

Management Committee Elections

Election Rules

- 1 The Management Committee shall appoint a Returning Officer in advance of each election to the Management Committee. Other Deputy Acting Returning Officers may be appointed, if required.
- 2 The elections shall run in conjunction with the timetable drawn up by the Management Committee for the receipts of nominations, dispatch and return of ballot papers and the counting of the votes for each election covered by these regulations.
- 3 Each candidate must be nominated by two other ALDC members which can be undertaken online. Candidates must consent to their nomination, and accept the Management Committee Code of Conduct, using an online form.
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 - (a) Each candidate shall be entitled to supply an A4 election statement in print-ready PDF format which will be made available to members on the voting website, and on the ALDC website. Members without usable email addresses will be sent a link to view the addresses online.
 - (b) Candidates for contested Officer or State Representative positions on the Management Committee will be offered an email to all members (or members in that state). The emails will be sent out at the same time and will be of the same standard and format.
 - (c) Each candidate shall be responsible for supplying material that verifies, to the satisfaction of the Returning Officer, any statement in his or her personal election address claiming that he or she is endorsed by any individual or organisation. Such material must accompany the candidate's personal election address artwork.

(d) Candidates are encouraged to campaign in the election and communications using email, social media, websites and telephone contact.

(e) No candidate may incur, or directly or indirectly authorise or cause to be incurred, any further expenses on campaigning at any time before or after the close of nominations.

(f) Candidates must not carry out any activities during the election period, which may be viewed as treating.

5. The names, addresses and email addresses of ALDC members are confidential and shall not be released for the purposes of the election.
6. No material published or circulated by or on behalf of a candidate shall defame by name or implication any other candidate and no candidate shall so defame any other candidate in the course of personal canvassing.
7. The Returning Officer shall have the power to disqualify before declaration of the result, or unseat if declared elected, any candidate who is found to be in breach of regulations 4 or 6, but shall not exercise such power without first offering any such candidate the right to make representation, and having regard thereto.
8. Any ALDC member may lodge, in writing, a formal complaint of infringement of election regulations forthwith upon becoming aware of any alleged infringement and not more than 21 days after the declaration. The written complaint should be addressed to the Returning Officer and specify in detail the nature of the infringement. The Returning Officer shall then decide whether there is sufficient evidence and grounds to uphold the complaint but shall not do so without offering any candidate concerned the right to make representations and having regard thereto.
9. Appeals against decisions of the Returning Officer must be referred to the ALDC President within 14 days of the decision.
10. If a complaint is made prior to the declaration of the result, the Returning Officer shall have the power to postpone such declaration until the determination of such complaint or, where an appeal is made against his decision, until the determination of such appeal.