

1. Ranked Ballots

Motion - To change the standing rules such that elections with contested positions be conducted using a ranked ballot.

From:

Article 6. Elections

All Council positions filled by Society elections shall be selected by electronic ballot[1]. The official terms of the officers commence immediately after the Annual Meeting. Only Regular, Lifetime, Student, and Post-doctoral members are eligible to hold office in the Society. No employee or member of the immediate family of an employee of the Society may be nominated for or hold elected office within the Society.

The Nominations Committee shall serve for one year and consist of the Vice-President as Chair and four Council members, including a student or student/postdoc council member. Council shall solicit nominations for Society positions from the general membership not less than three months before the election. Any nomination made by one or more members in good standing and approved by the Nominating Committee shall be put on the list of nominations. The Committee shall submit to the Secretary a list of at least two candidates, who have agreed to serve, for each position to be filled, excepting the positions of Secretary and Treasurer, which may be uncontested. Names of the candidates shall be made known to the membership by the Secretary.

The Secretary shall organize an electronic poll, notify members of the method to cast ballots, tabulate and record the votes, notify the candidates for Council of the election results, and notify the membership of the results. In the event that the election of Council cannot be completed by electronic ballot, the election will be conducted at the annual general meeting of the Society. In the event of a tie vote for any office, the Secretary shall poll the members of the Council to resolve the tie.

If for any reason the President is unable to carry out the duties of the office, the position shall be filled by the Vice-President. Vacancies in the other offices may be filled until the next election by vote of the Council. A member of the Council or the Executive may be removed from office by a petition signed by seven of the twelve members of Council. A member of Council may be removed from office by a resolution passed by a majority of members present at the General Business Meeting.

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Elections with more than two candidates shall be held by a means of an instant-runoff vote, whereby voting members will rank all candidates in order of preference. Ballots will be initially counted for each voter's top choice. A candidate with more than 50% of the votes based on first-choices will be elected. In the event that no candidate has more than 50% of the votes based on first-choices, the candidate with the fewest first-choice votes will be removed from the slate and the votes of members who selected this candidate as first choice will be added to the total of their next most-preferred candidate. This process will continue until one candidate has more than 50% of the votes.

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2. Retiree membership category

Motion: To include a Retiree membership category in the Standing Rules.

From:

Article 3. Membership.

The society shall consist of a single class of members[1]. All members have a single vote in all Society votes and elections. Membership is by voluntary application and is subject to approval by Council. Within this single class of members, there are four membership categories, as follows.

Regular member: Any person who supports the purposes of the society is eligible for a regular membership.

Lifetime Member: Any person who supports the purposes of the society and who pays a life membership fee is eligible for a lifetime membership.

Student or postdoctoral fellow member: Any person who supports the purposes of the society and is a registered student or a postdoctoral fellow at a university or college is eligible for a student or postdoctoral membership.

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3. President's award changes

Motion: (1) to change the name and description of the President's Award to "President's award for research excellence in ecology and evolution", given in odd-numbered years to a Canadian scientist or scientist in Canada in recognition of outstanding contributions to ecology and (or) evolutionary biology, and (2) to create a new award "President's award for excellence in societal engagement" to be given in even years to an individual in recognition of outstanding contributions to public and/or policy engagement in ecology and evolutionary biology in Canada.

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Article 12: Awards of the Society

President's Award: The President's Award is given in odd-numbered years to a Canadian scientist in recognition of outstanding contributions to ecology and (or) evolutionary biology.

Early Career Award: One CSEE Early Career Award is given each year to recognize the outstanding accomplishments and future research potential in ecology and evolution by scientists early in their careers (5 years post-PhD).

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4. Changes to executive

Motion To modify standing rules to include longest-serving student/PDF on Council as a member of the executive.

From:

Article 5. Council.

The Society is governed by a Council that comprises the four Directors[1], as well as eight Councillors. There are six regular Councillors, one student Councillor, and one student or post-doctoral fellow Councillor. Council members serve without remuneration. Council will manage the Society.

Directors: The Society has four Directors, namely the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, as described in the Articles of Continuance and in the By-laws. The four Directors form the Executive.

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