

Summary of March 2014 amendments to BF Bye Law VI re elections

(Note: this summary is for convenience only, and the Bye Law itself prevails in the event of any difference between this note and the Bye Law. All persons are deemed to have read and be aware of the actual provisions of the Bye Laws.)

1(c) and (d): For practical reasons, amend so as to make clear that:

- the onus is on each member to provide BF with at least one correct email address or postal address before the Nomination Date;
- if a member has given BF an email address then that member can only receive the voting papers by email and not by post, and can only vote electronically and not by post;
- if a member gives BF more than one email address or more than one postal address, BF is only obliged to send to one of those addresses and is not obliged to observe the member's preferred choice of address;
- BF is not responsible for emails/papers which are sent to the correct address but which are not received, or go into spam filters, or for any other reason are not seen by the member;
- if BF is notified of non-receipt by a member before the Closing Date BF will re-send the ballot (but the Closing Date will not be extended).
 - NB this will only apply in any case to ballots which are (i) sent to the correct address but not received, or (ii) sent to a wrong address even though the member gave BF the right address, or (iii) not sent at all through error by BF or the organisation conducting the ballot; it will not apply if the member had originally given the wrong address or no address;
- members are deemed to be aware of the election, and of all relevant dates, by reason of the announcement of the election on the BF website, whether they look at the website or not.
- "writing" to include email but not fax, text or social media.

2(a)(i): Employees of BF to be precluded from nominating candidates.

2(h)(i): Amend "on or before the Nomination Date" to "by not later than 12 noon on the Nomination Date". (The current wording allows delivery up to midnight, which is impractical to check. A 12 noon deadline already applies for receipt of completed voting ballots.)

4(b): This should refer to the Nomination Date, not the Qualifying Date.

4 (c): should refer to information contained in "and if applicable accompanying" the ballot papers, to be consistent with 4(a).

6(bb): Delete this as it only applied to the March 2013 election; also delete the references to (bb) in 6(a) and 6(b).

6(c): Results to be sent to candidates by email (or post if candidate has given BF a postal address only and not an email address) **not later than** the next working day after the results are known by BFHQ. (At present notification is required to be given "on" the next working day, but in practice, immediate notification is usual now.)

6(d): Results to be published on BF website after being sent to candidates but not later than the next working day after being sent to candidates. (At present, five working days is allowed for publication on the website, which is an unnecessary delay.)

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In addition, the Board approved the following amendment to the Nomination Form:

- "Occupation and position held within employing organisation (if applicable)": Delete "within employing organisation", so as to cover self-employed people etc as well as employed.