

Council and shall be given due consideration.

For members shall take a quorum.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

26. The nomination of Officers of the Institute shall be made by a Nominating Committee appointed by Council.

The Nominating Committee in preparing a ballot shall endeavour to give proper representation to the several professions whose members make up the Institute, as well as to the several classes of members of the Institute, and to the different sections of the country.

Additional nominations for the Officers' Ballot signed by three or more members and accompanied by acceptance of those nominated shall, if received in time, be accepted by Council and placed on the Ballot along with the names submitted by the Nominating Committee.

The Officers' Ballot after being approved by Council, shall be printed and mailed to each Corporate Member at least thirty days before the Annual Meeting.

Voters may strike out names from the Officers' Ballot and may substitute other names therefor.

Officers' Ballots must be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer by twelve o'clock noon of the day of the Annual Meeting, when the poll shall close and the ballot shall be canvassed publicly by scrutineers appointed by the meeting.

27. In case of a tie between two or more candidates for any Office, the Annual Meeting shall elect by ballot the officer from among the candidates so tied. In case of a further tie, the Presiding Officer shall cast the deciding vote.

28. The Presiding Officer shall announce to the Annual Meeting the names of the Officers elected.

LOCAL BRANCHES.

29. Approval of Council having been first obtained, a Local Branch of the Institute may be formed in any city or district where the resident members desire it.

Such Local Branch shall be known by the name of the city or district in which it has its headquarters.

30. Only members of the Institute shall be eligible for membership in a Local Branch.
31. Immediately after organization, each Local Branch shall submit to Council a copy of their proposed By-Laws, and the Local Branch shall not be considered duly established until such By Laws have been approved by Council.

Amendments and new By Laws must be dealt with in the same way.

32. The Chairman of a Local Branch shall be **ex-officio** a member of Council.
33. When an application for membership has been received from a resident of a city or district in which a Local Branch has been organized, it shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to submit such application to the Executive of the Local Branch with a request for their view on the suitability or otherwise of the applicant. Time having been given for a reply, he shall attach such reply, if any, to the application when submitting it to Council.

AMENDMENTS.

34. Proposed amendments to the By-Laws of the Institute must be in writing, signed by at least three members and submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer before the Annual Meeting. They may also be introduced directly by Council. Such amendments shall be in order for discussion and amendment at the Annual Meeting. If adopted they shall immediately thereafter be printed as a letter ballot and a copy sent to every Corporate Member.

The letter ballot shall be returnable to the Secretary-Treasurer within two months after the Annual Meeting and shall then be counted by him, and the result reported to Council.

An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the ballots cast shall be necessary to the adoption of any amendment.

Amendments so adopted shall take effect immediately, unless they be such as to affect the Acting Board of Officers, in which case they shall not take effect until after the next Annual Meeting.