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Solicitation of Interest  The AC members may decided to solicit interest from a wider group than those in attendance at the meeting, including, but not limited to:   * other AC members not in attendance, * AC members whose term is expiring at the end of the year, * AC members elect, and * outside individuals, such as NRO or RIR staff, or member of the NRO/ASO community.   7.3. Time Constrained Appointment Requests  The AC Chair may decide to make the appointment by eVote after discussion on the mailing list[[1]](#footnote-1), in order to meet appointment deadline.  7.4. eVotes  All eVotes must have a scheduled start and end date and time, in a specified time zone. The voting must be open for no less than seven days. Approximately one day before the scheduled end of voting time, each AC member will get an email noting if their individual vote has been recorded, instructions on how to vote, and the total number of votes cast. The election will close at the end of the scheduled voting time or may close early if all AC members have voted. The appointment will be based on a relative majority if more than half of the AC members have voted.  7.4.1. eVotes for Multiple Appointments  In the event of an election for multiple appointments, members will be permitted as many votes as there are appointments to fill. Each member may vote for as many or as few candidates as they desire, up to the maximum set in terms of 7.4.1, but may not submit more than one vote per candidate. The appointments will be based on a relative majority where the candidates with the most votes will fill the available appointments, provided more than half of the AC members have voted.  7.4.2. eVotes for an Unknown Number of Appointments  It is possible that an eVote can be held where the number of appointments is not known in advance. In this case, members will be permitted as many votes as the number of candidates, or such smaller number as may be decided prior to the start of the eVote. Each member may vote for as many or as few candidates as they desire, up to the maximum set in terms of 7.4.2, but may not submit more than one vote per candidate. The threshold for determining an appointment must be decided prior to the start of the eVote. Some examples include but are not limited to:   * all candidates tied for first will be selected, * all candidates within two votes of the the lead candidate will be selected, * the number of votes cast for the candidate in third position will be determined, and all candidates will be selected who receive at least that many votes, or who fall short of that threshold by no more than two votes will be selected, * all candidates with a simple majority of votes will be selected.   7.4.3. eVote Extensions  If half or less of the AC have voted, the election will be extended another seven days, unless the AC Chair decides otherwise due to relevant time-restrictions or requirements at a given time. In such a situation the decision of the Chair should  be explicitly documented and the AC should be informed.   * An email will be sent to all AC members announcing the new end date of the vote, and will list the names of those who have already voted. It will also include voting instructions. * Votes cast prior to the extension period will be counted, so there is no need to cast a vote in the extension period if the AC member has already voted prior to the extension period. * At the conclusion of the extension period, the appointment will be based on a relative majority of those who voted.   7.4.4. eVote Runoffs  In the event that an eVote results in a tie, or similar circumstances, a runoff election will be held including all candidates who were not eliminated during the previous round. To the greatest extent practical, the runoff election will be held in the same manner as the first round, except that, if the first round was an eVote over a period longer than seven days, then the duration of the runoff election will be reduced to seven days, unless the AC Chair decides otherwise due to relevant time-restrictions or requirements at a given time. In such a situation the decision of the Chair should be explicitly documented and the AC should be informed. A runoff election may be closed early if all ASO AC members have voted. This procedure is not included for appointments made in a meeting, as anomalous results can be immediately dealt with through   * discussion, * a newly constrained vote, or * a motion about how the results should be considered   7.5. Updates from Appointees  Upon accepting an appointment, appointees shall provide regular updates to the ASO AC on their work, and the work of the body they are appointed to.   * Appointees may be invited to provide updates during ASO AC meetings. * Updates may be provided via email in addition to, or instead of, attendance at a meeting. * Appointees may be invited to attend ASO AC meetings as observers, even when no updates will be provided.   8. 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Results   * Only a unanimous vote to remove the appointee will result in removal. * As single vote cast to not remove the appointee will result in the appointee remaining in the position. * Abstentions and members not voting is acceptable, provided a simple majority of eligible voters vote in support of removing the appointee. * At the conclusion of the removal eVote, if the results are inconclusive, then the vote will be extended by another 7 days. Each AC member will get an email noting if their individual vote has been recorded, instructions on how to vote, the total number of votes cast, and the new date concluding the election.   11. Amendment of Operating Procedures  These Operating Procedures may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the council or through an electronic vote.  The proposed amendment must receive four-fifths majority support of all members of the Address Council whether at a council meeting or via an electronic vote. 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Time Constrained Appointment Requests~~  ~~The AC Chair may decide to make the appointment by eVote after discussion on the mailing list[[2]](#footnote-2), in order to meet appointment deadline.~~  7.1 Procedures for making the appointment  The AC shall make the appointment by Electronic Vote (eVote) and all the ASO AC members will have the right to cast their vote, following the schedule defined for the e-voting process. In case an urgent appointment is needed, the AC may replace the eVote with a decision taken in a regular or special AC meeting.  7.~~42~~. eVotes  All eVotes must have a scheduled start and end date and time, in a specified time zone. The voting must be open for no less than seven days. Approximately one day before the scheduled end of voting time, each AC member will get an email noting if their individual vote has been recorded, instructions on how to vote, and the total number of votes cast. The election will close at the end of the scheduled voting time or may close early if all AC members have voted. ~~The appointment will be based on a relative majority if more than half of the AC members have voted.~~ The successful candidate will receive a majority of votes from the ASO AC members to be appointed. In the case of a tie, the AC will gather to discuss the remaining candidates before carrying out a re-vote~~.~~  7.~~4.1.~~3. eVotes for Multiple Appointments  In the event of an election for multiple appointments, members will be permitted as many votes as there are appointments to fill. 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That process continues until one candidate has more than half of the votes, and that person is declared the winner.  7.6 Appointment decisions in a regular or special AC meeting.  If an urgent appointment is needed to be made that cannot be carried out in the normal process, e.g. due to extreme time constraints, the appointment will be made by vote of the members of the ASO AC in a regular or special meeting. In these cases, the need to decide on the appointment must be included in the meeting agenda and notified to all ASO AC members with due anticipation.  7.~~5~~7. 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A minimum of 7 days will be granted for AC members to submit their electronic votes, but the process can be concluded as soon as all members register a vote. All amendments to these Operating Procedures shall be approved by the Executive Council of the Number Resource Organization. Proposed amended text must be available for discussion on email at least seven days prior to the start of an eVote |

1. The “ac-discuss” mailing list. This mailing list is used for ASO AC Operations. It has public posting restrictions and it is publicly archived [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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