

Statutes

X. Elections

30. Elections to the Council of the Society shall be by postal ballot, the procedure for such ballot being as stated below. However, the Council may make such changes in it and in the calendar of dates as it deems fit from time to time. No procedural irregularity not affecting the merits shall vitiate any election or proceedings.
31. During the year in which elections to the Council become due, that fact shall be notified to the Members before *15th August* of that year and nominations invited from them. Nominations for the President, Vice President, Five Regional Vice Presidents, Secretary General, Treasurer, and 10 other members of the council shall be filed not later than the *15th of September* in a format prescribed by the Council. A consolidated list of those Members whose nomination papers are in order shall be prepared by the office of the Society and sent by post to all the Members before the *15th of October*.
32. The list of nominations shall be considered by the Council at a meeting or by correspondence. The President and the Council shall then select not more than ten from amongst the existing Council members and not less than nine members who have not been members of the existing Council, and recommend them to the Society for election to the Council for the ensuing triennium. The list of candidates thus recommended by the Council shall be printed on a ballot paper and sent out by post to all the Members before the *1st day of November*.
33. The ballot paper containing the names thus selected and recommended shall be returned to the Society, recording the vote and duly signed, by the 1st of December. The Members who receive the ballot paper may, if they so desire, delete any of the recommended names from the ballot list and substitute for the names thus deleted any other names from the list of valid nominations circulated to the Members previously.
34. Two Members of the Society shall be appointed by the President as scrutators, who will open the envelopes containing the ballot papers and report the results of the ballot to the President. Every person whose name has been validly voted for in the majority of the ballot papers received by the Society before the appointed date will be declared by the President to have been elected. Every member of the Council so elected shall be informed in a written communication of his or her election before the *20th of December*.
35. The newly elected office bearers and Council Members will commence their terms of office on the day following the annual general meeting but not before first of January of the year for which elections are held.
36. The Society shall submit annually a list of all members of the Council, giving their names, complete residential addresses, occupation, and designation to the Registrar of Societies, Delhi.

XVI. Privileges of members

54. Following categories of rights and privileges are available to members of the Society in good standing as per provisions of Statute 55:
 - (a) To be nominated for election to the Council
 - (b) To vote and to nominate for elections to the Council
 - (c) To attend all General Meetings and to vote at Annual General Meetings
 - (d) To receive copies of the publications of the Society from time to time, either free of charge or on such terms of payments as the Council may decide from time to time
 - (e) To serve on Committees appointed by the Council

55. Individual Members, Organizational Members, and Fellows (including Distinguished Fellows) shall be entitled to privileges contained in clauses (a) to (d); Patrons, to those in clauses (b) to (e). All members in good standing except Student Members are designated as voting members. Student Members shall have the privileges listed in clauses (c) to (e).