

**C. Nomination and Election of Vice-President and Members-at-Large of Provincial Executive (page 14)**

**1. Voting Constituency and Terms of Office**

- (a) Elections for vice-president and members-at-large shall be held at the Annual General Meeting of Provincial Council.
- (b) Only those representatives to the Provincial Council actually present at the time the vote is called shall cast a ballot for vice-president and members-at-large.
- (c) The vice-president shall be elected for a maximum of two (2) consecutive two-year terms.
- (d) Members-at-large of Provincial Executive shall be elected for a maximum of three (3) consecutive two-year terms.

**2. Nominations**

- (a) Nominations for vice-president and members-at-large will be accepted by the Chief Returning Officer up to 4:00 p.m. on the third Monday of March from:
  - (i) division associations and remote local associations,or
  - (ii) individual members who have been refused nomination by an association, provided twenty (20) members have endorsed the individual's nomination.
- (b) Nominations for vice-president and members-at-large will also be accepted during the Annual General Meeting of Provincial Council up to 4:00 p.m. of the second day of the meeting by the Chief Returning Officer from individual members, provided a nominee is endorsed by ten (10) registered representatives.
- (c) The Chief Returning Officer's report:
  - (i) shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting of Provincial Council immediately following the close of nominations at 4:00 p.m. on the second day, and
  - (ii) may include matters concerning the application and operation of this Bylaw.
- (d) Once nominated for the office of vice president, a defeated nominee may be re-nominated for member-at-large on the Provincial Executive without endorsement.

**3. Election Procedures**

- (a) Where required, elections at the Annual General Meeting of Provincial Council shall be held in the following order:
  - (i) election or by-election of the vice-president in the year in which an election is needed.
  - (ii) election and by-election of members-at-large of the Provincial Executive.
  - (iii) other positions, if any.
- (b) (i) Elections shall be by secret ballot. Representatives eligible to vote shall mark their ballots, fold them, and submit the folded ballots to the returning officers.
  - (ii) The Chief Returning Officer shall appoint at least five (5) members as returning officers. The returning officers shall collect and count the ballots.
  - (iii) After the ballots have been counted, the Chief Returning Officer shall announce the results of the vote.

(iv) At the conclusion of all balloting, the number of votes received by each candidate shall be announced.

(v) Provincial council shall proceed with its business while the votes are being counted.

(c) For a ballot to be valid, the names of all candidates must appear on it.

(d) Each representative voting may vote for the number of candidates s/he chooses to support. Any ballot cast for more than the total number of candidates to be elected shall be considered spoiled.

(e) A run-off election between tied candidates shall be held if the tie results in more members elected than required by this Bylaw.

(f) When the number of candidates nominated is the same as the number of positions to be filled, no ballot shall be taken and the candidates shall be declared elected, except in a year when a by-election is to be held. A ballot will be taken to determine the candidate to serve the remainder of the term.

(g) Appointment as a returning officer shall not deprive a representative of the right to vote.

**4. By-elections**

- (a) Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of the vice-president or in a position of a member-at-large, the Provincial Executive shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting of Provincial Council. In the event the vacancy occurs after December 31<sup>st</sup> in any year, the Provincial Executive may leave the position vacant.
- (b) If such an appointment is made in the first year of the term of office, a by-election shall be held at the next Annual General Meeting of Provincial Council.