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Executive Committee Elections Regulations

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Citation

1. This Regulation may be cited as the Executive Committee Elections Regulations.

Interpretation

2. In this Regulation, unless it is otherwise provided or the context otherwise require –
“Election” means an election selecting or ratifying Executive Committee Representatives;
(1) All words shall have the meanings given in the Constitution of the National University of Singapore Students' Union.

Amendment

3. A Motion seeking to amend or remove any provision of this Regulation shall not be passed unless it has been supported by the votes of:
(1) Not less than half of the total number of Voting Council Representatives present during a Council Meeting, or
(2) Not less than half of the total number of Union Members present during a General Meeting of the Union.
4. For the purposes of section 3, amendment of provisions includes addition, amendment or repealing of provisions.

Legislative History

- 4A. This Regulation was first enacted on 15 June 2013 and amended on 5 February 2014, 6 June 2015, 18 June 2016, and 25 May 2019.

Sources of Law for Elections

5. The sources of law for Elections shall be found in the following sources in descending order of supremacy:
(1) The NUSSU Constitution;
(2) The Elections Regulations;
(3) Other valid written sources of laws stipulated by the Union;
6. A source of law for elections which is inconsistent with a more supreme source of law shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be void.
(1) All Constituent Clubs shall not prescribe additional rules, regulations or procedures on Elections. Any such rules, regulations or procedures shall be



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deemed inconsistent if such rules, regulations or procedures contravene or derogate from the provisions of more supreme sources of law.

Scope

7. This Regulation shall apply to both annual Elections and by-Elections.

Division of Regulations

8. This Regulation shall be divided into the following parts:
 - (1) Part I – The Election Committees
 - (2) Part II – Electoral Process
 - (3) Part III – Physical Voting Procedures and Formats
 - (4) Part IV – Online Voting Procedures and Formats



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Part I – The Election Committees

The Election Committee

9. The Union Election Committee shall instruct each Constituent Club to form an Election Committee to supervise and conduct the elections of its Executive Committee Representatives.
 - (1) A new Election Committee shall be convened if the date of the election is more than one (1) calendar month after the previous election.
10. Each Election Committee shall comprise of one (1) Returning Officer and two (2) Election Officers.
 - (1) The Returning Officer shall be the Chairperson of the Election Committee and the Election Officers shall assist the Returning Officer.
 - (2) They shall not stand for election to that Constituent Club's Management Committee or its Executive Committee Representatives.
 - (3) They shall not be a proposer or seconder for any candidate's nomination forms for that Constituent Club's Executive Committee Representatives.

Example 1 – A person may sit on the Election Committee of Constituent Club A and be an election candidate for Constituent Club B's Executive Committee Representative(s).

Example 2 – A person may sit on the Election Committee of Constituent Club A and propose or second the nomination forms of an election candidate for Constituent Club B's Executive Committee Representative(s).

Duties and Powers of the Election Committee

11. Each Election Committee shall:
 - (1) Supervise and conduct the elections of its Constituent Club according to the sources of law stipulated in section 5.
 - (2) Give notice of its Constituent Club's elections no less than seven (7) days before the start of the nomination period.
 - (3) Announce to its Constituent Club's Members the date, time, place and method of receiving nomination forms. Such date and time shall be the end of the nomination period for that Constituent Club.
 - (4) Announce to its Constituent Club's Members the results of External Elections no later than two (2) days after its conclusion.
 - (5) Keep a register of voters and all voting ballots, whether valid or invalid, and deposit them with the Union Election Committee for safekeeping and inspection when necessary.

12. Each Election Committee shall have the power to:



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- (1) Accept the withdrawal of any candidate at any point in time from the start of the nomination period to the conclusion of the entire election process.
- (2) Declare the election of any candidate of its Constituent Club's Executive Committee Representative invalid due to procedural irregularities according to the sources of law stipulated in section 5.
- (3) Make decisions that encourage, and/or not contrary to, the spirit of ensuring a fair and transparent election. Such decisions shall only be made on exceptional circumstances that arise during the entire election process and are not provided for in the sources of law stipulated in section 5.

