

Standing Orders – updated via vote 28th February 2024

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1.4 Election of the Victorian Rover Council Office Bearers

1.4.1: All Victorian Rovers are eligible to nominate or be nominated as candidates as long as they meet the eligibility requirements. The specific requirements for each Office Bearer position shall be outlined in the respective position descriptions.

1.4.2 The election of Office Bearers shall be conducted annually at the May meeting of the VRC, with the successful candidates assuming office as of the 1st of July of that year. All non-appointed Office Bearer positions will be open for election with the incumbent Office Bearers continuing on in their role until 30th of June. During the period between the election and assumption of office of the elected Office Bearer, an effective handover shall be conducted between the incumbent and elected Office Bearer.

1.4.3 Nominations for VRC Office Bearer positions shall be open at the March VRC meeting and close as specified by the Returning Officer, at most a week prior to the May VRC meeting, except for the positions as outlined below. Following receipt of nominations, the Returning Officer shall notify each candidate's Unit Leader of the nomination, or appropriate person if the Unit Leader is not available, or is the person nominating for the role. The Returning Officer may ask the VRC secretary for assistance in this duty.

1.4.3.1 Where no nominations are received for a position by the date specified by the Returning Officer the position shall remain open until the election of said position.

1.4.3.2 Nominations for the VRC Chairman will open at the March VRC meeting and close as specified by the Returning Officer, at most a week prior to the April VRC meeting. All nominations must be accepted or declined by the date specified by the Returning Officer. Where there are two or more candidates for the position of Chair, an election shall be held at the April VRC meeting.

1.4.3.3 Nominations for the position of VRC Training Officer will open at the March VRC meeting and close at the May meeting of the Rover Training Support Team. The Returning Officer shall advise the Rover Training Support team of any nominations, and if they meet eligibility criteria. The Rover Training Support Team will nominate a candidate to be confirmed by a vote of the VRC at the May meeting.

1.4.3.4 Following receipt of nominations, the nominated Rover shall notify their Unit Council of the nomination. The Unit Council will advise the State Commissioner - Rover Support that the nominee meets all the requirements to be a member of the Unit and that their nomination is endorsed. This confirmation should occur no later than two weeks after the nominee's appointment. Should a person who was previously endorsed not satisfy this

endorsement at a later stage, the Unit Council should notify the relevant Rover Adviser accordingly.

1.4.4 Voting procedures shall be as following:

1.4.4.1 Rovers nominated for a position at a meeting they are not present at must have accepted the nomination in writing.

1.4.4.2 Where the Chairman of the VRC meeting where elections are being held is not seeking re-election as an Office Bearer, they may choose to act as Returning Officer. Otherwise, the State Commissioner – Rover Support or Assistant State Commissioner – Rover Support will take the Chair and act as Returning Officer.

1.4.4.3 Voting shall be by secret ballot and where there are three or more candidates, instant runoff preferential voting will be used.

1.4.4.4 Quorum

1.4.4.4.1 The quorum for VRC is 66%. Votes cannot occur if attendance is below this and all voting items should remain on the table or be withdrawn by the author. If abstain votes bring the total number of votes counted below the quorum, the voting item should remain on the table or be withdrawn by the author.

1.4.4.4.2 In this scenario, Victorian Rover Council delegates who aggregate 16 (2 per Region), will be used as a practical example. If, from the 16 potential votes, 6 are recorded as abstentions (for whatever reason Including a pre-existing, or perceived, conflict of Interest), 4 are "NO" votes and the balance (6) are recorded as "YES" the motion would be carried. In this Instance, the "ABSTAIN" votes are not counted and the potential maximum number of votes would be 10. Six "YES" votes would be a majority and, as Indicated above, the motion would pass

1.4.5 Where a casual vacancy exists, a candidate will be nominated by the VRC Chair with a confirmation vote to be held at the next VRC meeting. In the event of a casual vacancy for the position of Training Officer, the Rover Training Support Team will nominate a replacement candidate.