

## Referendum # 1: Method of Election

### In-Person Ballot Frame Work and Guidelines

- a) **Locations:** To cover the entire area of Dallas Fort Worth suggested ballot booth centers are Plano; Irving and Fort Worth.
- b) **Timings:** Elections to conduct over three weeks every Saturday from 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Only one center will be open on a given Saturday. All life Members can vote in any one center of their choice. There will be two booths in each of the center.
- c) **Mail-In Ballot:** TANTEX life members living outside Dallas Fort Worth Metro area as stipulated under Article VIII (m) Sec 13.1 will receive a Mail-In ballot provided they send a photo Identification with proof of residence within seven days to match the address given in TANTEX Directory as of July 31<sup>st</sup> during that year as per Article VIII (d) Sec 4.2 after notification of elections on TANTEX website. Also, TANTEX life members living within Dallas Fort Worth Metro area can request Mail-In ballot under special circumstances with the proof of address and photo ID with an explanation of special circumstances to election committee for them to make a decision of mailing the ballot. Special circumstance criteria will be set by BOT, President and President Elect.
- d) Both ballot boxes will be stored with a third party or in a locker with the signatures of election committee on ballot boxes. These ballot boxes will only be opened in the presence of election committee members.

**Table 1:** Following bylaw changes are needed to implement the general body mandated “**Referendum Vote #1 – Method of Election**”

S.No.	Article #	Article Title	Section #	Page #	Current	Need Amendment to	Justification
1	XVI	ELECTION COMMITTEE	10, 10.2	37	To ensure balanced and fair elections, The Election committee shall conduct elections using mail-in postal ballots for all positions declared for elections.	To ensure balanced and fair elections, The Election committee shall conduct elections using manual ballot (in-person voting) for all positions declared for elections.	As motion passed by last general body for the “ <b>Referendum Vote #1 – Method of Election</b> ”, the general elections shall be conducted by election committee using manual ballot (in-person voting)
2	XVI	ELECTION COMMITTEE	10, 10.3	37	All eligible members will be sent an official pre-paid mail-in ballot with appropriate security measures through USPS (United States Postal Service).	All eligible life members will vote by manual ballot voting (In person). Under special circumstance a mail-in ballot will be sent through USPS (United States Postal Service), to eligible life members that meet the criteria set by BOT, President and President Elect.	As motion passed by last general body for the “ <b>Referendum Vote #1 – Method of Election</b> ” the mail-in ballots are sent only for exceptional situations defined by election committee
3	ANNEXURE – 2	TANTEX ELECTION SCHEDULE	(b) Section – 1	48	Mailing of Ballots with Bios	Mailing of contestant Bios for all the eligible members	As motion passed by last general body for the “ <b>Referendum Vote #1 – Method of Election</b> ” there is no need of mailing the ballots by-mail