The Union Election Committee

13. The Union shall form a Union Election Committee to supervise the conduct of elections by each Constituent Club's Election Committee
 - (1) The composition of the Union Election Committee shall be elected by the Council, other than the situation provided for under section 14(3).
 - (2) The composition of the Union Election Committee shall be elected from the members of the Union Council.
14. The Union Election Committee shall comprise of one (1) Union Returning Officer and four (4) Union Election Officers.
 - (1) The Union Returning Officer shall be the Chairperson of the Union Election Committee and the Union Election Officers shall assist the Union Returning Officer. The Union Election Committee shall elect a Secretary among its own member.
 - (2) For annual elections, they shall not stand for election to any Constituent Club's Management Committee or Executive Committee Representatives. They shall also not be part of the incoming Council as an elected Council Representative or a co-opted Council member.
 - (3) For by-elections, the Union Returning Officer and the Union Election Officers shall be the President, Vice President and General Secretary of the Executive Committee respectively.
 - (a) However, if any of the above Executive Committee Officers is not available or recused himself/herself, he/she shall be replaced with another member of the Executive Committee who is an Executive Committee Representative.
 - (4) For both annual elections and by-elections, they shall not be a proposer or seconder for any candidate's nomination forms for any Constituent Club's Management Committee or Executive Committee Representatives.

Duties and Powers of the Union Election Committee

15. The Union Election Committee shall:



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- (1) Supervise the conduct of elections by each Constituent Club's Election Committee.
 - (2) Set and announced to the Union members appropriate restricted areas prior to the External Election.
 - (3) Conduct the Council Elections during the first Council Meeting of the incoming Council according to the sources of law stated in section 5.
 - (4) Give notice of the date, time, place of the first Council Meeting of the incoming Council, which includes the Council Elections, no less than seven (7) days before the date and time of the first Council Meeting.
 - (5) Announce to Union Members the results of Council Elections no later than two (2) days after its conclusion.
16. The Union Election Committee shall have the power to:
- (1) Review the election of any candidate of any Constituent Club's Executive Committee Representative according to the procedures prescribed by the sources of law stipulated in section 5.
 - (a) It shall be allowed to do so on its own discretion or upon appeal by a candidate whose election has been declared invalid by that Constituent Club's Election Committee.
 - (b) If the Union Election Committee is of the view that a candidate's valid election should have been invalid due to procedural irregularities, or that a candidate's invalid, or invalidated, election, should have been valid according to the prescribed procedures, its determination of the validity of that candidate's election shall be final.
 - (2) Adjudicate all disputes raised by any candidate or from the Constituent Club's Election Committee according to the procedures prescribed by the sources of law stipulated in section 5.



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Part II - Election Process

Components of the Election Process

17. The election process shall consist of the following main components:
 - (1) Election publicity
 - (2) Nomination period
 - (3) External Elections
 - (4) Council Elections
18. The total duration of the nomination period, the campaigning period and the External Elections shall not exceed twenty-one (21) days.
 - (1) The External Elections of all Constituent Clubs shall be held on the same day.
 - (2) The Nomination Periods of all Constituent Clubs shall be held on the same period.

Election Publicity

19. The Union and every Constituent Club shall publicise, using reasonable means, to their respective Members the following:
 - (1) The personnel of the Election Committee,
 - (2) Start and end of the nomination period,
 - (3) The External Elections date(s),
 - (4) The results of the External Elections,
 - (5) The Council Elections date, and
 - (6) The results of the Council Elections.

Nomination Period

20. There shall be a nomination period when interested candidates may be nominated for elections. The nomination period shall last a minimum of seven (7) days.
21. Every Constituent Club shall not impose any additional requirements on the nomination forms for Executive Committee Representatives candidates. The only requirements that may be stipulated are:
 - (1) The candidate is a member of the Union,
 - (2) The form shall be properly filled in and signed by the candidate,
 - (3) A photo of the candidate is attached with the form, and
 - (4) The form shall be signed by a proposer and a seconder.



