

GOV.08.01 Elections to the Board Policy

Policy

1. The elections process to be followed by the BTC is detailed in this Elections to the Board Policy which should be read in conjunction with the BTC Nominations for the Board Policy.

Board Vacancy

2. The number of Director vacancies to be filled at the annual meeting (AGM) will be determined by
 - i. the number of Directors seeking re-election to a second term or a third term, as the case may be, and
 - ii. the number of Directors whose final term will end at the AGM, and/or
 - iii. the requirement that any interim appointees filling a mid-year vacancy go through the subsequent nominations and elections processes to remain on the Board.If there are no vacancies in a given year, there is no election.

Elections Process

3. The process for the election of Directors at the AGM shall be as follows:
 - a) The election shall be supervised by an election officer appointed by the Governance Committee, subject to the general authority of the Board Chair or delegate.
 - b) In the case of an election where a ballot is cast, the election officer shall be responsible for the balloting process and shall act as scrutineer.

Election Motions and Announcement of Results

4. At the start of the election, the first motion put to the Members shall be a vote on the list of nominees on the recommended list as a whole, comprised of the recommended nominees whose number matches the number of vacancies on the Board.
5. If the Members approve these recommended nominees, that is the end of the process and the recommended nominees are elected.
6. If the Members reject the recommended nominees, the election moves to a vote on each nominee. In this case, a ballot will contain the names in alphabetical order of nominees on the recommended list and any other nominees.
7. As the decision to elect Directors must be made by resolution of the Members, where there is a tie, both good governance and applicable laws require that run off votes of the Members be conducted until the Board has been elected.
8. The results of the election shall be announced immediately on the conclusion of the election and posted on the BTC website.

Eligibility to Vote

9. The BTC By-laws require that only Members in good standing who have been a Member for at least 50 days prior to the date of the AGM may vote in the election.

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Paramountcy

10. In the event that a conflict arises between this Elections to the Board Policy and the BTC By-laws, the BTC By-laws shall govern in the circumstances.