

POLICY NUMBER: 3

Election of Directors and Office Bearers

Background:

The International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations (the Alliance) is an alliance of charitable or not for profit organisations from around the globe. The Alliance's objects are the relief of persons worldwide who are, or who are suspected of being, affected by Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)/Motor Neurone Disease (MND) and associated conditions, and the advancement of the education of the public in matters relating to ALS/MND.

Membership eligibility is defined in the Alliance's Articles of Association as, "Open to any organisation which has a defined constituency, is not established with a view to making profit, the objects of which are (in the reasonable opinion of the Directors) similar to those of the Alliance and which is interested in promoting the objects of the Alliance."

Voting rights at General Meetings are available only to organisations which are full members and in good standing. Each organisational member meeting these criteria may nominate two delegates to attend meetings of the Alliance. Individuals and groups not meeting the requirements for full membership may apply for Associate Membership. Associate membership confers no voting rights. Associate members are not eligible to stand as Directors of the Alliance.

Election of Directors:

Directors of the Alliance must be at least 18 years of age and should also be a member, employee, trustee, director or committee member of an organisational member of the Alliance and should be nominated by that organisation. Article 48 lists reasons which would cause a nominee to be disqualified from being a director. Nominees should familiarise themselves with this Article which is attached as an appendix.

A Director's term of office is normally three years and he or she will retire at the close of the third Annual General Meeting after his or her election. The Articles of Association allow for a Director retiring after one term of office to stand for a second, consecutive, term of office. On completion of their second three-year term of office a Director must stand down, unless they hold the post of Chairperson in which case they will be obliged to stand down on completion of their term of office in that role.

Former Directors who have completed two full terms of office must wait a full year after completion of their term of office before he or she is eligible to stand again for office.

Anyone who wishes to become a Director of the Alliance must give written notice of their interest to the General Manager of the Alliance no less than one calendar month before the date of the Annual General Meeting in order that ballot papers can be prepared. The nominee should

also indicate they have the support of the organisation they represent to act as a Director of the Alliance. Elections will be carried out in accordance with Policy Number 2: "Voting Procedures at General Meetings."

Election of a Chairperson:

The Alliance's governing documents state that a Chairperson's term of office may be up to four years and require that a replacement, the Chair-elect, should be elected by the membership at the AGM held one year before the AGM at which the current Chairperson will stand down. The Chair-elect must be a member of the Board of Directors.

While continuing Board Members may have the opportunity to express an interest in standing for Chair-elect prior to the AGM, Directors seeking re-election will not know whether they are eligible for nomination for the position until they have been re-elected. As all Board Members are eligible to stand, nominations for Chair-elect will be accepted during the AGM at which the appointment will be confirmed, but only after the election of Directors.

Following confirmation of the composition of the new Board of Directors the AGM will be adjourned briefly in order that the Directors can meet to accept nominations for the post of Chair-elect from amongst their number. If there is a single nominee that person may stand for election unopposed once the AGM is reconvened.

If agreement cannot be reached on a single nominee and there is more than one nomination for the post of Chair-elect, once the AGM is reconvened a delegate from each organisation present and entitled to vote will be asked to vote in accordance with Policy Number 2.

The votes of the various member organisations will be counted by two members of the Board who are not standing for the post of chair-elect.

The Chair-elect will be the candidate with the greatest number of votes from a single ballot.

Election of an Honorary Treasurer:

There is no requirement in the governing documents to have an Honorary Treasurer-elect. Should an existing Honorary Treasurer need to retire from office, the procedure to elect a new Honorary Treasurer will follow those outlined for the election of a Chair-elect.

Board members will first be elected and, if necessary, the AGM will be adjourned while the board meets to seek a nominee for the post;

- if there is a single nominee that person may be elected, unopposed, by the members at the reconvened AGM;
- if there is more than one nominee the voting procedure will follow that outlined for the Chair-elect at the reconvened AGM.

Endorsed by the Board of the International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations

Signed:

Carol Birks.

(Chair)

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