

Ranked Choice Voting Amendment to the Bylaws

Motion: To amend the Sigma Xi bylaws to implement Ranked Choice (Instant Runoff) voting when there are three or more candidates for an office. Current Bylaws in blue, added amendment in red:

C. Voting. Voting for officers shall be by ballot, which may be electronic. Each active full and associate member shall have one vote. The vote shall be completed within one month of the Assembly of Delegates. In the case of three or more candidates for a particular office, the election will be conducted using instant runoff voting according to these guidelines:

1. The ballot shall give voters the option of ranking candidates in order of preference.
2. If a candidate receives a majority (over 50 percent) of first preferences, that candidate is elected.
3. If no candidate receives a majority of first preferences, an instant runoff retabulation shall be performed by the elections committee within five business days of the election. The instant runoff retabulation shall be conducted in rounds. In each round, each voter's ballot shall count as a single vote for whichever continuing candidate the voter has ranked highest. The candidate with the fewest votes after each round shall be eliminated until one candidate receives a majority (over 50 percent) of the votes and is elected.

Approved by the Committee on Nominations on May 30, 2023.

Approved by the Board of Directors on September 11, 2023.