

By-law for election of Council members

P. Beyer presents the draft by-law. After the discussion and some changes introduced the by-law is unanimously accepted in the version below:

- a) The exact number of members of the Administrative Body (Council) of the ISSR, and, where applicable, which country or region such members will represent, shall be fixed by the Council itself.
- b) Members of Council shall begin their elected mandate and assume their term of office at the General Assembly of the ISSR of the next biennial conference after their election.
- c) Not less than nine months a Council position becomes vacant, the General Secretary shall announce the vacancy to the members of the ISSR normally resident in the relevant country or region, and who are in good standing or were in good standing for the immediately previous membership period, asking them to nominate candidates, who are at the time of their nomination in good standing, to represent them on the Council. Such nominations must be submitted in writing (electronically or on paper) by the nominator, and with the support in writing of one other member from the region or country and the agreement to stand of the proposed candidate.
- d) Not less than six months before the term of a Council position for a particular country or region is to begin, Council will establish the definitive list of nominees presented by each country or region and this list will be communicated to all members in good standing.
- e) Voting by secret electronic ballot, or by personal written (electronic or paper) communication to the General Secretary, shall take place at least two months before the General Assembly at the Conference which marks the end of the relevant period of office, except for the Secretary General and the Treasurer whose mandates expire at the end of the calendar year during which the Conference takes place.
- f) All members of the society who are in good standing at the time of the balloting will be invited to vote.
- g) Those candidates who receive the most votes for a position shall be elected. In the event of a tie, the General Secretary shall draw lots in the presence of two witnesses.
- h) In case of a vacancy on Council, the Council may decide between two options: a) to hold a by- election (for the end of the term), following the procedures for regular elections; or b) to fill the vacant position at the next regular election (for a full 4-year term).