

International Commission of Military History

## **Rules for the five-year statutory elections**

### **1. Election committee**

- Art. 1** An election committee shall be in charge of preparing the statutory elections, which will take place under its supervision.
- Art. 2** The election committee is made up of 3 members, including one president and one secretary. Its composition is proposed by the Bureau and approved by the General Meeting of the CIHM.

### **2. Applications to the Bureau of the CIHM**

- Art. 3** Any national commission whose CIHM dues are up to date may propose a candidate for all of the positions on the CIHM Bureau.
- Art. 4** Candidates elected to several positions can only hold one of them. He/she must choose.
- Art. 5** A national commission can only have one representative on the CIHM Bureau.
- Art. 6** The application letter, sent to the secretary general of the CIHM, shall bear three signatures: the candidate's, the president's and that of the secretary general of the relevant national commission.
- Art. 7** The application letter for a position on the CIHM Bureau must reach the secretary general of the CIHM by the end of April of the five-year statutory election year. He sends it to the secretary of the election committee. Within 30 days, the election committee shall inform national commissions of the names and CVs of candidates.
- Art. 8** The validity of each application shall be examined and formally verified by the election committee. This normally takes place at the Congress during which the statutory elections are held.

### **3. Elections**

- Art. 9** During this meeting of Congress, the names of candidates shall be displayed in such a way as to avoid any confusion.
- Art. 10** The election committee shall examine the validity of the credentials of those qualified to vote.
- Art. 11** The only people qualified to vote on behalf of a national commission are the president or, failing this, any other duly appointed member of the commission. The national commission can only give one person the power to vote.
- Art. 12** Elections take place in the following order:
- a) President
  - b) Secretary general
  - c) Treasurer/Assistant secretary general
  - d) Members of the Bureau
- Art. 13** The president of the election committee shall summon the various national commissions to allow them to vote.
- Art. 14** During the election of the president, the secretary general and the treasurer/assistant secretary general, only one name shall be entered on the ballot paper.

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- Art. 15** The ballot paper handed in to elect Bureau members shall not include more names than the number of vacant positions, otherwise it shall be declared invalid.
- Art. 16** The president, secretary general and treasurer/assistant secretary general are elected by an absolute majority of votes cast. If necessary, several ballots may take place.
- Art. 17** Members of the Bureau are elected by a simple majority. Candidates with the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, a second ballot shall take place for the final positions.

### 4. Postal votes

- Art. 1** For statutory elections, the CIHM Bureau may authorise a national commission to vote by post, provided said national commission cannot be represented at the Ordinary General Meeting for reasons of *force majeure*.
- Art. 19** National commissions authorised to vote by post shall send the following to the secretary of the election committee:
- one sheet with the name of the selected president,
  - one sheet with the name of the selected secretary general,
  - one sheet with the name of the selected treasurer/assistant secretary general,
  - one sheet with the name of the selected Bureau members (at most the number of members matching the number of posts vacant).
- Art. 20** Each sheet, authenticated with the signatures of the president or the vice president and the secretary general, shall be placed in a separate sealed envelope and labelled "President", "Secretary general", "Treasurer" and "Members".
- Art. 21** The secretary of the election committee must be in possession of the postal vote ballot papers at the start of the Ordinary General Meeting. Envelopes shall be opened when counting begins.

### 5. Declaration of results

- Art. 22** The president of the election committee shall announce the results of the various ballots verbally. Unless the legality of election operations is disputed by the General Meeting, elected candidates shall be deemed to be invested in office.

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