Governing Council
June 14, 2021
Agenda Item VI: GC Rules Vote

Background: It has been the policy of the Governing Council that when voting for candidates for Executive Board and the Nominations Committee, Councilor are required to select the same number of candidates as open positions (i.e. if there are 3 open positions, each Councilor selects their top 3 candidates when voting). "Bullet voting", the process of selecting only one candidate as a tactic to reduce the vote total for other candidates thus maximizing the chance your favored candidate will be elected, has not been allowed.

During and following the October 2020 meeting of the Governing Council objection was raised towards this rule.

Question: The Governing Council is asked to affirm by majority vote the practice of requiring Councilors to select the same number of candidates as open position when voting in Association wide elections (i.e. uphold the ban on "bullet voting." A "Yea" vote on this question maintains the ban on bullet voting. A "Nay" vote would eliminate the requirement to select the same number of candidates as open position when voting in Association wide elections, thus allowing bullet voting.

Authority: ARTICLE XIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY