

Frequently Asked Questions – Election Procedures

What is the benefit of a directed proxy?

A directed proxy ensures that the member's intentions are correctly captured. If a member wishes to let their proxy decide, the member will have the option of not directing their proxy how to vote.

Can someone still be nominated for a Council position from the floor?

Yes. If there are unfilled Council positions at the AGM, nominations can still be taken from the floor. Floor nominations are only for unfilled positions.

Can someone still be nominated for Council after the AGM Papers are sent out?

Only if there are unfilled positions at the AGM, in which case nominations can be taken from the floor. Directed proxies can only vote for floor nominations to the extent that such a vote is not contrary to or in conflict with the direction they have been given.

Frequently Asked Questions – Special Councillors

What difference would having Special Councillors make to VBA Members?

Very little, because this amendment is largely formalising existing practice. The NSW experience with Special Councillors suggests that in the long-run, we can expect better co-ordination across the State to attract more people to our great game. Of course, we are working to attract some of those new players to the VBA!

Does this affect the ownership of the assets of the VBA?

Absolutely not. The VBA's assets will still be owned by the VBA and the VBA members will still be the only members of the company under Corporations law.

Could one of the Special Councillors become President of the VBA?

A Special Councillor will only be able to become President (or one of the other Officers) if directly elected to that position by the members. This person would have to be a VBA member and resign as a Special Councillor in becoming an Officer of the VBA.

If this amendment passes, when will there be Special Councillors on the VBA Council?

If this amendment passes at the 2013 AGM, we'll call for nominations for Special Councillors immediately. We would then expect to have Special Councillors from early in 2014.

Are Special Councillors different from ordinary Councillors once they're elected?

All Councillors have the same rights and responsibilities as directors of the VBA as a company. All company directors are required by law to act in the best interests of the company.