

At the last General Assembly (GA), held online on September 3rd, 2021, an ad hoc committee was approved to appoint a committee of ESA members to review the results of voting that took place during the GA. The ESA Executive acted upon this decision and appointed 4 ESA members based on two criteria:

- 1) Not to be an elected member of the previous ESA Executive (2019-2021);
- 2) Having been the most voted in the last election for the new ESA Executive (2021-2023).

The undersigned persons were appointed for the committee in charge of reviewing the votes. The committee has conducted a thorough revision of each of the 6 voting procedures (a 7th was considered null, and therefore was repeated at the same assembly). This committee had access to the following documentation:

- Raw excel files with the voting results for each vote
- Revised version of the excel files with the voting
- Video recording of the GA
- Chat comments made during the GA
- Preliminary minutes

A systematic review of all the votes has now been performed. There were three areas that required our best attention. Each area and the outcome of our review is summarized below:

- We considered valid the votes of members in good standing and who provided their full name and email address in the form. Availability of personal details was a necessary requirement to enable the committee to verify the vote. There was only a small number of votes which were discarded for these reasons. This verification step did not change the final result of any of the motions.
- Given that there was some confusion around the voting system, and because the application enabled members to vote multiple times, we made sure that nobody's vote was counted more than once on the same motion. In case of multiple voting, we decided to recount the results in two ways to check for consistency: considering the first and the last vote. Either way, the number of votes did not change the final result of any of the motions. Finally, the number of last votes in case of multiple voting was the one included in the minutes.
- In the chat, several people expressed that they experienced difficulties in voting due to several reasons. The committee has double-checked every single case, and only one ESA member was not able to vote regarding one of the motions. This person was also able to vote in other motions. Again, we concluded that this did not change the final results of any of the motions.

As a committee, we would like to make the following recommendations for forthcoming voting arrangements during online GAs:

- to secure more time for members to vote in each motion;
- to circulate the documents in advance;

- to include the “abstain” option in all of the ballots.

By sharing the details of the reviewing results, the committee remains at your disposal to make any further clarification on the process, always preserving the right of privacy of all ESA members.

With our best wishes,

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COUNTING VERIFICATION REPORT

Voting of Reports by President and ExeC	Default counting	Reviewed results (ESA office*)	Verified counting of total valid votes (ad hoc committee**)	Observations
Yes	69	69	68	1 invalid due to incomplete name and/or email address
No	36	36	34	2 invalid due to missing name and/or email address
Abstention	13	13	13	
Blank				
Total	118	118	115	

Voting of Reports by Treasurer	Default counting	Reviewed results (ESA office*)	Verified counting of total valid votes (ad hoc committee**)	Observations
Yes	120	103	103	5 invalid due to incomplete name/address
No	53	45	45	2 invalid due to incomplete name and/or email address
Abstention	43	40	40	3 invalid due to incomplete name and/or email address
Blank	3	0	2	
Total	219	188	190	

Voting on changes in Ethical Guidelines	Default counting	Reviewed results (ESA office*)	Verified counting of total valid votes (ad hoc committee**)	Observations
Yes	138	125	123	2 invalid due to incomplete name and/or email
No	10	9	8	1 invalid due to incomplete name and/or email address
I abstain	23	22	20	3 invalid due to incomplete name and/or email address
Blank				
Total	171	156	151	

Voting on changes in Statutes	Default counting	Reviewed results (ESA office*)	Verified counting of total valid votes (ad hoc committee**)	Observations
Yes	117	88	86	2 invalid due to incomplete name and/or email address
No	102	67	63	4 invalid due to incomplete name and/or email address
Abstention	45	41	38	3 invalid due to incomplete name and/or email address
Blank	1			
Total	265	196	187	

Voting on comprehensive review of Statutes during 2021-2023	Default counting	Reviewed results (ESA office*)	Verified counting of total valid votes (ad hoc committee**)	Observations
Yes	74	71	68	3 invalid due to incomplete name and/or email address
No	36	36	34	2 invalid due to incomplete name and/or email address
Abstention	7	7	7	
Blank	1			
Total	118	114	109	

Voting on the proposal below	Original counting	Reviewed results (ESA office*)	Verified counting (ad hoc committee**)	Observations
Yes	82	81	77	4 invalid due to incomplete name and/or email address
No	35	35	35	
Abstention	9	9	8	1 invalid due to incomplete name and/or email address
Blank				
Total	126	125	120	

(*). In cases of multiple voting, considering valid the first vote. Check for members to be in good standing was also performed at this stage.

(*). In cases of multiple voting, considering valid the last vote.