

Article VI: Elections

Each year not later than May 31, the Board appoints three or more of its members as a committee to nominate candidates for the Elected Director positions of the Board and, every three years, to nominate candidates for the posts of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. This committee (referred to as the Nomination/Election Committee) is also responsible for the carrying out of the election and selects its own chairperson and returning officer.

The committee opens up the nominations no later than June 15. The list of positions for the following election is presented at every Assembly. Any IACR member can nominate another member for election as a Director and any other regular member for election as an Officer. All nominations must be made in writing to the chairperson. The Nomination/Election Committee transmits the ballot with the names of all nominees for each office thereon not later than October 1 of each year to all members with instructions for returning the ballots. These instructions must include the statement that in order to be counted, ballots must be received by November 15. The returning officer oversees the tallying procedure, which must be verified by at least two independent persons. The returning officer reports the results to the candidates as well as to the Board as soon as practicable after November 15. Results of the election are to be published in the next IACR Newsletter. All elections are decided by a plurality of ballots cast. In the event of a tie, the Board votes until the tie is broken.

Elections and referenda may be conducted by post or by electronic means at the discretion of the Board. Substantial change to the voting system requires prior approval of the membership, except that the paper-ballot system used by the Association from its inception through 2008 may be used at any time without such approval. Such approval can be obtained either by majority vote at any Assembly or by majority of the ballots cast in a referendum to the members.

Any premature vacancy in an elected or appointed office is filled for the remainder of the regular term by an appointee chosen by the President and then approved, as soon as possible, by the Board.

Article XV: Assembly

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When the President judges that an action taken by the Assembly does not reflect the position of a majority of the members of the IACR, the President may place the question before the entire membership in a written ballot. If 10 percent of the members petition the Board for a referendum on an issue, the Board directs the Secretary to place the question before the entire membership in a written ballot within six weeks. The Secretary, in co-ordination with the Membership Secretary, sends ballots within six weeks of the President's decision or of receipt of a petition. Ballots indicate the date of counting, which is at least six weeks from the sending date. No ballots returned by members will be counted if received after the designated date of counting.

Article XVIII: Amendments

Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by majority vote of the Board or at an Assembly by a two-thirds vote of the members present. A proposed amendment becomes effective upon subsequent ratification by a majority of the ballots cast in a referendum to the members.