



Voting on Committee nominations at the AGM

1. Introduction

In recent years, it has been unusual to have a full complement of ten members nominated to stand for posts on the Club Committee, hence the point of voting at the AGM has been confined to ensuring that each candidate has the confidence of those members assembled at the meeting: candidates must gain the approval of at least 50% of those voting to be appointed.

There has been confusion over the voting system in the past, which led to revision of wording in the Rules to clarify that there is no provision for voting against a candidate, only the right to abstain from voting for candidates.

The voting system is complicated by seemingly ring-fencing the Executive Officer roles and the named ancillary ex officio roles.

There is a lack of clear guidance on how to resolve these eventualities:

- more than ten candidates stand
- more than one candidate stands for a named role
- a candidate for a named role gains fewer votes than a candidate who has no place

Resolution of these circumstances is achieved through the following steps.

2. Step 1: Eliminate ineligible candidates

The first step is to eliminate any candidate who failed to gain at least 50% of the available votes, leaving only those candidates eligible to join the Committee.

3. Step 2: Reduce to ten candidates

The next step is to rank the candidates in terms of how many votes each gained in the election. If there are more eligible candidates than the ten posts available, the ten candidates with the best scores are retained and the rest eliminated.

This could mean eliminating a candidate for a named role leaving that role unallocated. It will be for the elected Committee in due course to agree how that role will be fulfilled.

In the unlikely event that there is a tie in the number of votes for the tenth position, the affected candidates are asked to vacate the room and so the assembly can be asked to resolve the impasse by a show of hands, each voting for only one of the candidates.

4. Step 3: Resolve multiple nominations for the same role

In the event of there remaining more than one candidate for a named role having applied the previous steps, the candidate with the most votes is elected to the role. The remaining candidates are offered unallocated roles.

Should there be a tie in the number of votes for a named role, the candidates will be asked to vacate the room so the assembly can be asked to resolve the impasse by a show of hands, each voting for only one of the candidates.

5. Step 4: Committee quorum

The Club Constitution states that votes taken by the Committee are subject to a quorum of five members. If, following the steps laid out above, the newly elected Committee comprises fewer than five members, it shall in due course use its power to persuade and co-opt suitable members to join the Committee, ideally to the full complement of ten posts.