

Regional Council – Election for President

Rule of the Confederation of the St Vincent de Paul Society, Part 3, Article 9 & 13

Electors:

- Conference Presidents, Vice Presidents, Appointed Officers and President
- Candidates, if they are electors, can vote for themselves
- As a preference, all eligible votes should be in attendance.

Election candidates:

- The candidates should be a Roman Catholic. See The Rule Part 1 Article 6.5
- Must have completed nominations in advertised period
- Nominations to be signed by a nominator (Vincentian Conference member) + candidate
- Any Vincentian Conference Member can nominate.
- Candidates should be interviewed by the Central Council President
- Central Council will reserve the right to decline a nomination
- An interview with the outgoing President is essential
- The outgoing President is not eligible for re-election

Voting:

- The Central Council President or nominee will preside over the election
- Candidate(s) must be prepared to promote their Vincentian manifesto
- Ballots are distributed by the scrutineer
- Ballots are counted by the scrutineer + 1 independent
- In the first ballot, you may place a tick or #1 in the box beside the chosen candidate
- **A candidate needs a clear majority to be elected**
- In the event of a tied election, a 2nd round vote should be taken of the 2 tied nominees
- If a stalemate arises, then the President of the Central Council will appoint a President from the nominees that have an equal number of votes
- Proxy votes can be admissible in the 1st round and 2nd round if supplied
- Postal votes are permitted in exceptional circumstances after consultation with the Central Council President.
- The term of the President of a Regional Council is 4 years
- Current Vice Presidents & Appointed Officers will stand down at the time of the election
- New Vice Presidents & Appointed Officers are appointed by the new President with Regional Council approval.

NOTE:

- The term of office does not exceed four (4) years (amendment to the Rule)
- If there is only one candidate, it cannot be assumed that an election is not required.
- A sole candidate must achieve a majority of the eligible votes.
- If there is not a successful election, the decision on the future of the Regional Council is in the hands of the Central Council to appoint an acting President, OR, to call a new election.