



## **Article of Association, Article 10**

### **10. Election of President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer**

**10.1** Nominations shall be submitted to the Executive Committee at the latest seven days before the election is scheduled to take place.

**10.2** The election for the positions of President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer shall be conducted by secret ballot.

**10.3** Separate elections shall be held for the elections of the President and the Treasurer. Votes shall be cast under the system known as "alternative vote", by which voters rank candidates in order of preference. Should no candidate succeed in achieving an overall majority of first preferences (50% of valid votes cast plus one), the candidate who received the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated and his votes redistributed to the next preference in these votes. If after this stage, no candidate achieves an overall majority, the remaining candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated, and his votes redistributed to any second nominee in these votes. This process shall continue, until one candidate has achieved an overall majority. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

**10.4** For the election of the three (3) Vice-Presidents, the votes shall be cast under the system known as "multiple voting system". Each voting member shall have three (3) votes, which shall be expressed by placing an "X" next to the names of up to three (3) candidates. The three (3) candidates with the most votes shall be declared elected to the positions of Vice-Presidents. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

**10.5** The Executive Committee will co-opt the Representative elected by the member's resident in those Chapters who reached more than 200 members as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year to serve as Vice-President of the Chamber. This Vice-President can nominate a substitute in the event the Vice-President cannot attend the Executive Committee meeting and who will have the right to speak and vote at meetings of Executive Committee.

**10.6** The Executive Committee will co-opt the Representative elected by the members resident in other Chapters, provided there are a minimum of 50 members, to serve as a member of the Executive Committee, subject to a maximum of 1 person per Chapter. Such a co-opted member will have the right to speak at meetings of the Executive Committee and could give a proxy to another Local Board member to participate in the Executive Committee in case he is not able to participate.

**10.7** The Executive Committee may co-opt additional members to the Executive Committee as is required to subject to a maximum of 3. Such co-opted members shall be entitled to speak at meetings of the Executive Committee, but shall not be entitled to vote.



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**10.8** A President standing for re-election can be re-elected only if he succeeds in achieving a sixty-percent (60%) majority of first preferences. If he does not receive a sixty-percent overall majority of first preferences, his votes shall be redistributed to any second nominee in these votes. If after this stage, no candidate achieves an overall majority, the remaining candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated, and his votes redistributed to the next valid nominee. This process shall continue, until one candidate has achieved an overall majority. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.