

## Election of President and Vice Presidents

*Note: Council approved the proposal in submission 012-03 in November 2003*

### RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

#### Amended ISAF Regulation 7.2

##### Election of President

7.2 (a) In an election for the office of President, a candidate must be elected by more than 50% of the votes and, if there are more than two candidates or a tie vote between two candidates, successive ballots may be necessary ~~if there are more than two candidates the candidate with the least votes shall fall out and a further vote (more than one if necessary) shall be taken between the remaining candidates. Where there is a tie between the two or more candidates who have the least votes, a separate vote shall be taken between them and the candidate with the least votes shall fall out, after which a further vote shall be taken between all candidates who then remain, further votes shall be taken until there is a winner.~~

(i) The first ballot shall be taken and the members shall be directed to vote for one candidate only. The ballots shall be counted and the candidate with over 50% for the votes shall be declared the elected;

(ii) If no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes then a runoff vote will be held between the top two candidates. In the event there is a tie vote between the candidates in the second position, the runoff vote will be between the first candidate and those tied for second place;

(iii) In the runoff election, the candidate receiving more than 50% of the votes shall be declared the winner. If no candidate receives 50% of the vote, subsequent runoff elections will be held dropping out the person with the least number of votes until a candidate receiving more than 50% of the vote is declared elected.

(b) A ballot marked for more than one candidate shall be treated as an invalid ballot.

#### Amended ISAF Regulation 7.3

##### Election of Vice-Presidents

7.3 (a) In an election for Vice-Presidents, a candidate must be elected by more than 50% of the votes and, as there are seven offices to be filled, successive ballots shall be necessary:

~~(i)(a)~~ (i) the first ballot shall be taken and the members shall be directed to vote for one candidate only. The ballots shall be counted and the candidate with over 50% for the votes shall be declared elected ~~the most votes shall be declared elected;~~

(ii) If no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes then a runoff vote will be held between the top two candidates. In the event there is a tie vote between the candidates in the second position, the runoff vote will include all of them.

(iii) In the runoff election, the candidate receiving more than 50% of the votes shall be declared the winner. If no candidate receives 50% of the vote, subsequent runoff elections will be held dropping out the person with the least number of votes until a candidate receiving more than 50% of the vote is declared elected.

(b) successive ballots shall be taken with the names of already elected candidates deleted or crossed out from the ballot. In each case the members shall be directed to vote for one candidate only. In each case the ballots shall be counted and the candidate with more than 50% of the votes shall be declared elected. If a candidate receives less than 50% of the vote then runoff elections shall be held according to 7.3(a)(ii) and (iii) the most votes shall be declared elected;

~~(c) in the event that there is a tie vote on any ballot, there shall be a run-off ballot among those tied. If there are more than two persons tied, the person with the least number of votes shall drop out and the ballots shall continue until a single candidate is elected;~~

~~(c)(d)~~ If, after five Vice-Presidents have been elected and:

(i) there is not a woman elected as a Vice-President, the remaining men who are candidates shall become ineligible and a sixth and seventh ballot shall be taken among the women candidates only;

(ii) There has been at least one woman elected, the sixth ballot ~~there have been at least two women elected, the sixth and seventh ballots~~ shall be taken with all the remaining unelected candidates eligible for the ballot;

(iii) There having been two women elected, the seventh ballot shall be taken with all remaining unelected candidates eligible for the ballot.

~~(iv)(iii)~~ in the event that no woman candidate has been nominated or no woman is willing to stand for election, the Council shall appoint two women as a Vice-President and no further ballots shall be taken.

~~(d)(e)~~ a ballot marked for more than one candidate shall be treated as an invalid ballot.

## CURRENT COUNCIL POSITION

### Council Minutes, November 2003

Council received the proposal from the President to make sure that women are fairly represented across the decision-making structure and to meet the International Olympic Committee (IOC) representation standards that at least 20% of the positions in the decision-making structure of International Federations (in particular the executive and legislative bodies) are held by women.

Council considered the recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve the proposal.

### Decision

**On a proposal by Vice President Novi Ceppellini, seconded by Sadi Claeys (representative for Group F), Council approved the proposal amended as follows:**

**A minimum of two of the seven Vice Presidents elected in 2004 will be women**

*(28 members voted for the proposal, 7 against, 4 abstained)*

The Constitution Committee will prepare the necessary wording to change regulation 7.3 accordingly.