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22. The date, time, place and method of receiving nomination forms shall be made known to the respective Constituent Club's Members. Such date and time shall be the end of the nomination period for that Constituent Club.
23. Each candidate nominated for elections shall have submit the nomination forms, according to the requirements laid down by the respective Election Committee and the sources of law stipulated in section 5, by the end of the nomination period.
24. Each set of nomination forms shall have a proposer and a seconder. The proposer and seconder for each set of forms shall not be the same person. Each Member may propose or second more than one (1) set of nomination forms. Each candidate shall not propose or second their own nomination form. For candidates seeking to represent Constituent Bodies listed in Article 2.6(12)-2.6(15) of the NUSSU Constitution, each set of nomination forms shall be proposed or seconded by an outgoing Management Committee member of the respective Constituent Clubs.
25. Any candidate whose nomination forms are rejected by the respective Election Committee may request a review by the Union Election Committee under section 16(1).
 - (1) The rejection of the candidate's nomination forms shall be made known to the candidate no more than one (1) day after the end of the nomination period. The request to review such decision shall be made by the candidate no more than two (2) days after the end of the nomination period. The decision of the Union Election Committee on the matter shall be made no more than three (3) days after the end of the nomination period.
 - (2) The decision of such review(s) shall be binding and final on all parties per section 16. The External Elections shall be held on the stipulated date(s), notwithstanding the review(s).
 - (3) For the avoidance of doubt, the validity or invalidity of nomination form(s) is a question of procedural regularity/irregularity.
- 25A. If a candidate submits two (2) or more sets of nomination forms to represent two (2) or more Constituent Bodies, only the latest set of nomination forms will be regarded as valid.

External Elections

26. The election that chooses or ratifies the nominated candidates as members of the Constituent Club's Executive Committee Representatives shall be known as the External Elections of that Constituent Club.
27. Candidates for the Executive Committee Representatives shall be elected on different ballots from candidates for the Management Committee.
28. At the end of the nomination period, if the total number of candidates nominated for the Executive Committee Representatives is less than or equivalent to the number of vacancies for the Executive Committee Representatives, the Election Committee shall hold a Vote of Confidence for the Executive Committee Representatives during External Elections. Otherwise, a Contested Vote shall be held for the Executive Committee Representatives.



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- (1) For the avoidance of doubt, the number of candidates refers to the number of individual candidates, not the number of groups of candidates.
29. The duration of External Elections shall be one (1) day. The External Elections shall be held on a working day.
30. The first day of External Elections shall be held seven (7) days after the end of the entire nomination period. This intervening period between the end of the nomination period and the start of External Elections shall be the campaigning period for the candidates. Campaigning shall cease one (1) day before the External Elections.
31. For External Elections, each Constituent Club shall opt to conduct either physical voting or online voting but not both.
 - (1) For physical voting, the procedures and formats prescribed under Part III shall apply.
 - (2) For online voting, the procedures and formats prescribed under Part IV shall apply.

Voting Thresholds for External Elections

32. In order to pass a Vote of Confidence for the Executive Committee Representatives, each candidate shall secure the approval of no less than half (1/2) of all valid votes cast. The candidates who fail to secure such approval shall be deemed to have failed to be elected.
33. For a Contested Vote for the Executive Committee Representatives, the valid votes cast for each Executive Committee Representatives candidate shall be totalled. The vacancies shall be filled by candidates in decreasing order of total valid votes cast until all vacancies have been filled up. The candidates who did not fill up the vacancies shall be deemed to have failed to be elected.
 - (1) During the process of filling up, if the number of vacancies left is less than the number of candidates with the highest number of votes amongst the remaining candidates, an additional Election shall be held for all candidates with the highest number of votes amongst the remaining candidates to determine which candidate(s) fill the remaining vacancy/vacancies.

Example 1: If there is only 1 slot left, the highest number of votes amongst the remaining candidates is 4 votes each and 2 candidates got 4 votes each, there shall be an additional Election held for both candidates to determine which candidate is elected into that slot.
 - (2) That additional election, if necessary, shall be held within three (3) working days after the end of the External Elections and shall be held over the duration of one (1) working day.
34. An Executive Committee Representative candidate's failure to be elected at External Elections shall not preclude him from being co-opted into the Executive Committee at a subsequent date.



