



IAP

International Association of Prosecutors

PROTOCOL FOR ELECTION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NOMINEES FOR IAP PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

The Executive Committee of the Association has the power and duty to make nominations to the General Meeting for the appointment of members of the Executive Committee and for the election of the President and Vice-Presidents. The IAP Constitution sets out the terms for election of the IAP President (Article 10) and Vice-Presidents (Article 11).

This protocol provides guidance for the conduct of the election of nominees for President and Vice-Presidents of the Association, when elections are required by the Constitution. This is to ensure that voting is conducted transparently, fairly and in an orderly manner.

Candidates for President and Vice-President shall be existing members of the Executive Committee.

1. Voting attendance and entitlements

a) Attendance

Elections may be attended by;

- The members, supernumerary members and co-opted members of the IAP Executive Committee;
- The Secretary-General as the Voting Officer;
- The Executive Director as Assisting Voting Officer;
- The General Counsel as the Minute Taker;
- Observers with permission from the President.

b) Voting entitlements

Votes may only be cast by members, supernumerary members and co-opted members of the Executive Committee present at the meeting at which the vote takes place. Voting by proxy or remotely are not accepted.

2. Conduct of the voting procedure

Elections shall be executed by using the **Single Transferable Voting** system, as described in Annex 4 to the IAP Constitution and as qualified below.

The Voting Officer is responsible for the proper administration of the voting process, both at the time of voting and during the preparation process. The Voting Officer shall submit the names of candidates and any submitted vision statements to the Committee no later than 3 weeks before the Northern Spring Meeting in the year of election by the General Meeting.

The Secretary-General as Voting Officer will chair the meeting of the Executive Committee during the actual voting procedure. The Secretary-General will clarify the election procedure as regards the election and conduct the ballot.

The vote shall take place in the following manner;

1. Each voter will be provided with a ballot paper listing the candidates for the office to be considered and shall place the number 1 against the name of the candidate to whom the voter wishes to give his or her primary vote. A voter may also place the number 2, 3, 4, etc. against the name of other candidates to indicate second and subsequent preferences. The second and subsequent preferences are only taken into account when the voter's preferred candidate has been eliminated from the voting process (as described below);
2. Members fold the ballot paper (twice) and hand it over to the Assisting Voting Officers.

The ballot papers will be counted by the Assistant Voting Officer. If no candidate is marked clearly or if the ballot paper is blank the ballot will be considered invalid. If a candidate secures more primary [#1] votes than all the other candidates combined, then that candidate is elected. If not, the candidate with the lowest number of premier [#1] votes is eliminated and the second preferences on the ballot papers of that lowest candidate are distributed to those second preference candidates as premier [#1] votes.

If still no candidate secures more votes than the other remaining candidates combined then again, the next lowest candidate is eliminated and the second and subsequent preferences on the ballot papers of that next lowest candidate are distributed to those second and subsequent preference candidates as premier [#1] votes.

If both candidates again receive an equal number of votes, then the candidate that is the longest serving member of the Executive Committee will be deemed elected. If both candidates have equal serving terms, then a draw will decide between those candidates. This draw will be executed by the Voting Officer and Assisting Voting Officers.

3. Outcome of vote

The Assistant Voting Officers will report the results of the ballots to the Voting Officer and the Minute Taker. The Voting Officer will announce the result of the elections to the Executive Committee members and the Minute Taker will note the result reflecting;

- The number of members, supernumerary members and co-opted members present;
- The number of valid and invalid votes of the ballots including in the next preference vote counting rounds;
- The final number of votes cast for each candidate (in alphabetical order);
- The result.

The result of the ballot will be communicated to the general membership of the IAP in accordance with the standard terms for nomination as President (Article 10.4) or Vice-President (Article 11.3).