

## FIGO World Congress 2021 Voting methodology in Trustee and Council elections

Following agreement by the Officer Trustees and based on feedback received at the FIGO Council meeting in June 2021, the following methodology will be employed in the forthcoming Trustee and Council elections in 2021.

### Voting procedure (for Trustee and Council elections)

- Member societies are allocated a 'weighted' vote based on their declared numbers of members for 2021. This voting allocation ranges from one vote to seven votes.
- Each society eligible to vote will be asked to nominate one voting delegate (and one voting delegate assistant / surrogate who will be able to cast the Society's vote if the voting delegate is unable to do so).
- When the Society vote is cast, it will record the weighted vote and so only needs to be cast once.
- Votes will be cast using an online electronic platform.
- Proxy voting and instruction will also be made available separately.

### Trustee elections

- All voting for Trustee positions will take place on an elimination basis i.e. where there is more than one candidate, separate rounds of voting will take place with a candidate eliminated at each round of voting until one candidate achieves more than 50% of the votes cast.
- The voting order for the Officer Trustee positions will be as follows- President Elect, Vice President, Honorary Secretary and finally Honorary Treasurer.

### Council elections

- All voting for Council positions will use the traditional method of voting at FIGO elections which operate on an elimination basis.
- Societies who have been nominated will be listed alphabetically when presented for voting.
- At each round of Council voting, any Member who receives less than 10% of the vote will be eliminated.

N.B. Due to the guaranteed provision of regional representation on Council, and the number of societies nominated for Council, there are several distinct voting rounds for Council elections which are as follows:

- **Regional Voting Rounds** – in this election, we will be electing ‘guaranteed’ Council seats for the following regions
  1. Asia Oceania – separate voting rounds will be undertaken until 3 societies remain and are duly elected
  2. Europe - separate voting rounds will be undertaken until 1 society remains and is duly elected
  3. North America – one voting round will be undertaken until 2 societies remain and are duly elected
- **Preliminary Global voting rounds** – Societies who are either ineligible or unsuccessful, in respect of the previous Regional Voting Rounds, are included in these preliminary rounds. The number of these separate preliminary rounds of voting is determined by the number of nominations received and is required to be undertaken to produce a final list of member societies. The top 3 from each preliminary round will progress to a final Global voting round.
- **Final Global voting round** – This includes those Societies who have not been eliminated in previous preliminary rounds of Global voting. Separate rounds of voting will be undertaken with a society being eliminated at each stage until 6 societies remain who will be duly elected.

N.B. Any necessary further detail will be circulated prior to the Congress.