



Proposed Election Related Bylaws Changes (Draft)

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Proposed Bylaw Changes - Background



- Six proposed bylaw changes
- Three proposed changes are subject to Article X: Miscellaneous Section 6. Amendment of Bylaws
 - **Motion by the Board and approval by four-fifths**
 - **Community Notification – notice of proposed change posted publicly on ARIN's website for no less than 30 and no more than 90 days**
 - **Community Consultation – afford members the opportunity to comment on website regarding proposed changes**
 - **Passage or Rejection by Board – adopt or reject changes proposed by members**

Background of First Proposed Change



- As noted in the 2015 Election Report presented to the ARIN Board of Trustees on 12 January 2015, shorten the voting period from 10 to at least 7 days
- Open elections on Thursday and close on the following Friday, as opposed to closing on Sunday
- Most votes received on Friday with very few received on Saturday and Sunday
- Being able to say voting closes when making the last calls on Friday may have a small positive impact on getting last minute voters to actually vote.



Current Language of Impacted Section

- **Article VIII, Section 4.b.**
- Election Period. The Election Period shall begin during the final Public Policy and Members Meeting of the year for general elections and as established by the President for other votes. The membership shall receive electronic notice at least 30 days in advance of the election and will have ten (10) calendar days after the Election Period opens to electronically cast their votes, provided that any such electronic transmission shall either set forth or be submitted with information from which it can be determined that the electronic transmission was authorized by the member. Votes received by ARIN after the close of the Election Period shall not be counted.

Suggested Language of First Proposed Change



- **Article VIII, Section 4.b.**
- Election Period. The Election Period shall begin during the final Public Policy and Members Meeting of the year for general elections and as established by the President for other votes. The membership shall receive electronic notice at least 30 days in advance of the election and will have **at least seven (7)** calendar days after the Election Period opens to electronically cast their votes, provided that any such electronic transmission shall either set forth or be submitted with information from which it can be determined that the electronic transmission was authorized by the member. Votes received by ARIN after the close of the Election Period shall not be counted.

Background of Second Proposed Change



- In 2015 ARIN will be liberalizing the voting contact eligibility rules; making it easier for every member organization to have an eligible voting contact on record. Given the increased communication and interaction required with members to implement these changes, staff suggests modifying the voter eligibility cutoff deadline from 60 days to 45 days prior to the election in order to provide extra time for members to update their voting contact.

Background of Second Proposed Change



- In 2016, when all voting contacts will access their ballot through ARIN Online, the voter slate will be systematically pulled. There will be very little manual work involved, thus a 45 day voter eligibility cutoff going forward should afford members the maximum amount of time to update their voting contact. 45 days out is the minimum amount of time needed, however, to send postal mails in advance of the election being open.

Background of Third Proposed Change



- Staff are beginning a large scale terminology simplification effort in order to make ARIN's processes and procedures easier to understand.
- Staff suggests replacing the term “Designated Member Representative” with “voting contact.”
- We suggest changing the term now in Section 4.a. while in the process of changing the voter eligibility cutoff date in that same section.



Current Language of Impacted Section

- **Article VIII, Section 4.a.**
- Voting. Each General Member of record and in good standing on such date that is sixty (60) days before a ballot or election shall be eligible to vote (through its designated member representative) in such ballot or election. Quorum is achieved by having ballots cast by at least 5% of the total eligible voters. The President shall certify a list of eligible voters, and a non-candidate Board member who shall be selected by the Board shall confirm the President's review. Eligible voters shall vote electronically using a procedure approved by the Board of Trustees and publicly available on the ARIN website. General Members cast one (1) vote for each Trustee and each Advisory Council vacancy and one vote for each ballot measure.

Suggested Language of Second and Third Proposed Change



- **Article VIII, Section 4.a.**
- Voting. Each General Member of record and in good standing on such date that is **forty-five (45)** days before a ballot or election shall be eligible to vote (through its **voting contact**) in such ballot or election. Quorum is achieved by having ballots cast by at least 5% of the total eligible voters. The President shall certify a list of eligible voters, and a non-candidate Board member who shall be selected by the Board shall confirm the President's review. Eligible voters shall vote electronically using a procedure approved by the Board of Trustees and publicly available on the ARIN website. General Members cast one (1) vote for each Trustee and each Advisory Council vacancy and one vote for each ballot measure.

Background of Proposed Changes Four, Five, Six



- Replace the term “designated member representative” with “voting contact” throughout the remainder of the Bylaws.



Current Language of Impacted Section

- **Article V, Section 3.a.**
- Rights of Trustee Members. All Trustees shall have the right to submit nominations to any ARIN nominating committee, attend ARIN Public Policy and Members Meetings free of charge, and participate in members-only mailing lists and discussions. Any Trustee that also serves as the designated member representative for a General Member in good standing is also entitled to vote in ARIN elections.
- **Article V, Section 3.b.**
- Rights of General Members in Good Standing....They shall also be entitled to any future rights the Board of Trustees may, from time to time, grant to General Members. Each General Member shall name one designated member representative to vote on its behalf in any ARIN general election for the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council and other matters related to ARIN.



Current Language of Impacted Section

- **Article VIII, Section 2.b.**
- Nominations by Petition. Trustee and Advisory Council Candidates may be nominated by petition. The President of ARIN shall provide the membership with at least seven (7) calendar days to receive the expression of intent to petition, and another fourteen (14) calendar days to receive the necessary signatures. The number of signatures required for petition nominations shall be at least two percent (2%) of eligible voters from organizations as of the established opening date of the nomination period. Only one signature per eligible voter, via its designated member representative, shall count toward the petitioner's signature requirements. The President of ARIN shall add any member who meets these petition requirements to the ballot.

Suggested Language of Third Proposed Change



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Questions?