

FELDENKRAIS GUILD® of North America

E1.5.2 ELECTIONS PROTOCOL

1. The election procedure for election to Guild-wide office, shall be as follows:
 - 1.1 The Executive Director shall appoint the Elections Coordinator and one or more Tellers.
 - 1.2 The Elections Coordinator shall issue all paper and electronic ballots, including candidate statements, when available.
 - 1.2.1 All ballots shall be prepared in a manner that insures voter anonymity.
 - 1.2.2 The Executive Director shall approve paper and electronic ballots before distribution.
 - 1.3 The Elections Coordinator shall deliver a web or otherwise electronic ballot report using voting online or software to the Executive Director as stated in Section 3 herein.
 - 1.4 The Elections Coordinator and Teller(s) shall observe the opening of the paper ballot envelopes to count the votes.
 - 1.5 The Elections Coordinator shall check the signatures and numbers on the returned envelopes against his/her records. In the presence of the Teller(s), he/she shall remove the ballots from their sealed return envelopes. He/she shall preserve in his/her possession the outer, signed envelopes and ALL ballots (including the electronic ballot report) including those found invalid, for a period of nine (9) months after the results of the election are declared final by the Board of Directors (“Board”).
2. The Elections Coordinator and the Teller(s) shall count the paper ballots in the following manner:
 - 2.1 The ballots shall be divided into two piles, with one pile going to the Elections Coordinator, the other to the Teller(s).
 - 2.2 Each shall tally the results of the ballots on the appropriate forms and then switch piles and count those.
 - 2.3 Results shall be compared. If the results aren’t the same, Teller(s) and Elections Coordinator will recount until the count is the same.
3. The Elections Coordinator will tally the paper ballots with the online ballot results and give the results to the Executive Director.
4. The Executive Director will report the results of the ballot count to the Board, for a vote on whether to declare the results official and final, or to take some other action, if there is doubt as to the validity of the election.
5. The Election will be effective as soon as it is declared final by the Board.
6. The Executive Director or the Elections Coordinator as directed by the Executive Director will notify all candidates of the results within five (5) business days.

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