



# INTERPRETATION BULLETIN

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**Re:** Election Rules for Local Electoral Events – Tie Votes and Nominations from the Floor

## ELECTION PROCEDURE – TIE VOTES

1. In the case of a tie between two candidates, the winner will be determined by the toss of a coin under the direction of the Returning Officer.
2. In the case of a tie between more than two candidates, the winner will be determined by the drawing of lots under the direction of the Returning Officer.
3. For greater certainty, in the case of a tie, the vote shall not be taken a second time.

## NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Section 3.2 (a) of By-law 6 – Elections permits an individual to present themselves for a vacant position at an EDA General Meeting.

### Procedure for Nominations from the Floor

1. At the appropriate time in the agenda, the Meeting Chair will announce the names of individuals who have been acclaimed to positions, as well the positions to be elected at the meeting. At this time, the Meeting Chair will also announce any vacant positions, and ask if there are any individuals in the room who wish to present themselves for a vacant position. Individuals wishing to present themselves do not need a nominator or seconder.
2. The Returning Officer must verify that the person is a current Registered Liberal and otherwise eligible to hold the position
  - a. If the individual is from the riding, this can be done by simply reviewing the paper voters list
  - b. If the individual is from another riding, status can be verified by checking in Liberalist, or by having the individual register online at that time.
3. If only one Registered Liberal stands from the floor for a vacant position, that person is acclaimed.
4. If more than one Registered Liberal stands from the floor, a secret ballot vote will be held.
5. For greater certainty, if there are one or more vacancies for a Director-at-Large position and multiple people present themselves for the those positions at the General Meeting, anyone who had previously submitted their intent to stand for Director-at-Large will be

acclaimed, and the individuals presenting themselves from the floor can only be elected to the vacant positions.

#### Voting Procedure for Nominations from the Floor

1. Voting shall be conducted by secret ballot.
2. The Returning Office shall hand each eligible voter a blank sheet of paper, on which they may write the name of their preferred candidate (simple ballot, NOT preferential).
3. If possible, the Returning Officer should post the names of the candidates where voters can see them.
4. Ballots will be counted in the same manner as for any other position. Ballots with spelling errors in the name of the candidate, but where the intent is still clear, shall be considered valid.