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Council Elections

35. The election that chooses or ratifies the Executive Committee Representatives, having been chosen or ratified as Executive Committee Representatives during External Elections, as Executive Committee Officers shall be known as the Council Elections.
36. The Council Elections shall be conducted on the first Council Meeting of the incoming Union Council.
37. The Union Election Committee shall be responsible for the fair administration and conduct of the election of the incoming Council Chairperson, pursuant to section 21(2) of the Meetings Regulations.
38. As the Council Elections are conducted during a Council Meeting, the Council Elections shall proceed in accordance with the NUSSU Standing Orders of Meetings under the First Schedule of the Meetings Regulations.
39. The Executive Committee Officers shall be elected in the order stipulated in the section 6 of the Executive Committee Officers Regulations.
40. For each position to be filled up, the following shall be done:
 - (1) The Union Returning Officer shall open the floor up to nomination of candidates from among the Executive Committee Representatives. Each nomination shall be proposed and seconded.
 - (a) A candidate may propose, but not second, his own nomination.
 - (b) No single person may propose and second the same candidate. However, a person may propose or second more than one (1) candidate.
 - (c) The nominations shall be subject to the consent of the respective candidates if the candidate did not propose his own nomination.
 - (2) If there is more than one (1) candidate for the position, a Contested Vote shall be held. If there is only one (1) candidate for the position, a Vote of Confidence shall be held.
 - (a) If there are no candidates for the position, the Union Returning Officer shall reopen the floor to nomination of candidates.
 - (b) If the second round of nomination fails to produce any candidates, the election of the position shall be adjourned to the next Council Meeting.
 - (3) Each candidate shall have thirty (30) minutes to present followed by thirty (30) minutes of question-and-answer session by the floor. The candidates will appear in the order that they are nominated. During the presentation and question-and-answer session by a candidate, the other candidates shall recuse themselves to another physical venue.
 - (a) For candidates seeking election as the President of the Union, he/she shall have sixty (60) minutes to present and sixty (60) minutes of question-and-answer.



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- (b) For candidates seeking election as the Student Welfare Secretary, he/she shall have thirty (30) minutes to present and sixty (60) minutes of question-and-answer.
- (c) The time for presentation and question-and-answer for each candidate may be extended:
 - (i) a maximum of two (2) times lasting sixty (60) minutes for candidates seeking election as President of the Union, and thirty (30) minutes for all other candidates; or
 - (ii) until motion to close debate is raised without objection,whichever is earlier and shall be approved by the Council in attendance. Further extension shall be approved by the Council in attendance by a compulsory vote.
- (4) After each candidate has presented and finish their respective question-and answer session, the Contested Vote or Vote of Confidence shall be held for the candidate(s). The candidate(s) shall not have voting rights in these votes.
- (5) For a Contested Vote, the candidate with the most number of valid votes cast shall be deemed elected into that position. For a Vote of Confidence, the candidate shall only be deemed elected if the candidate obtains the approval of no less than half (1/2) of the valid votes cast.
- (6) If the candidate, having faced a Vote of Confidence, fails to secure the necessary approval, the Union Returning Officer shall restart the process pursuant to section 42(1).
 - (a) The candidate who previously failed to secure the approval shall be eligible to be nominated again.
 - (b) If the new process results in a candidate failing to secure a Vote of Confidence, the election of the position shall be adjourned to the next Council Meeting.

Executive Committee Representatives

- 41. All Executive Committee Representative candidates shall not concurrently run as a Management Committee candidate of any Constituent Club.
 - (1) Candidates shall choose to run either as an Executive Committee Representative candidate or a Management Committee candidate but not both.
 - (2) This exclusion applies uniformly across all Constituent Clubs, even if different Constituent Clubs are involved.
- 42. For the avoidance of doubt, Article 3.5(3)(a) of the NUSSU Constitution shall be interpreted to mean that Executive Committee Representatives shall not concurrently be a Management Committee member, with voting rights, of any Constituent Club.
 - (1) However, this shall not preclude the Executive Committee Representatives to be co-opted into their respective Constituent Club's Management Committee after



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their election as Executive Committee Representatives. Such co-option, however, shall strictly not include voting rights within the Management Committee.

43. For the avoidance of doubt, an Executive Committee Representative shall owe a duty to the Union, the Executive Committee and the Constituent Club he was elected from. In the event of a conflict between duties, he shall prioritise his duty in that order (from highest to lowest), notwithstanding the fact that he was elected by the constituent members of his Constituent Club.



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Part III – Physical Voting Procedures and Formats

Formats of Physical Ballots

44. There shall be separate ballots for Management Committee candidates and Executive Committee Representatives candidates. They shall be issued separately to every voter.
45. Each voter shall produce his/her matriculation card before being issued his/her ballots.
46. For both Contested Votes and Votes of Confidence, each ballot shall consist of a title, some instructions, a table with two (2) columns and an appropriate number of rows.
47. The title shall be in the following format: the Constituent Club's name, the type of candidates and the type of ballot
 - (1) The type of candidates shall be "Executive Committee Representatives Candidates".
 - (2) The type of ballot shall be either "Contested Vote" or "Vote of Confidence"

Example 1: The title for a ballot of Contested Vote for Constituent Club X's Executive Committee Representatives candidates shall be "Constituent Club X Executive Committee Representatives Candidates – Contested Vote"

Example 2: The title for a ballot of Vote of Confidence for Constituent Club Y's Executive Committee Representatives candidates shall be "Constituent Club Y Executive Committee Representatives Candidates – Vote of Confidence"
48. The instructions shall tell the voter the nature of the ballot, the steps he needs to produce a valid vote, the maximum number of votes he may give and the consequences of an invalid vote.
 - (1) The nature of the ballot shall tell the voter the type of candidates he is voting for and the nature of the vote.

