

Purpose

To elect the most preferred candidate based on a preferential voting system where APLAC members number candidates on the ballot paper in rank order of choice.

Scope

This procedure applies to all APLAC members.

Procedure

Elected candidates are determined one at a time. One candidate per round of counting is elected.

Step 1

Distribute **all** votes on the basis of the first preference – one labelled pile for each candidate.

If any one candidate has a majority (50% or more) of the total votes, (s)he is duly elected. Collect up **all** votes and go to the next round Step 4. If no one candidate has a majority of the votes, go to step 2.

Step 2

For the candidate with the least number of votes (or candidates with the equal least number of votes), redistribute their votes amongst the other candidates on the basis of the second preference.

The candidate(s) with the least number of votes are now eliminated from **this** round of voting.

If any one candidate has a majority (50% or more) of the total votes, (s)he is duly elected. Collect up **all** votes and go to next round (Step 4). If no one candidate has a majority of the votes, go to Step 3.

Step 3

Repeat Step 2 for the remaining non-eliminated candidates until any one candidate has a majority (50% or more) of the total votes, and is duly elected.

Collect up **all** votes and go to next round Step 4.

Step 4

Redistribute **all** votes on the basis of the first preference (as in Step 1). For elected candidates from previous rounds, redistribute the votes for all the elected candidates amongst the other (non-elected) candidates on the basis of the second preference (or third or fourth etc preference if preferred candidates are already elected).

If any one candidate has a majority (50% or more) of the total votes, (s)he is duly elected. Collect up **all** votes and go to the next round (repeat Step 4). If no one candidate has a majority of the votes, go to Step 5.

Step 5

For the remaining (non-elected) candidates, go to Step 2.

Repeat Steps 4 and 5 until the required number of candidates have been elected.