

**BF Election Timeline Chart for 2013 Elections– See also the Election Timetable**

16 January 2013

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total minimum lead time – about two-and-a-half months (i.e. 1 month + 30 working days)</b> <input type="checkbox"/>						
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>QD to CD must be at least 20 working days, at most 3 months</b> <input type="checkbox"/>						
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Minimum 1 month</b> <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Max. 5 wkg. Days</b> <input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Minimum 15 working days</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Board meeting</b>	<b>Announcement of the Nomination Date, the Qualifying Date &amp; the Closing Date</b>	<b>Nomination Date</b> (by which nominations must be received)	<b>Qualifying Date</b> (on which you must be a member in order to vote)	<b>Dispatch of Ballot Papers</b>	<b>Closing Date for voting.</b>	<b>Candidates notified of result of ballot and result published on BF website</b>
To fix the Nomination Date, the Qualifying Date and the Closing Date.	By publication on the BF website. May also be in The Sword or by such other means as the Board decides.	Must be at least 1 month after the date on which the Nomination Date is announced		Must be not more than 5 working days after the Qualifying Date.	Must be: (i) not less than 15 working days after last date for dispatch of Ballot Papers; (ii) not less than 20 working days, and not more than 3 months, after the Qualifying Date; (iii) not more than 6 months before the next AGM.	Candidates must be notified on next working day after HQ is notified of the results (by the Electoral Reform Society).  Publication on website must be within 5 working days of date on which candidates are notified.
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012</b>	<b>Announcement of ND, QD &amp; CD: Monday 21 January 2013</b>	<b>Nomination Date: Friday 22 February 2013</b>	<b>Qualifying Date: also Friday 22 February 2013</b>	<b>Last date for dispatch of ballot papers: Friday 1 March 2013</b>	<b>Closing date for voting: Friday 22 March 2013</b>	<b>Announcement of Results: Friday 29 March 2013</b>