



## CLGE Election Procedure

On the proposal of the outgoing Executive Board, a delegate who is not a candidate is proposed to the General Assembly as the Director of the Election Board. Two tellers will second them during the procedure, they are also proposed to the General Assembly.

These three people form the Election Board. They will be appointed by the General Assembly during the start of the General Assembly.

The Director reminds the Election Procedure to the General Assembly.

During the roll call, the National Liaison Groups announce who is the first delegate of their NLG and thus who will cast the votes.

The ballots are distributed by the tellers who check the list of the first delegates of the NLG who have to cast the votes.

After the votes, the ballots are collected by the tellers who again check the list of the first delegates of the NLG who have to cast the votes.

### **General rules:**

According to the Statutes every member country has one vote. No proxy is allowed. The votes are conducted by secret ballot if requested by the General Assembly.

Votes with more than the number of open available posts are declared invalid.

Votes with other names than those to take part in the voting are declared invalid. Blank votes and invalid votes are not counted as a given votes.

After each voting round a candidate can withdraw his candidature.

If a candidate gets more than 50% of the given votes, that person is elected.

### **For the election for one post:**

If there is one candidate: the election will be by raised hands. The candidate is elected, if the majority of the votes are for them.

If there is more than one candidate: if there are two candidates, the one with most given votes has won. In case of a tied vote (equal number of given votes for several candidates) a second turn is done. If there is still a tied vote the voting is decided by a draw of ballots by the outgoing President, unless they are a candidate in this election. If they are a candidate this draw is made by the oldest present delegate who is not a candidate.



If there are more than two candidates: there will be at least one preliminary voting round. In each voting round the candidate with least given votes will be rejected. In case of a tied vote amongst those with least given votes a second turn is done for them only. If there is still a tied vote the voting is decided by a draw of ballots by the outgoing President, unless he is candidate in this election. If he is a candidate this draw is made by the oldest present delegate who is not candidate.

The voting rounds will continue until only two candidates are left for the final voting round.

**For the election for a maximum<sup>1</sup> of five<sup>2</sup> (05) Vice-Presidents:**

If there are five candidates or less the election will be by raised hands for all candidates at the same time. The candidates are elected, if the majority of the GA has voted for them.

If there are more than five candidates: there will be at least one preliminary voting round. The candidate with least given votes will be rejected. In case of a tied vote (equal number of given votes for several candidates) amongst those with least votes a second turn is done for them only. If there is still a tied vote the voting is decided by a draw of ballots by the outgoing President, unless he is candidate. If he is candidate this draw is made by the oldest present delegate who is not candidate.

The voting rounds will continue until a maximum of five candidates are elected.

**The results of the election:**

The Director of the Election Bureau announces the results (number of votes) of the elections as soon as these results are known.

The results are also published in the minutes of the GA.

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<sup>1</sup> Inserted in Pristina (XK), 20 April 2018

<sup>2</sup> Instead of three, introduced in Riga (LV), 23 June 2016.



## Reminder of the election procedure (Statutes and Internal Rules)

### Statutes

Art. 17 Votes and elections take place by raising hands unless the General Assembly asks for a secret ballot.

Art. 21 Each Executive Board member is elected for a two years' period, as follows:

- The President is elected by the General Assembly by simple majority, for a two years' period, one re-election being possible.
- The Vice-Presidents are elected by the General Assembly for a two years' period, one re-election being possible.
- The Secretary General and the Treasurer are elected by the General Assembly for a two years' period, one re-election being possible.

If the General Assembly decides with a two thirds majority of the votes present, a re-election for an additional term is authorised.

The Vice-President(s) Special Affairs are appointed by the General Assembly with a simple majority for a fixed period, which is the duration to carry out the task. Extensions are possible.

The auditors are elected by the General Assembly for a two years' period and can be re-elected for successive terms.

All Executive Board members, with the exception of the Vice-President(s) Special Affairs, must be elected during the same General Assembly meeting.

In case a vacancy occurs during a term, a provisional Executive Board member can be nominated by the Executive Board. This decision will be ratified by the next General Assembly. In this case, they finish the term of the Executive Board member they replace.

The Executive Board members may be revoked by the General Assembly by a two thirds majority of the votes present.

### Internal Rules

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Nominations for candidates should normally be made to the Secretary General not later than 60 days prior to the incoming General Assembly to be included into the agenda of the General Assembly. However, if there are not enough candidates to fill all positions, nominations can also be made at the nomination process at the General Assembly.

It is the responsibility of members to ascertain if their nominees are willing to stand for election.

The Auditors shall not be members of the Executive Board at the same time.