

Lipu electoral rules for the election of the Board, Audit Committee, and Ethics Committee.

Approved by Lipu's Board on 17 January 2019

- 1) The present rules, pursuant to article 15 of the Lipu Charter, establish the modalities for the exercise of the right to vote of Lipu members for the election of the bodies of the Association, as indicated below.
- 2) Lipu members are invited to express their vote for the election of the Board, the Audit Committee, and the Ethics Committee as per article 15 of the Charter. Within 60 days of the Members' Assembly, Lipu's institutional website www.lipu.it shall publish all necessary information regarding elections pursuant to article 15 of the Lipu Charter.
- 3) In order to have the right to vote, members must meet the following pre-requisites upon the date of publication of the notice convening the Members' Assembly, pursuant to the Charter: a) they have been registered in the Members' Ledger for at least one year; b) they have fully paid all membership fees. Members can only vote if they are eighteen years of age or older. Should a member have turned eighteen between the date of publication of the notice convening the Members' Assembly and the Assembly itself, the vote shall only be considered valid if cast after the member has turned eighteen. In cases of votes pursuant to letter b) of point 8 below, the date of the postmark shall be taken as proof.
- 4) Members who have the right to vote shall receive an electoral ballot by post, which ballot will also bear the present rules and the list of candidates for the Board, Audit Committee, and Ethics Committee. Should a member fail to receive this ballot in a timely fashion, they may request a duplicate from Lipu's national office at any time during the fifteen days prior to the date of the Assembly.
- 5) Members that meet the conditions set out under article 9 of the Lipu Charter are entitled to a single vote, which shall be cast by their legal representative.
- 6) By marking the appropriate boxes on the ballot, Members can vote for up to 15 candidates for the Board, five candidates for the Audit Committee, including two alternates, and five candidates for the Ethics Committee, including two alternates.
- 7) The electoral ballot is voided in the following cases: a) voting for a number of candidates higher than that specified in the previous article 6; b) if a ballot has been tampered with, is illegible, or bears marks and writing that is not necessary or directly related to the election; c) in cases specified under point 9 of the present Rules; d) if the voter was under the age of eighteen when casting the ballot.
- 8) Electoral ballots can be: a) manually dropped by the voting Member in the ballot box available at the Members Assembly, no later than 18:00 on the date of the Assembly; b) sent by post no later than the date of the Members Assembly to Lipu's national office, Via Udine 3/A, 43122 Parma; the ballot must arrive within twenty-nine days from the date of the Assembly. The date of the postmark shall be taken as proof.
- 9) In order to ensure verification of the identity and eligibility to vote of the voting Member, the ballots sent by post must include the name, address, place and date of birth, and fiscal code of the voting Member; failure to include this information shall result in the ballot being voted. In order to make the ballot anonymous, the section of the ballot that includes the personal data of the voting member shall be removed before the vote tally.

10) Electoral procedures for Lipu Uk (United Kingdom) members are defined by a specific set of rules.

11) Candidacies sponsored by the Board, pursuant to article 15 of the Lipu Charter, are defined through an ad hoc Board resolution.

12) Candidacies sponsored by a Delegation, pursuant to article 15 of the Lipu Charter, in addition to being in compliance with the Charter and the present Rules, must be accompanied, under penalty of voidance: a) by a letter, signed by the Delegate, sponsoring the candidate and including the name, place and date of birth, and fiscal code of said candidate; b) a copy of the Delegate's identification document; c) a statement accepting the candidacy on the part of the candidate. Each Delegation can sponsor up to two candidates for the Board and one each for the other bodies.

13) The candidacy for a Member, pursuant to article 15 of the Lipu Charter, in addition to being in compliance with the Charter and the present Rules, must be accompanied, under penalty of voidance: a) include the name, place and date of birth, and fiscal code of the candidate; b) a letter of sponsorship signed by at least ten fully paid-up members, bearing the name, place and date of birth, fiscal code, a copy of an identification document, and the signature of each one of the members sponsoring the candidacy; c) a statement accepting the candidacy on the part of the candidate. Individual members may only support a single candidate for each one of the bodies.

14) The candidacies described under points 12 and 13 must be sent by post to Lipu's national office, Via Udine 3/A, 43122 Parma, and must arrive – with no exceptions - no later than 70 days before the date of the Assembly.

15) The fifteen Board candidates with the most votes will be elected to the Board; the five Audit Committee candidates with the most votes will be elected to the Audit Committee, the first three as full members and the fourth and fifth as alternates; the five Ethics Committee candidates with the most votes will be elected to the Ethics Committee, the first three as full members and the fourth and fifth as alternates. In order to promote the principles of equal opportunity and gender balance, female candidates will be reserved a preferential quota of three seats. As such, the three female candidates who receive the most votes shall in any case have the right to be elected to the Board.

16) The ballots are scrutinized and counted jointly by the President, the Vice President or a Councillor appointed by them, and by at least one member of the Audit Committee; they can avail themselves of technical support on the part of Lipu operators or volunteers. Ballot counting is public and shall take place at the Lipu national office no less than thirty days from the date of the Assembly. The outcome of the election is made known to the membership through publication in at least one of Lipu's institutional bodies.

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