

Amendment to the Bylaws to permit electronic Executive Committee positions

This is a proposal to amend the EC's proposed amendment to the SPEP Bylaws to instate voting electronically in elections for the positions of the Executive Committee. This requires the following revisions to be voted on in one amendment:

Article III, Section 4: Voting

The voting rights of the members of the Corporation shall consist of voting on the election of Directors, the election of officers, the removal of officers, the amendment of the Articles of Incorporation, and the amendment of these Bylaws (provided that the members shall not have the exclusive right to amend these Bylaws). ~~Only those members actually present shall be entitled to vote for Directors and for officers;~~ Proxy voting shall not be allowed in voting for Directors or for officers. [...] Cumulative voting shall not be allowed.

A. Quorum. The quorum necessary for voting on proposals, resolutions, and motions shall be equivalent to 10% of dues-paying members at the time that the agenda is published [amended by more than a two-thirds vote at the Business Meeting of October 2012]. Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws or required by law, a simple majority of the votes entitled to be cast on any matter to be voted upon by the members at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be sufficient for the proposed action to be taken. [...]

EC Proposed revision of the struck-through sentence above:

Only those members actually present shall be entitled to vote for Co-Directors. Voting for the position of Member-at-Large shall take place electronically.

Alternative Proposed revision of the struck-through sentence above:

All voting for Directors, Co-Directors and officers shall take place electronically. Voting shall be open for a period of two weeks and all elections shall conclude five weeks prior to the start of the annual meeting. Newly elected officers will be informed within a week of the end of the voting period. The results of the election will be formally announced during the business meeting at the annual meeting.

Article IV, Section 3 and Article V, Section 4:

[...] The slate shall also be open for nominations from the floor at any annual meeting the Corporation's members at which an election of officers or Directors shall take place. [...]

EC Proposed Additions to each occurrence of this sentence:

[...] The slate shall also be open for nominations from the floor for positions other than those voted electronically at any annual meeting the Corporation's members at which an election of officers or Directors shall take place. [...]

Alternative proposed Additions to each occurrence of this sentence:

[...] The slate shall be open for nominations from the membership which must be submitted to the Executive Committee at the latest four weeks prior to the start of the voting period. The EC will approve nominees who meet criteria for diversity and inclusiveness in representing the membership. [...]

Please note that since this is an amendment to the Bylaws, it requires a two-thirds majority vote in order to pass (see Article XVI of the Bylaws).