

**Nominations and Elections Policy
For
Ladysmith Maritime Society Board**

a) Nominations

There shall be a Nominations Committee appointed by the Board, and normally chaired by the Vice President. If the Vice President is running for election, another Director who is not running will chair the Committee.

The Committee's principal responsibilities are as follows:

- to inform the membership that persons interested in running for the Board need to contact the Committee
- to actively recruit candidates to run for positions on the Board
- to set the date by which nominations must be received and so advise the membership
- to inform the membership of the following qualifications for election to the Board:
 - candidates must be members in good standing of LMS
 - candidates are required to complete a nomination form designed to provide information to the membership
 - candidates' nominations require two seconders who are members in good standing
- to provide the membership at least two weeks before the Annual General Meeting with the names of all the candidates and some information on each of them.
- prepare ballots for use at the AGM, and to arrange for counters and/or scrutineers

b) Elections

- Elections to the Board shall occur at the AGM, held in November of each year.
- Nine Directors are to be elected.
- Directors will be asked to serve for three-year terms.
- Three Directors will normally be elected each year.*
- The nine Directors shall choose from their numbers who shall serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Proxy votes are not permitted..
- Absentee ballots will be permitted.

**In the first election, i.e. the first year this new policy takes effect, nine directors will be elected. Three directors will be chosen for three years, another three for two years, and another three for a one-year term. The three Directors receiving the largest number of votes will be elected for a three-year term, and the three Directors receiving the fewest votes will be elected for a one-year term*