

## **POWA BY-LAWS PART 2 - COMMITTEE ELECTION REGULATIONS**

These by-laws are written as outlined in the current POWA Constitution (V6.1) and noted in subrule 31.8. If there are any inconsistencies in the rules outlined in this document and the Constitution, the Constitution will take precedence.

1. The election of the POWA committee shall take place as the final official part of POWA's Annual General Meeting (AGM), after any committee reports etc.
2. Before the election begins, there will be one final call for last-minute nominations from POWA's members. If a member asks for a last-minute nomination, they will be added to the bottom of the nomination list, as outlined in rule 4.
3. Each committee nominee will then be asked to present themselves to the members for a speech and Q&A. The order of these presentations is decided by the sequential order the written notices of nomination were received, with last-minute nominations coming at the end.
4. After this, members will be given paper and writing implements in order to submit their votes.
5. A valid vote must both;
  - a. Contain the names of nominees members wish to see in the committee, with a minimum of 2 to a maximum of 5.
  - b. Have no identifying marks to signify who cast the vote i.e. a name or member number.
    - i. Members who cast invalid votes by having identifying marks on their vote may not resubmit their vote.
6. A nominee may vote for themselves.
7. The votes are then collected and counted separately by a minimum of 2 trusted members of the community, not currently up for Committee nomination. Each instance of a name will count as 1 vote towards that nominee. Numbers must be compared between the counters to ensure accuracy.
8. In order to become a committee officeholder, a nominee must both;
  - a. Be within the top 5 total votes of nominees.
  - b. Have their number of votes be at least 50% of total valid votes.