

RIPE NCC voting procedures & Article changes

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Voting procedure issues

1. Multiple seats – multiple voting rounds
2. “Live” voting in short voting period
3. GM physical attendees vote only by paper ballot
4. Electronic voting only for EB elections
5. Registration for remote participation / voting
2 weeks before the GM (while GM attendees can register on the day itself)
6. Proxy votes are only allowed if the proxy physically attends the GM

1. Multiple seats – multiple voting round

Pros

- voters take into account the result of the first round and vote for the best possible combination of Executive Board members.

Cons

- adds complexity to the election administration and communication of procedures

Implications of change

- none, simplification of voting procedure

Recommendation – No change

2. “Live” voting in short voting period

Pros

- In line with participation concept of Dutch law
- The voter is able to adjust the vote of a second voting round according to the first voting round results.

Cons

- GM takes place during extended office hours
- Timing issues, in agenda
- Short period of voting

Implications of change

- Live voting intended under Dutch law
- Timing of elections
- Longer voting periods
- Possible voting in advance

Recommendation – No change

3. Physical attendees vote by paper ballot

Pros

None

Cons

- Increases workload on members who have to fill in multiple paper ballots
- More time required to input paper ballots into system
- Increases risk of human error
- Takes more resources

Implications of change

- Simplification for physical attendees to vote
- Will speed up voting process

Recommendation – Change

4. E-voting only for EB elections

Pros

- Simplicity of set-up to gain experience with system

Cons

- Excludes remote participants from voting on other resolution. Can be perceived as favoritism towards GM attendees over remote voters.

Implications of change

- Timing issues for agenda
- Possible longer GMs

Recommendation – No change

5. Remote participants register 2 weeks in advance

Pros

- All relevant voter information can be gathered some time before the GM in order to activate the relevant voting accounts.
- Avoid last minute registration and verification of their voting credentials

Cons

- GM attendees can register on the day itself - can be perceived as favoritism towards GM physical attendees over remote voters

Implications of change

- Practical and procedural benefit to continue
- Possibility to verify registration and legitimacy

Recommendation – No change

6. Proxy votes only if proxy physically attends GM

Option A

- If the e-voting period is extended and e-voting is allowed for all resolutions
- Delete any reference to proxies

Option B

- Allow proxy votes also for remote participants.
- Delete the provision:
“Proxies are not entitled to vote by electronic means”.

Implication of change

- Proxies are necessary if e-voting is not permitted for all resolutions
- Allowing e-proxies complicates the registration and verification process

Recommendation – No change

Proposed changes to Articles of Association

- Multiple seats – multiple voting rounds
 - Short voting period
 - GM physical attendees vote only by paper ballot
 - Electronic voting only for Executive Board elections
 - Registration for remote participation/voting two weeks before the GM while GM attendees can register on the day itself
 - Currently proxy votes are only allowed if proxies physically attend the GM
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- Arbiter dismissal change

Physical attendees vote only by paper ballot

Current version

17.1. In addition to the possibility of the members to physically attend the meeting, the Executive Board may decide to open the possibility for the Members to attend the General Meeting through electronic means at a remote location and to vote through electronic means from a remote location.

Proposed provision

17.1

...and to vote through electronic means from a remote location for resolutions as specified by the Executive Board. Also the Executive Board may decide to allow the Members at the General Meeting itself to cast their votes through electronic means

Dismissal of an arbiter

Current version

12.4 ...The Executive Board may appoint new arbiters to the arbitration pool and propose changes to the arbitration procedure. The authority to approve new arbiters or to change the arbitration procedure is vested in the General Meeting.

Proposed provision

12.4 ...The Executive Board may appoint new arbiters to the arbitration pool, propose the dismissal of current arbiters and propose changes to the arbitration procedure. The authority to approve new arbiters, to dismiss current arbiters and or to change the arbitration procedure is vested in the General Meeting.

Dismissal of an arbiter – GM Agenda

Current version

15.5 ...

- d. Upon proposal by the Executive Board: adoption of amendments to the arbitration procedure;

Proposed provision

15.5 ...

- d. Upon proposal by the Executive Board: approval of new arbiters and/or dismissal of current arbiters and/or adoption of amendments to the arbitration procedure;

Questions?

