



By-Law: Referendum

This By-Law describes the process and procedures for referendums at the GSA.

1. Introduction

1.1. Interpretation

This By-Law shall be subject at all times to the provisions of the Articles and shall be read in conjunction therewith.

1.2. Alterations of the By-Law

These By-Laws shall be amended from time to time by Association Council by a two-thirds majority.

2. Process and procedure:

2.1. A referendum shall be held if:

2.1.1. Triggered by a petition signed by 2% of members

2.2. Referendum voting shall take the form of a secret ballot in which members are asked to vote either yes, no or abstain to a motion.

2.3. Voting shall begin no less than 15 clear days (excluding bank holidays and weekends) after the close of a successful petition.

2.4. Once submitted to referendum, the motion cannot be changed and can only be withdrawn by the member who submitted it or by the Returning Officer.

2.5. Quorum shall be

2.5.1. 5% of eligible voting members if passing a question or vote of no confidence or censure with a two-third majority vote.

2.5.2. 10% of eligible voting members if amending the Articles of Association which must pass with a two-thirds majority.

- 2.6. Provisions must be made for members to debate the motion before the beginning of voting.
- 2.7. Campaigning for or against a motion must be conducted in accordance with the campaign rules as outlined in the election By-Law.
- 2.8. Campaigning shall only start once a campaign briefing has been given.
- 2.9. Referendum voting will last for 5 working days.
- 2.10. The referendum shall pass with a majority of over 50% in favour (or two thirds to carry a change to the articles). Spoiled/rejected/no preference votes given will not be included in determining the percentage of the votes to pass.