

Report of the Electronic Elections Committee:

Dear colleagues,

The Electronic elections committee has been busy meeting with Digimentors (an IT group that is helping us set up the electronics procedures and mount an electronic election. We have been consulting with our president, Sandie Bermann, and with Lucia Boldrini, who has worked tirelessly to get the email addresses of all our members in a shape that we can use and to verify membership status.

Digimentors is also serving as our interface with an election software group (Election Buddy) to make sure that we have what we need to make this first venture into digital voting a success. Once we have established a system that we can reuse, future elections should be much easier.

We are also proposing a revision to our statutes that will also be voted on electronically. Statute X now reads:

X

The Executive Council of the Association is elected by the General Assembly, which is made up of the members of the Association in attendance, of those absent members who send signed proxies to representatives of their choice, and of those absent members who have voted by electronic ballot according to the procedure established by the Executive Council.

We would amend it to read:

The Executive Council of the Association is elected by the General Assembly, which is made up of the members of the Association in attendance and absent members who have voted electronically according to the procedures established by the Executive Council.

This will need to be ratified (electronically) by the General Assembly.

We will post a notice on our website as follows:

Because of COVID, many colleagues will be attending the conference virtually and therefore we have initiated an electronic voting process that allows all members to vote online and that eliminates the need for proxy voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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