawn to determine who may not participate in the re-vote. Should a vote between two persons be tied, lots shall be drawn to determine which of these two persons shall have been chosen".

As the provisions of Article 12 may be open to interpretation, it is proposed to conduct the 2010 election of two members of the IFDS Executive Committee in the following manner:

1. Printed ballot papers will be distributed to all voting delegates present listing the names of all nominees;
2. The first two nominees to obtain more than 50% of the possible votes shall be declared elected. Once a nominee is declared elected, their name shall be removed from the ballot paper for subsequent ballots;
3. In the first round, each voting delegate will circle the names of no more than two nominees to indicate which nominee/s they would like elected. Any ballot papers indicating more than two nominees will be declared invalid;
4. If, after the first round, one nominee receives more than 50% of the possible votes, they shall be declared elected. If no nominee receives more than 50% of the possible votes, the nominee receiving the least number of votes shall be excluded and the two nominees having the greater number of votes will be declared elected;
5. If two nominees receive the least number of votes equally in the first round, the nominee with the greatest number of votes will be declared elected and another ballot conducted;
6. In the second and subsequent rounds of voting, each voting delegate will circle the names of no more than one nominee to indicate which nominee they would like elected. Any ballot papers indicating more than one nominee will be declared invalid;

7. If, after the second or subsequent rounds of voting, one nominee receives more than 50% of the possible votes, they shall be declared elected;
8. If both nominees receive the same number of votes in the second round, a third ballot shall be conducted;
9. If both nominees receive the same number of votes in the third round, lots shall be drawn to determine which nominee shall be excluded.