I1 A7: Internal Rules of Procedure

Proposers Executive Committee

Motion text

From line 400 to 403:

~~If the tie occurs between two candidates in an election, and only one may be elected, a vote shall be held to decide between them. If the result is once again a tie, the body voting may choose to vote once more or decide by some form of chance. At any point during this, either candidate may choose to withdraw.~~

During the vote calculation process, systems such as Scottish STV calculate how to break ties in elections using the preferences set out in earlier rounds of voting. If this still creates a tie or there is insufficient data to do the calculations, the candidate who wins in that round is chosen at random. If it is determined by the Presidency that the final winners of an election varies according to random chance then:

Between the candidates involved in the tie, the candidate with the most first preferences takes the position. If the candidates are tied in first preferences, then second preferences are counted. This process is continued until all preferences are exhausted.

If a result still cannot be determined due to a tie, the Presidency may opt to delay the final decision and schedule a further head-to-head vote between the tied candidates. This vote may take place after the conclusion of the General Assembly, in which case responsibility for organising and conducting the election will pass to the Executive Committee. Additional head-to-head votes may be held as necessary until the tie is resolved.

Reason

At the last GA in Dublin, we had a precedent where our current wording for tie-breakers did not give a clear direction on what steps the presidency must take to resolve a tie-break. In collaboration with the previous and proposed presidencies, the EC proposes this process to resolve tie-breakers for the future. As we are likely having competitive elections in the GA in Paris, the EC has also proposed a statutory resolution, which would apply these rules to elections happening in this GA in Paris.

Statutory resolutions have already been done in the past, with the latest case being at the GA in Barcelona.