

4. Elections

Election of Officials and Executive Council Members

- 4.1 ~~One month before~~ In the month prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) the members will decide by a postal ballot or by electronic means:

Change para 4.1 to start with the wording of CON para 12.2., which is being removed.

Reason: 'In the month prior to' makes more sense as a time-frame rather than 'One month before' which might only be one certain day. The CON providing the overarching direction ('Before the AGM') and the GR&P the additional detail ('In the month prior').

- a. the new Executive Council members, and
- b. (in alternate years) the breed section representatives.

Addition to para 4.1 b. **Reason:** Breed rep elections are only held every two years as mentioned in para 3.37.

Voting

- 4.2 Voting papers will be sent to all eligible voting members along with a copy of all the candidates' biographies or each eligible member will be provided with access to electronic voting. If voting is via electronic means, biographical information will be placed on the NZCF website or circulated by other means and the membership advised of this. This will be sent 28 days prior to the date set for the AGM.
- 4.3 The voting papers must be returned by the date specified on the ballot paper. Any that are received after this date shall not be counted. Note that any postmarked envelopes that are marked prior to the cut-off date but received after the cut-off date will also be disregarded. It is the member's responsibility to ensure that their votes are counted. If voting is via electronic means, each member shall be responsible for completing their vote by electronic means by the required date.
- 4.4 The votes shall be counted after the voting papers have all been received. ~~The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. Where multiple vacancies exist, then the candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. In the case of a tie, the result shall be decided by lot. Scrutineering (if any) of the voting paper count shall be by whatever method is determined as appropriate by the Executive Council.~~

Delete most of para 4.4 as indicated. **Reason:** Already existed in the CON, now numbered 10.3 a. and b. Removed to avoid duplicated content.

Term of Office

- 4.5 ~~Where there is a three (3) year term and a unexpired term vacancy to be filled the candidate with the most votes shall get the 3 year term and the next highest polling~~

candidate shall get the next three (3) year term and the next highest shall get the unexpired term left by the vacated position

Delete para 4.5 and heading. **Reason:** Now included with CON para 10.3 c. Removed to avoid duplicated content.

4.6 ~~Elected officers shall take office at the conclusion of the AGM at which they were elected.~~

Delete para 4.6. **Reason:** Now included with CON para 10.3 d. This para removed to avoid duplicated content.

4.7 ~~All retiring officers and officials shall be eligible for re-election but must also complete the nomination process outlined at 3.2.~~

Delete para 4.7. **Reason:** Now included with CON para 10.2 f. This para removed to avoid duplicated content.

Composition

4.8 The NZCF Executive council shall have a minimum of six (6) council members at all times and:

- a. have a Chairperson that is elected at the first Executive Council meeting following the Annual General Meeting, the elected council members will as the first order of business make a determination as to who will be their Chairperson and Vice-chairperson from the elected council members;
- b. shall appoint council members to be the portfolio managers each looking after a separate portfolio, and appoint a buddy to assist and support each portfolio manager;
- c. should either or both the Chairperson or Vice-chairperson for any reason have vacated or be obliged to vacate their position then the Executive Council will elect from their members a replacement or replacements for part of unexpired term of the vacant council positions until the next AGM;
- d. shall fill any vacancy on the Executive Council in accordance with para ~~4.4~~ 10.5 of the Constitution; and

Change CON reference to 10.5. **Reason:** New para number.

- e. the Chairperson shall be the sole and official spokesperson for the NZCF.