

**Australian Mathematical Society (Inc)**

**Proposed amendment to paragraph 67 of the constitution**

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Paragraph 67 of the constitution governs the conduct of Society elections. It stipulates that “The ballot shall be sent by the Secretary to each Honorary, Ordinary or Sustaining Member of the Society”. This arguably does not permit members to be directed to a website at which the ballot can be completed. The proposed amendment replaces “The ballot may be sent to the members” in 67(2) by “The ballot paper shall be made available to the members”. To cover the situation where a ballot paper is not sent to members, the following additional stipulation is added to 67(1): “Notice of the ballot and instructions for voting shall be sent by the Secretary to each Honorary, Ordinary or Sustaining Member of the Society”.

**Current version of paragraph 67**

67. (1) The ballot shall be sent by the Secretary to each Honorary, Ordinary or Sustaining Member of the Society at least thirty days before the ballot closes.
- (2) The ballot may be sent to the members by post, facsimile, electronic mail or by any other method of electronic transferral of information, as determined from time to time by the Council.
- (3) Each such ballot, provided it is completed in accordance with this Constitution, shall be valid if returned to the Secretary by post, facsimile, electronic mail or any other method of electronic transferral of information, as determined from time to time by the Council.

**Proposed revision of paragraph 67**

- 67(1) Notice of the ballot and instructions for voting shall be sent by the Secretary to each Honorary, Ordinary or Sustaining Member of the Society at least thirty days before the ballot closes.
- (2) The ballot paper shall be made available to the members by post, facsimile, electronic mail or by any other method of electronic transferral of information, as determined from time to time by the Council.
- (3) A ballot paper completed in accordance with the constitution shall be valid if returned to the Secretary by post, facsimile, electronic mail or any other method of electronic transferral of information, as determined from time to time by the Council.