

Proposed changes to the Statutes of the EOU

Proposed for the General Meeting of the EOU during 12th Congress of the EOU, in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, on Friday, 30 August 2019, to take effect in 2021

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Explanation:

In previous years, the procedures for elections at the EOU were not fully clear. After long discussions in the council and in the election committee, Council decided to propose to the membership to approve a clarifying change of our Statutes as detailed below.

We propose to change 5.2 of the EOU Statutes to specify that elections will require paper ballot and relative majority. Below, the passage of the article that is being changed is in italics. Proposed deletions are marked by strike-through, proposed insertions are underlined.

Proposed change:

“5.2 At the General Meeting every member has one vote. Votes are open if not more than one third of the members present ask for a secret ballot. Decisions are taken with simple majority of the voting members. For elections of President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Ordinary Council Members, secret votes are held by paper ballot, and an absolute relative majority of voting members is required in the first ballot; a relative majority is required in any second ballot.”