

Selecting Future Chairs – Amendments 1 & 2

1. Selection

a. Future Chairs will be selected by the Governing Council at the Summer meeting on Star Island.

b. The Summer meeting will consist of two parts, a public meeting to conduct general business, followed by a closed meeting to select people who will be the Chairs two years hence.

c. Once selected, the future Chairs are Chairs-Elect for the next year, and are the conference Chairs the year following that.

~~d. In the closed session, the only ones present and eligible to vote will be Past Chair members, Chairs Elect, and lifetime non-Chair members of the Governing Council who relinquish (for that year) their eligibility to be nominated.~~

d. In the closed session, the only ones allowed to participate and to be eligible to vote will be current members of the Governing Council. This includes Past Chairs, Acting-Chairs, Chairs-Elect, and Lifetime and term-limited non-Chair members.

e. In a given year, anyone who participates in the selection process is not eligible, for that year, to be nominated as a future Chair-Elect.

2. Eligibility

a. Any member of the All Star I community, that has not been a Chair in the past, is eligible to be chosen as a future Chair.

b. The Chairs will consist of two or three people, either a couple or close friends, who work well together and have a shared vision and desire to run the conference.

c. Non-Chair members of the Governing Council, either temporary or Lifetime members, are eligible to be future Chairs.

d. ~~Lifetime~~ ***Any non-Chair*** members may choose to relinquish their eligibility in any given year. This enables them to participate that year in choosing the future Chairs.

e. If ~~lifetime~~ ***non-Chair*** members wish to be eligible for nomination, in a given year, then they may not participate in that year's closed session.

3. Nominations

a. Before nominations are started, the room will be cleared of everyone except for ***current members of the Governing Council*** ~~past Chairs, Chairs-elect, and lifetime members who have opted out for that year~~. No one in the room will be eligible for nomination that year.

- b. Only one nomination may be made per person.
- c. A second is required for each nomination.
- ~~d. Anyone making a nomination, must be an advocate for the nominees. This requires the nominator to confer with the nominees ahead of time to assess the nominees' desire and availability to serve.~~
- d*e. The nominees must be on-island that year.
- e*f. Each year's nominations are made independently of any nominations made in previous years, i.e. no nominations made in previous years are carried forward.
- f*g. Family members of those being nominated would be asked to absent themselves during discussion about the nominee.

4. Voting

- a. The voting will be conducted by a ranked voting process, where each ballot ranks the candidates. The preferred process is called Single Transferrable Vote and is used in City elections in Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- b. The results will produce a ranked output. At the end of the closed session, the top three ranked selections will be disclosed to those who voted.
- c. The list of nominees and the results of the balloting are strictly confidential and will not be revealed outside of the closed session.
- d. To further ensure confidentiality, software possibilities should be explored that can tally the ballots without revealing vote counts.

5. Announcements

- a. After the meeting, the current Chairs will privately inform the winning candidates of their selection.
- b. If they do not accept, the current Chairs will go down the list until new Chairs-Elect are selected.
- c. These results will be conveyed to the Governing Council members by a previously agreed upon signal, determined in the closed session.
- ~~d. After new Chairs-Elect are chosen, if they wish, advocates may let their nominees know that their nomination was not successful.~~
- d*e. The selection of the new Chairs-Elect will be revealed to the general All Star I membership at the closing banquet.

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