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By-Law: Elections at AGM

At least one-third of members of the Board, and at least one-third of members of the Executive, shall stand down before an election. No member of the Board, and no member of Executive, shall serve for more than three years without standing down.

Any ordinary member is free to nominate for the Board except those members who have stepped down after having served 9 years on the Board. Any ordinary member is free to nominate for the Executive, except for those who have served 9 years on the Board, or 9 years on the Executive, or 9 years on a combination of the Board and the Executive. Any ordinary member is free to nominate to be Convenor of a Committee, except for anyone who has already served 9 years as Convenor of that Committee. Ordinary members who have served 9 years on the Board, or 9 years on the Executive, or 9 years on a combination of the Board and the Executive may nominate for the Board or the Executive, but only if a special resolution gives them permission to do so. Ordinary members who have served 9 years as Convenor of a particular Committee may nominate, but only if a general resolution gives them permission to do so.

All those who stand for the Board, or for the Executive, or to be Convenor of a Committee, are elected to three year terms (with exceptions listed in the notes below).

The membership will be notified no later than five weeks before the AGM which positions—Board, Executive, Convenors of Committees—have been declared vacant. Anyone who wishes to nominate for a vacant position must lodge a nomination form no later than four weeks before the AGM.

At the AGM, elections will be conducted in the following order:

First, there will be elections to the Board. These elections will be to whichever of the following positions have become vacant: Chair; Deputy Chair; Independent Member 1; Independent Member 2; Chief Executive Officer; Treasurer (and Convenor of the Finance Committee); and Ordinary Member. If there are no contested nominations, then, in the first instance, the nominations will be treated as a slate. If the slate is rejected, then the nominations will be treated one-by-one.

Second, there will be the remainder of the elections to the Executive. These elections will be to whichever of the following positions have become vacant: Executive Director New Zealand, Executive Director Singapore (if this is introduced), Secretary, and Executive Officer. If there are no contested nominations, then, in the first instance, the nominations will be treated as a slate. If the slate is rejected, then the nominations will be treated one-by-one.

Third, there will be elections of the Convenors of Committees. First, there will be election of the President (who will become Convenor of the AAP President's Taskforce). Then, there will be election

of the remaining non-ex-officio positions that have become vacant. If there are no contested nominations, then, in the first instance, the nominations will be treated as a slate. If the slate is rejected, then the nominations will be treated one-by-one. Finally, there will be election to all of the ex officio positions, i.e. all of the positions that are filled as the result of some process other than direct election at the AGM. In the first instance, the nominations will be treated as a slate. If the slate is rejected, then the nominations will be treated one-by-one.

Notes

1. The Independent Members will be nominated through an interview process conducted by the Board.
2. The Executive Officer will only stand for election at the first AGM subsequent to appointment as Executive Officer (or at the first AGM at which it is possible for the Executive Officer to be elected to Executive).
3. The Editor of the AJP will only stand to become Convenor of the Journals Committee at the first AGM subsequent to appointment to the editorship of the Journal (or at the first AGM at which it is possible for the Editor to be elected Convenor of the Journals Committee). If the Editor of the AJP does not wish to be—or no longer wishes to be—Convenor of the Journals Committee, then other members of the Association may nominate for the vacant position. The position automatically becomes vacant at the first AGM after a new Editor is appointed.
4. The Convenor of the Postgraduate Committee shall have a one year appointment. The Convenor of the Undergraduate Committee shall have a one year appointment.
5. The President has a two year appointment to his or her Presidential Taskforce, but a one year appointment as President of the Association.