Example – "This is a Vote of Confidence for the Executive Committee Representatives candidates."
 - (2) The steps needed for the voter to produce a valid vote shall include the type(s) of accepted marking in the voting column.

Example – "To cast a vote for a candidate, you may mark the box on the right side of the candidate's name. Any markings made outside any boxes may render the entire ballot invalid."
 - (3) The maximum number of votes shall tell the voter the maximum number of votes he may cast. There shall be no minimum number of votes the voter may cast.

Example 1 – "As this is a Contested Vote, you may only vote up to a maximum of X candidates. If you vote for more than X candidates, the entire ballot may be rendered invalid. There is no minimum number of votes that you have to cast." where X is the number of vacancies available in this Example.



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Example 2 – “As this is a Vote of Confidence, there is no maximum or minimum number of votes that you may cast. A blank box shall be interpreted as a ‘No’ vote for that particular candidate. However, any invalid markings may render the entire ballot invalid.

- (4) The consequences of an invalid vote shall be made known to the voter.

Example – “Any invalid markings and other infringing actions made may render the entire ballot invalid even though such markings or actions are only confined to one or a few of the candidates’ voting box.”

49. The first row of both columns shall be the header row. The left cell of the header row shall contain the heading “Candidates” while the right cell of the header row shall contain the heading “Yes”.
- (1) The names of the candidates shall be listed in the left column and sorted, from top to bottom, in increasing order of their surname or, if they do not have a surname or two candidates have similar surnames, by their given names.
 - (2) Each row shall contain the name of only one (1) candidate. No voting for a group or groups of candidates are allowed.
 - (3) The right column, also known as the voting column, of each row, other than the header row, shall remain empty and free of markings.
 - (4) A sequential and consecutively-running serial number shall be printed at the bottom-left hand corner of each ballot.
 - i. Such serial numbers shall run from “1” to the total number of ballot printed.
50. There shall be one (1) ballot box for voters to deposit their ballots into for Executive Committee Representatives ballots. The ballot box shall be labelled “Executive Committee Representatives Ballots”.
51. Each voter shall be issued with a serial-numbered ballot. The voter shall be allowed to deposit or not deposit the ballot into the ballot box.
52. The Returning Officer of each Election Committee shall take note of the maximum serial number of the ballots issued.

Validity of Physical Ballots

53. The validity of a particular ballot shall be determined, individually and separate from the other ballots, by the Returning Officer of the Election Committee.
- (1) The criteria of invalidity of a particular ballot shall be provided and announced by the Union Election Committee, at least one (1) day before the External Elections.
 - (2) However, if any of the Election Officers object to the Returning Officer’s decision, for both validity and invalidity, a vote will be taken among the Election Committee on the invalidity of that ballot. The results of such a vote shall be taken only once and shall be conclusive and binding.



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- (3) That ballot shall be deemed invalid only if no less than two-thirds ($2/3$) of the Election Committee support the invalidation of that ballot, excluding abstentions.
 - (4) Any member of the Election Committee may opt to abstain from the decision. Any abstention shall not be deemed to support invalidating that ballot.
54. The invalidity of any ballot shall render the entire ballot invalid, notwithstanding the fact that the reasons of invalidity are confined only to a particular or a few candidates' voting boxes.
 55. Any ballot which has a serial number greater than the maximum serial number noted pursuant to section 54 shall be automatically invalid. The invalidity of such ballots shall not be challenged.
 56. Any ballot which has its validity determined shall be marked accordingly ("Valid" or "Invalid") by the Election Committee on the top-right hand corner of the ballot. Such ballots shall be separated into two (2) piles, a pile for valid ballots and a pile for invalid ballots.

Counting of Physical Votes

57. The counting of votes shall be conducted during or after the determination of validity.
58. The final results of such elections shall be collated and publicised according to the provisions of the Regulation.



