

TASL General Procedure for Online Voting

An online vote can be initiated by an email motion and an email second, and followed by a discussion period. After the discussion period the voting period is started. The voting is finished by calculating and publishing the voting results.

Results of online votes are effective immediately following publication of the results unless otherwise stated in the voting proposal.

Voting Proposal

An online voting is initiated by a motion which states the subject of the voting. The motion is sent by email to the entire TASL Executive Board and must include exact and complete information about what is to be voted upon. Only the information which is directly included in the mail sent as motion is subject of the voting.

The motion email has to explicitly be marked as voting proposal by starting the email subject line with the string "Voting Proposal Motion:".

The motion must be seconded. A second is sent as a "Reply to All" to the same thread.

Any active board member, excluding the president, can initiate an online vote by sending a motion.

The member who initiated a vote can retract the motion by sending an email to the Executive Board stating the intention to retract the proposal.

A proposal can only be retracted within the discussion period.

Discussion Period

The discussion period begins on the date the Executive Board receives the voting proposal motion and second. The discussion exchange should remain on the same email thread with each contributor utilizing "Reply to All." The discussion period lasts for one week unless the motion calls for and justifies expediency. The discussion period should be used to discuss the voting and form opinions about the motion.

Start of Voting

When the discussion period has finished, the president shall start the voting process by sending a link to the online vote (Doodle, Google Poll, etc.) to all active members of the Executive Board. The ballots should include the exact text of the motion which was proposed.

Voting Period

Unless specified otherwise in the proposal motion, the voting period lasts for three days. During the voting period the active members cast their votes. Only votes cast within the voting period are considered for the results of the voting.

End of Voting

After the voting period, the president forwards the resulting tally document to the secretary to include and publish as an addendum to the official minutes.

Adapted from the *Rules of Procedures for Online Voting* by the non-profit KDE e.V.

http://ev.kde.org/rules/online_voting.php

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