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Procedures for ISA Elections

Approved by ISA Executive Committee in 1998 and revised in 2002.

A. Electing officers by the Assembly of Councils (President and Vice-Presidents)

1. The Assembly of Councils shall elect the President, then each Vice-President (in the order Research, National Associations, Programme, Publications, Finance and Membership) by secret ballot.
2. A candidate to be elected must have an absolute majority of the votes cast, provided that there is a quorum.
3. If on the first round of voting, no candidate receives an absolute majority, there shall be a further round of voting, a vote being held among the two candidates having received the largest number of votes.
4. If, however, there is a tie for second place, the second round of voting shall be held among the candidates having the largest number of votes and those tied for second place.
5. If the second round still does not result in one candidate receiving an absolute majority, further rounds with further eliminations will be held until someone receives an absolute majority.
6. In the elections for President and Vice-Presidents, there shall be short statements by each of the candidates preceding each of the successive elections. Candidates for President shall have 10 minutes, and candidates for Vice-President shall have 5 minutes each.
7. A defeated candidate for President or Vice-President shall, if otherwise eligible, indicate if he/she wishes to be a candidate for a lesser post, and if so, shall indicate which post he/she wishes to stand for.
8. The out-going President, the Executive Secretary and one ISA staff member nominated by the President shall count the ballots.

B. Elections of members of the Executive Committee by the Council of National Associations and by the Research Council

1. The election of the Executive Committee members shall follow the election of the President and Vice-Presidents.
2. All delegates must vote by secret ballot for the total number of candidates to be elected.
3. Candidates must receive an absolute majority of the votes cast, provided there is quorum, in order to be elected.
4. If on the first round, fewer than 8 persons are declared elected because they have received an absolute majority, further rounds of voting shall be held for the seats yet unfilled.
5. In each further round, delegates must vote for the number of seats to be filled.
6. The vote shall be held among the top candidates unelected in the previous round, up to the number of candidates which is twice the number of seats to be filled.
7. If there is a tie for the last place of eligibility, all persons tied for this place shall be eligible for the next round.
8. This procedure shall continue until 8 persons are elected with an absolute majority of votes cast.
9. There shall be short statements (5 minutes) by each of the candidates preceding the election.
10. The out-going President, the Executive Secretary and one ISA staff member nominated by the President shall count the ballots.