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Part IV – Online Voting Procedures and Formats

Formats of Online Ballots

59. This Part shall not preclude any Constituent Club from requiring voters to be present at a predetermined physical location, or locations, to vote using electronic/online means.
60. There shall be separate ballots for Management Committee candidates and Executive Committee Representatives candidates.
 - (1) The ballots may be listed on the same electronic page but the separation of the ballots shall be demarcated clearly.
61. Each voter shall be required to verify his/her matriculation number before being allowed to vote. The interface shall ensure that those who have voted shall not be allowed to vote again.
62. For both Contested Votes and Votes of Confidence, each ballot shall consist of a title, some instructions, a table with two (2) columns and an appropriate number of rows.
63. The title shall be in the following format: the Constituent Club's name, the type of candidates and the type of ballot
 - (1) The type of candidates shall be "Executive Committee Representatives Candidates".
 - (2) The type of ballot shall be either "Contested Vote" or "Vote of Confidence"
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 - (1) The nature of the ballot shall tell the voter the type of candidates he is voting for and the nature of the vote.
Example – "This is a Vote of Confidence for the Executive Committee Representatives candidates."
 - (2) The steps needed for the voter to produce a valid vote shall include the type(s) of accepted marking in the voting column.
Example – "To cast a vote for a candidate, you may check the checkbox on the right side of the candidate's name."



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- (3) The maximum number of votes shall tell the voter the maximum number of votes he may cast. There shall be no minimum number of votes the voter may cast.

Example 1 – “As this is a Contested Vote, you may only vote up to a maximum of X candidates. If you vote for more than X candidates, the entire ballot may be rendered invalid. There is no minimum number of votes that you have to cast.” where X is the number of vacancies available in this Example.

Example 2 – “As this is a Vote of Confidence, there is no maximum or minimum number of votes that you may cast. A blank checkbox shall be interpreted as a ‘No’ vote for that particular candidate.”

- (4) The consequences of an invalid vote shall be made known to the voter.

Example – “Any infringing actions made may render the entire ballot invalid even though such actions are only confined to one or a few of the candidates.”

65. The first row of both columns shall be the header row. The left cell of the header row shall contain the heading “Candidates” while the right cell of the header row shall contain the heading “Yes”.

- (1) The names of the candidates shall be listed in the left column and sorted, from top to bottom, in increasing order of their surname or, if they do not have a surname or two candidates have similar surnames, by their given names.
- (2) Each row shall contain the name of only one (1) candidate. No voting for a group, or groups, of candidates is allowed.
- (3) The right column, also known as the voting column, of each row, other than the header row, shall contain only one (1) unchecked checkbox.

66. For Contested Vote ballots, the voting interface shall prevent a Member from checking more checkboxes than the maximum number allowed.

67. There shall be a confirmation page stating the choices the Member has made with two (2) options for the Member – to confirm his voting choices or to amend his voting choices.

- (1) If he chooses to amend his voting choices, his previous choice shall not be recorded down in any manner.
- (2) The Member’s vote shall only be deemed to be made when he has confirmed his voting choices on the confirmation page. Upon confirming his vote, the interface shall state clearly that his vote has been cast.

Validity of Online Ballots

68. The validity of a particular ballot shall be determined, individually and separate from the other ballots, by the Returning Officer of the Election Committee.



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- (1) However, if any of the Election Officers object to the Returning Officer's decision, for both validity and invalidity, a vote will be taken among the Election Committee on the invalidity of that ballot. The results of such a vote shall be taken only once and shall be conclusive and binding.
 - (2) That ballot shall be deemed invalid only if no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Election Committee support the invalidation of that ballot, excluding abstentions.
 - (3) Any member of the Election Committee may opt to abstain from the decision. Any abstention shall not be deemed to support invalidating that ballot.
69. The invalidity of any ballot shall render the entire ballot invalid, notwithstanding the fact that the reasons of invalidity are confined only to a particular or a few candidates' voting checkboxes or any other reasons.
70. The interface shall be responsible for generating the full list of voting choices by the Members for the Election Committee's verification.

Counting of Votes

71. The counting of votes shall be conducted during or after the determination of validity.
72. The final results of such elections shall be collated and publicised according to the provisions of the Regulation.
- (1) The interface may assist in the collation of the voting results but its collation shall not be in and of itself conclusive.
 - (2) The Election Committee reserves the right to add to, vary or amend the results collated by the interface under the provisions allowed by Parts I, II and IV of this Regulation.