



Proposed Election Rules – TWS Inc AGM, 19 November 2011

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Proposed Rules

(Adapted from those agreed upon for the December 2010 AGM. Modified to reflect the constitutional changes made at the December 2010 SGM.)

“That the meeting elect the members of The Wilderness Society Inc Committee of Management by the following process:

General

- 1 *The meeting shall consider for election each of the candidates validly nominated according to rule 24 of the constitution.*
- 2 *A candidate may nominate for multiple positions on the Committee of Management (“Committee”) but may only be elected to one position.*
- 3 *The election of candidates for the positions of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer shall be conducted before the election of the five ordinary members of the Committee.*
- 4 *Each candidate who nominates for the position of Convenor, Secretary or Treasurer but who is not elected to the position will be considered as a candidate nominated for election as an ordinary member of the Committee, unless the candidate withdraws his or her nomination.*
- 5 *Each nominated candidate may nominate one or more scrutineers who are not also candidates for election to the Committee.*
- 6 *The election will be supervised by a Returning Officer according to rule 23 of the constitution.*

Election of office bearers – Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer

- 7 *If there is only one nomination received for any office bearer position, the Returning Officer shall declare the nominated person elected to that position.*
- 8 *If there is more than one nomination for any position, a ballot is to be held whereby, in respect of that position:*
 - (a) *the Returning Officer shall announce the names of the nominated candidates to the meeting;*

- (b) *each member present at any of the meeting locations shall be entitled to vote for one and one only of the nominated candidates in any ballot;*
- (c) *votes shall be cast by each member on the ballot paper for that position;*
- (d) *all votes shall be tallied, save where any member votes more than once or for more than one candidate for each position in any ballot, in which case that member's votes shall not be counted in the ballot;*
- (e) *the Returning Officer shall announce to the meeting the numbers of votes received by each candidate;*
- (f) *the Returning Officer shall declare the candidate who receives the most votes elected to that position;*
- (g) *in the event of a tie for the position, another ballot shall be held according to rules 8(a) to 8(f) for the tied position only;*
- (h) *ballots may be held simultaneously for any of the positions of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer, in which case the positions will be filled and declared in that order and the successful candidate for one position will be excluded from the subsequent positions.*

Election of ordinary Committee members

9 *If the number of nominations received is 5 or fewer, the Returning Officer will declare the nominated persons elected.*

10 *If there are more than 5 nominations received, a ballot is to be held, whereby:*

- (a) *the Returning Officer shall announce the names of the nominated candidates to the meeting;*
- (b) *each member present at any of the meeting locations shall be entitled to vote for a maximum of 5 nominated candidates for election to the Committee in any ballot;*
- (c) *votes shall be cast by each member present on one ballot paper which lists all nominated candidates;*
- (d) *all votes shall be tallied, save where any member votes more than once or for more than 5 candidates in any ballot, in which case that member's votes shall not be counted in the ballot;*
- (e) *the Returning Officer shall announce to the meeting the numbers of votes received by each candidate;*
- (f) *the Returning Officer shall declare the 5 candidates who receive the most votes elected as ordinary members of the Committee of the Association;*
- (g) *in the event of a tie for the last place or places available, such that more than 5 candidates have received the 5 highest numbers of votes, another ballot shall be held according to rules 10(a) to 10(f) for the tied position only."*