

## **B6.2 VOTING AT OR BY PROXY AT THE FIRST BUSINESS MEETING OF THE FISCAL YEAR**

B6.2.1 Ten to 60 days prior to the first Business Meeting of the fiscal year, the Executive Director shall provide a proxy to each corporate member. This proxy shall solicit the authorization by such member for the three most recent available past Presidents or any one of them to exercise the vote of the corporate member for the election of officers and for any other business that is presented to the first Business Meeting of the fiscal year or any adjournment thereof. A list of the nominees proposed by the Nominating Committee and any special nominating committee shall be a part of the proxy distribution.

A member shall return the proxy in a manner specified by the Society, which may be by mail, facsimile or electronic mail, provided such electronic mail is transmitted with information from which it can be reasonably determined that the proxy was authorized by such member.

B6.2.2 If any special nominating committee (as defined in B4.2.8) has been organized and has presented a list of nominees to the Executive Director, the Executive Director shall provide to each member entitled to vote a proxy listing the nominees proposed by the Nominating Committee and the nominees proposed by such special nominating committee. Biographical and other material included with the proxy shall give equal exposure to all nominees.

B6.2.3 On or before the first day of October each year, the President shall appoint a Committee of Inspectors of Proxies and Ballots, whose duty shall be to supervise the examination, validation, and counting of proxies and to report at the first Business Meeting of the fiscal year as to the number of members represented there by proxy.

The Committee shall consist of a corporate member, and either the Chief Financial Officer or the Assistant Secretary and shall include a member or representative of any special nominating committee whose slate has been distributed. The Committee shall supervise the counting of the ballots at the first Business Meeting of the fiscal year.

B6.2.4 At the first Business Meeting of the fiscal year the Committee of Inspectors of Proxies and Ballots shall report on the number of proxies thereon returned by corporate members. Following the report of the Committee of Inspectors of Proxies and Ballots, the Presiding Officer shall conduct an election for officers of the Society. Corporate members present who have not executed proxies will vote in person. Corporate members who have executed proxies but have withdrawn the proxies prior to the tabulation presented by the Committee of Inspectors of Proxies and Ballots, may also vote in person. Corporate members holding valid proxies will cast proxy ballots. When the results of the election are known, the Presiding Officer will announce the results of the election to the Business Meeting.

B6.2.5 The terms of office of those elected at the first Business Meeting of the fiscal year shall begin at the second Business Meeting of the fiscal year at a specific time designated each year by the Board of Governors.