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5.1 Nominations and Eligibility

5.1.1 The Nominations Committee shall invite each year appropriate groups of members to submit the names of Voting Members, for considering them for the various elective offices of the ExecCom and Nominations Committee as stated in the Constitution and the Byelaws, not later than September 30.

5.1.2 Members holding elective offices shall become eligible for election to all offices, at a ballot held not earlier than six months before the end of their current tenure, except where stated explicitly otherwise. However no member shall contest for more than one elective office during the year nor shall he be eligible for election for the same office for more than two terms in succession. The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer shall not be eligible for election for the same office for two terms in succession. The Vice President (President-elect) shall be available for nomination to any elective office only after completion of his tenure of membership of the ExecCom as President and Immediate Past President.

5.1.3 All nominees for elective offices shall be Voting Members of the respective constituencies that elect them.

5.1.4 It may consult members and groups of members to identify and propose names of persons who are eminently qualified to hold the several elective offices including those of Chapters and where necessary, persuade such persons to contest elections.

5.2 The Nominations Committee shall communicate to ExecCom one or more names, including all the valid Nominees, along with their CSI membership number, as candidates for election to these offices together with their bio-data, statement of intent and an undertaking from the candidate that he will attend at least 3 meetings in a year, not later than October 15.

5.3 The ExecCom shall consult each of the nominees and if he so requests, in writing, his name shall be withdrawn.

5.4 The ExecCom shall announce the names, bio-data, and statement of intent of the nominees, for each of the elective offices, through a publication that is distributed to the entire membership, not later than November 10.

5.5 The Nominations Committee shall prepare ballots, arranging the names where there is more than one candidate for any single office in alphabetical order. For such names to be counted in the election, each person indicated shall meet such qualifications as specified by the Constitution and the Byelaws. The ballot shall carry a statement that the order of the names is for convenience only and indicates no preference and shall indicate the date by which they shall reach the Office for them to be counted. The ballot, that contains the reference to the location of bio-data and statement of intent of the nominees for each of the elective offices shall be mailed to all Voting Members, not later than November 15 and the date for receiving the marked ballots shall not be later than December 15. In no case shall the time given to the Voting Members to cast their votes, reckoned from the date of mailing, shall be less than 30 days.

5.6 Voting Members shall vote for the candidates of their choice and place the ballot in the envelope marked 'Ballot' and sign on the envelope, in the place provided. Only ballots arriving at the Office of the CSI, or received by a qualified organization delegated by the ExecCom, not later than the date specified shall be counted.

5.7 Ballots shall be checked, opened and counted under the supervision of the Nominations Committee not later than the fifth working day following the last date for receipt of the ballots.

5.8 The Nominations Committee shall communicate the election report to the ExecCom at the earliest and the nominee for each office for which the election has been held receiving the greatest number of qualified votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie vote, the ExecCom shall choose between the nominees involved.

5.9 The ExecCom shall communicate the results of the election to all the nominees in the election report, not later than December 31 and announce them to the membership through a publication distributed to the entire membership.