

## **Board-approved methodology for 2020 board member elections**

Any ballot to elect members to the board shall be conducted by a returning officer appointed by the Board.

The election shall be done by secret ballot.

Prior to voting the returning officer shall allow all candidates in attendance two minutes to speak to all voters in attendance.

The returning officer shall then request voters to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies by marking the boxes next to the candidates' names with ticks, crosses or numbers.

The returning officer will gather the ballot papers and privately count the votes. Each candidate may appoint one scrutineer, not being a candidate, to observe the returning officer.

The returning officer will accept ballot papers where a voter voted for fewer candidates than the number of vacancies (but nonetheless voted for at least one candidate). The returning officer will accept ballot papers where a voter voted for the same number of candidates as there are vacancies. Where a voter voted for too many candidates, the returning officer will count as many votes as there are vacancies if the preferred candidates of the voter can be discerned, otherwise the returning officer will discard the ballot paper.

Each mark against a candidate's name will be of equal value, whether the mark is a tick, a cross or a number.

The returning officer will declare as many candidates elected as there are vacancies, with the candidates elected being those with the most votes.

If there are vacancies for both two-year and one-year terms, the candidates with the most votes shall be awarded the available two-year terms, and other successful candidates shall be awarded the one-year terms.

If there is a tie the returning officer will determine the winner through the toss of a coin.

The returning officer shall then destroy all ballot papers.