

55 Presiding Officers

- 55.1 A Chair and a Vice-Chair shall be elected annually, at the first public meeting of the Board in November, according to the procedure outlined in Bylaw 50.3. During the second, third and fourth years of the Board's term of office, the elections will occur as the last item of business at the November public meeting.
- 55.2 The Board may elect a new Chair and/or Vice-Chair at any time.
- 55.3 If the Chair is absent or unable to act, the Vice-Chair shall preside at meetings of the Board. If the Vice-Chair is absent or unable to act, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside at the meeting.
- 55.4 The Chair may vacate the chair to enter debate or propose or second a motion, in which case the Vice-Chair, if present, or another member appointed by the Chair shall preside until the issue is disposed of (which should seldom be done).
- 55.5 The chair votes only when either:
- (a) the vote is by ballot, in which case the chair votes along with and at the same time as all other members, or
 - (b) the chair's vote will change the result of the vote.
- 55.6 The chair shall declare the question to be resolved in the negative should there be an equal number of votes for and against the motion.

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