

Regional Director Elections

Reviewed and agreed by Branches Committee, 21 September 2019

Notice Period

Suitable notice should be given by a retiring RD, preferably at least four months or two Regional Meetings prior to retirement whichever is the longer time.

Notice should be placed in What's Brewing and the relevant regional web page (if there is one).to encourage possible candidates.

Administrator

An Administrator should be appointed by the region; this person should be impartial and independent and not a candidate.

For example, an Area Organiser, the Regional Secretary, Former RD, Deputy RD, NE mentor etc.

Notification of Election and who has the right to vote

The Administrator will need to contact all the branches within the region by letter or email informing them of the vacancy and calling for candidates.

A Role Description should be circulated at this time.

All branches, sub-branches and branches that are partially within the region should have one vote. This can be a proxy vote.

Nominations

Interested parties should then send their nomination (an indication that they are willing to stand with the signature of a proposer and seconder who are CAMRA members from different branches) to the Administrator along with a short biography about themselves and why they feel they should have the position of RD.

Branch Considerations

The Administrator should compile and forward a list of candidates and their biographies to all branches for consideration along with a ballot paper. The date for close of nominations should be a minimum of 5 weeks before the election date, to allow branches time to discuss the candidates in a branch meeting.

If there is a single candidate, the branches should decide if they are happy to endorse this person and if so for how long one year or three years.

For two or more candidates, branches should decide on the rank order of the candidates and if any would not be endorsed by them.

For those wishing to exercise a proxy vote there should be a deadline e.g. two - three days before the Regional Meeting where the election is to be held. The vote should be either signed by the Branch Chairman and one other Committee Member, or if by email it should be forwarded by the Branch Chairman and one other Committee Member.

Note Branches choosing to exercise a proxy vote will not have the opportunity to hear the candidates' addresses or ask questions.



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Election

At the Regional Meeting where the election is being held, there should be an opportunity for the candidates to make a short address (maximum 5 minutes) to members present. There should be the opportunity for questions to the candidates.

The other candidates will be asked to leave the meeting during these addresses.

A discussion on the candidate(s) can take place with feedback about such things as attendance at local Branch meetings / AGMs and Branches Committee meetings and performance where one of the candidates is an existing RD.

This should also be done without the candidates being present.

Branches should then complete and hand in their ballot papers.

Result

The elected candidate requires at least 50% of the votes cast. If no candidate has 50% the candidate with the least first place votes is eliminated. The second place votes on the ballot papers for this eliminated candidate are then reassigned, until one candidate has at least 50%.

In the event of a dead heat after the above takes place, then the Administrator should have the casting vote.

The Region should have a policy on how long their RD term is for, one year or three years. Branches present at the time of the election can vote on which term applies for the newly elected RD.

Details of the newly elected Regional Director should be sent to the Chairman of Branches Committee and the NE Mentor for the Region as soon as possible.

Likewise, in the event of no candidate being elected, the Administrator should notify the Chairman of Branches Committee and the NE Mentor for the Region as soon as possible.

GMS
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