

6. Elections and Resolutions

1. All elections shall be free, equal and secret. All Members get a chance to cast their vote.
2. Elections for office take place during the OA, except in situations as described in [§5.4](#) and [§5.10](#).
3. Nominations must be indicated to the leader of the election ([§5.7](#)) in writing before the agenda is published. No Member shall run for more than one office. Candidates must indicate their willingness to run for office before their names are published.
4. If there are less than three candidates running for a specific office, this office is filled by absolute majority vote ([§5.2](#)). The losing candidate becomes the substitute of the winner.
5. If there are at least three candidates, the top two contenders are selected by cumulative voting.
6. Cumulative voting means that every voter gets as many votes as there are candidates. The voter may divide these votes among all candidates at will. The two candidates with the most votes proceed to the second round.
7. The election of a candidate becomes effective after she accepts her election.
8. Votes on resolutions and other motions are called by the Secretary. Such votes are conducted by hand raising. At the request of one Member, these votes shall be held secretly. The necessary majorities are determined in [§5](#).
9. All Members have the right to vote by absentee ballot. These must be submitted to the Secretary on a ballot form in a white unmarked envelope inside another envelope bearing the Member's name before the voting begins. Absentee voters cannot take part in a possible second round.