*Whereas*, a number of sections in the Electoral bylaws lack consistency and transparency,

*Whereas,* improving the consistency and transparency of the Electoral By-laws will improve the process of running a fair election while reducing the potential of error,

*Whereas,* for the purpose of AUS elections and referenda,ballots are counted exclusively through the use of an online voting system, yet a number of sections in the Electoral bylaws refer to obsolete electoral processes such as paper balloting.

*Whereas*, the current tie-breaking method of mandating a random sample of votes to decide the outcome of an election exposes Elections AUS to possible controversy,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Electoral Bylaws be amended as follows:

**Amend 6.5:**

**From:** 6.5 A “Yes” or “No” committee may be formed for any referendum question by members of the Society provided a petition is signed by fifty (50) members of the Society. Signatures shall be accompanied by valid student identification numbers, degree and program year. The petition shall be submitted to Elections AUS at any date prior to polling. At the time of the presentation of such petition to the CRO, the name of the chairperson of the committee must also be submitted to Elections AUS.

**To:** 6.5 A “Yes” or “No” committee may be formed for any referendum question by members of the Society provided a petition is signed by fifty (50) members of the Society. Signatures shall be accompanied by valid student identification numbers, degree and program year. The petition shall be signed by the committee’s chairperson and submitted to Elections AUS no later than two (2) days before the beginning of the campaign period.

**Add 6.8:**

* 1. Elections and Referenda shall be passed by plurality, excluding referenda that amend the AUS  Constitution, which shall be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all votes cast.

**Remove 7.4.2.1:**

7.4.2.1 The Leacock Building is the only building that may have as many as twenty (20) posters in it on one single day.

**Amend 7.4.6:**

**From:** 7.4.6 Any campaign material with one of the slate’s members name, photo, and/or slate name, shall count as one of the candidate’s posters. Slates are not granted additional posters.

**To:** 7.4.6 Any poster with the name or photo of one of the members of a slate shall be counted as one of the candidate's posters. Any poster with the name of a slate shall be counted as one of each candidate's posters. Slates shall not be granted additional posters.

**Amend 9.11:**

**From:** 9.11 Departmental Associations may choose to run their independent elections using the same polling booths as the AUS elections.

9.11.1 Departmental Associations which choose to allow the AUS to administer their elections, ballots from both AUS and departmental and program elections will be counted by clerks supplied by Elections AUS

**To:** 9.11 Departmental Associations of the AUS may choose to allow Elections AUS to administer their independent elections on their behalf.

**Amend 10.1:**

**From:** 10.1 Whenever possible, ballots shall be cast through an online voting system. This system shall utilize the highest security encryption that is reasonably available to Elections AUS

**To:** 10.1 All ballots shall be cast through an online voting system which shall use the highest security encryption that is reasonably available to Elections AUS

**Remove 10.3:**

10.3 All official polling stations must have at least one computer set up to be used exclusively for members of the Society to vote with.

**Remove the entirety of Article 11:** “Paper Balloting, Vote Counting, and Scrutineering”

**Remove the entirety of Article 12:** “Tie Votes”

**Remove the entirety of Article 13:** “Recounts”

**Amend 14.1:**

**From:** 14.1 Upon immediate completion of the ballot counting, the CRO shall announce publicly the official results of the elections and the referenda

**To:** 14.1 The CRO shall announce publicly the official results of the elections and referenda within 24 hours of Elections AUS witnessing the online polling results.

**Add 14.3:**

14.3 If two or more leading candidates have received an equal number of votes, a run-off election shall take place between the tied leading candidates no later than two (2) working days after the end of the regular polling period for that election.

**Add 14.3.1:**

14.3.1 If two leading candidates have received an equal number of votes, they may jointly petition the CRO to waive the run-off election and hold a random sample of the vote to determine which of the tied candidates wins the election. The sampling shall take place no later than five (5) working days after the end of the regular polling period for that election, in the presence of the CRO, both tied candidates, and one (1) witness per candidate.

**Add 14.4:**

14.4 In the event of a tied vote, the CRO shall announce publicly the official results of the elections and referenda as soon as the tied vote is resolved per Article 14.3 or 14.3.1.

**Renumber articles and sections accordingly.**

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