

Rules governing the election of the Trustee/Directors for Carnival Arts and Masquerade Foundation

1. Definitions

Mas Association

The New Mas Association is one that is formally recognised by LNHCL as the single representative body for the Mas Arena under LNHCL.

2. Conducting the Election

The election for the Trustees/Directors for the Carnival Arts and Masquerade Foundation will be run by the Carnival Arts and Masquerade Foundation.

A list of Mas Bands eligible to vote (Members), will be available for inspection at the General Meeting.

To allow for subsequent audits and any future enquiry, the list of Member Mas Bands taking part in the election, together with all completed nomination documentation shall be held in archive by the Carnival Arts and Masquerade Foundation.

3. Eligibility to Vote

A Mas Band is eligible to vote in the election if, at the closing date for nominations, the Mas Band is a Member of Carnival Arts and Masquerade Foundation; and if at the election meeting all membership fees due to Foundation are fully paid.

Members of Carnival Arts and Masquerade Foundation are eligible to vote. Associate members or other classes of membership of Carnival Arts and Masquerade Foundation are not eligible to vote.

Neither shall any Member be permitted to stand for election at the any General Meeting if their membership subscriptions are in arrears.

4. Nominations

Nominations can only be submitted by a representative of a Mas Band that is eligible to vote in the election.

Nominations received, must be seconded and will be invalid if they are not seconded.

A nominator must have the consent of any proposed nominee before the Individual is proposed; and each must at the time of the General Meeting be

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a Member of Carnival Arts and Masquerade Foundation and their subscription fees due to Carnival Arts and Masquerade Foundation are fully paid.

Nomination forms for candidates to the election must be fully completed, signed by the proposer and seconder then submitted to the secretary Carnival Arts and Masquerade Foundation by the closing date for nominations.

Nominations cannot be seconded by the same Mas Band that nominates.

Nominations must be seconded by a Mas Band that is eligible to vote.

5. Voting

At the General Meeting, each nominee will speak to the Members outlining the reasons why they consider themselves suitable for election.

At the General Meeting each Member Mas Band that is eligible to vote will be allowed 1 (ONE) vote during any ballot for each of the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer or any other named position.

If more than two candidates are nominated for election to a named position and if, at the ballot, the winning candidate does not command a majority of the votes cast, then the vote will be retaken with the candidate having the lowest number of votes **excluded**. This process will be repeated until the winner commands the majority of the votes cast at the meeting.

Member Mas Bands not attending the election meeting will not be permitted to vote except by post. For the avoidance of doubt, votes by proxy will be invalid.

6. Results

The results of the vote for all positions will be announced at the General Meeting.

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7. Postal Voting

In order to comply with the needs of the Disability Discrimination Act and to increase the opportunity for members to use their vote, members will be able to cast their vote by postal ballot.

To vote by postal ballot, a Member will have to let their association know that they wish to do so and formally register for this facility with their association. The Member will then be sent a postal version of the Ballot paper, prior to the election, and is required to return it by the time of the election. A clearly identifiable stamped addressed envelope will be sent to the member with the postal ballot form.

Postal ballots will be logged when received by but not opened until the vote at the election meeting.

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