

Electoral Procedure

SCAR Delegates must elect a new President and 3 Vice-Presidents during the XXIX SCAR Meeting in Hobart, Tasmania, 2006.

The office of President falls vacant at the end of the meeting. Delegates will elect a new President for the period 2006-2010 to replace J. Thiede, who, as Past-President, will remain a member of the SCAR Executive Committee for a term of 2 years.

The Offices of three Vice-Presidents fall vacant at the end of the meeting One Vice-President (H. Shimamura, Japan) resigned during the year, and, following consultation with Members, Z. Zhang of China was elected to replace him until the end of the Delegates meeting, in order to strengthen Asian involvement in SCAR activities. In addition, two of the current Vice-Presidents (C. Howard Williams, New Zealand, and J. Lopez-Martinez, Spain) will have completed their 4-year terms of Office. Delegates will elect three new Vice Presidents for the period 2006 – 2010.

1. Timetable

The elections will take place on 19th July 2006 (Wed). The elections have been assigned to the 1600-1730 time slot. However, since four officers have to be elected, more time is needed. It is therefore proposed to carry out elections in parallel with sessions, starting at 0900 in the morning and using the breaks as appropriate.

(extracts from SCAR Rules of Procedures)

2. Election of Officers

2.1 Election of the President and Vice-Presidents occurs at the Meeting of Delegates according to the following rules:

- a. All Delegates and Alternate Delegates of Full Members are eligible for election to the Office of President and the four Offices of Vice President subject to the terms of Section 8 of the SCAR Constitution:

[Extract from SCAR Constitution:

8 *Officers of SCAR*

8.1 *The officers of SCAR are a President, four Vice-Presidents and the immediate Past-President and will be from six different Full Members.*

8.2 *The President will be elected for a term of four years from Delegates and Alternate Delegates of Full Members.*

- 8.3 The Vice-Presidents will be elected for a term of four years from Delegates and Alternate Delegates of Full Members.*
- 8.4 The Immediate Past-President will serve as a member of the SCAR Executive Committee for a period of two (2) years.*
- 8.5 Election of Officers will be conducted under the Rules of Procedure for SCAR established by the Meeting of Delegates.]*
- b. Written nominations for officers require the support of a proposer and a seconder who are Delegates or Alternate Delegates and who represent different Full Members present at the Meeting.
 - c. Proposers shall obtain the signature of the nominee on the nomination form certifying that the nominee is willing to stand for election and will carry out the duties of the office if elected.
 - d. Nomination forms with names of proposers and seconders shall be handed to the Executive Officer of SCAR by 18:00 hours on the second day of the Meeting of Delegates at which elections are to take place (at XXIX SCAR: Tue, 18th July 2006).
 - e. Without disclosure of the origins of the nominations, the Meeting of Delegates shall be informed in writing on the third day of the meeting (at XXIX SCAR: Wed, 19th July 2006) of the names of those nominated.
- 2.2 If a serving Vice-President is a candidate for President and is not elected, then the serving Vice-President will complete the existing term of office.
- 2.3 If a serving Vice-President is elected President, an election or elections shall be held to fill the vacancy so left for the remainder of the original term.
- a. Nominations for such a replacement shall be collected according to pertinent provisions in Section 2.1 of the Rules of Procedure (above) and shall be subsequently announced as soon as feasible.
 - b. Elections shall take place in the following day (at XXIX SCAR: Wed, 19th July 2006) according to pertinent provisions in Section 3 of the Rules of Procedure (below).
 - c. Individuals elected to fill vacancies shall be eligible for election for the following full term for that office.
- 2.4 Should an officer resign, become incapacitated, die, or cease to be a Delegate or Alternate Delegate at any time between SCAR Meetings, the remaining officers, after consulting National Committees of Full Members, may co-opt a replacement to serve until the next SCAR Meeting at which time an election will be held to elect a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term.

3. Election Procedures

- 3.1 The provisions of Section 8 of the SCAR Constitution shall determine the ultimate eligibility of any Delegate or Alternate Delegate to run for office. In particular the provision that Officers of SCAR must be from different Full Members shall prevail.

- a. If there are two candidates from a single Full Member, the election of one shall eliminate the second from election to any office during the term of the first elected officer from that Full Member.
- 3.2 All elections shall be by secret ballot of the Voting Members present and the ballot shall be counted by a panel of three scrutineers appointed by the President with the approval of the Delegates.
- 3.3 Each Full Member and each Union Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote in each election.
 - a. In the event that a Delegate or Alternate Delegate represents more than one member with voting rights, that Delegate shall have one vote for each Voting Member represented.
- 3.4 In those years when the Constitution requires the election of a President, the election to fill that office will be held prior the elections for other offices. Normally two Vice-Presidents will be elected by the Meeting of Delegates in the same year as the President. The two other Vice Presidents will be elected by the Meeting of Delegates two years later.
- 3.5 Separate elections will be held for each of the Vice-Presidents.
 - a. After the first election all the unelected candidates shall be eligible for the second election.
 - b. Following the election of the two Vice-Presidents, there shall be no differentiation between the individuals elected in the first and second elections.
- 3.6 If there is a single nomination for a given office, the election of that nominee shall be by acclamation.
- 3.7 If there are two candidates for a given office, a ballot shall be prepared and distributed. Each Voting Member shall cast one vote for one of the candidates, and election shall be by simple majority of the total votes cast for candidates. In the event of a tie, another ballot shall be prepared and distributed. Another vote shall be held. If the tie prevails, the election shall be decided by the toss of a coin.
- 3.8 If there are more than two candidates for a given office, a ballot shall be prepared listing all nominees.
 - a. A vote shall be held with each Voting Member casting one vote for one of the candidates.
 - b. If one candidate receives more than 50 percent of the total votes cast for the candidates, that person shall be elected.
 - c. If no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the total votes cast for candidates, the name of the candidate receiving the fewest votes will be dropped. In the event of a tie, the name dropped will be decided by the toss of a coin. Thereafter, a new ballot will be prepared, and the procedure repeated until there are only two remaining candidates, after which the procedures of Section 3.7 above shall apply.

- 3.9 The newly elected officers will assume office at the close of the Meeting of Delegates at which they were elected.