A Template for the Chapter Voting Process

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Chapter Vote: Overview

- The work of CSI occurs at the chapter level
- CSI’s Bylaws specify that voting occurs by chapter
- Members are enfranchised in the voting process at the chapter level
  - Chapters engage members in the process of reviewing nominations and qualifications
  - Chapters develop a procedure for voting
  - The chapter vote is recorded by the CFA on the CSI Elections Ballot
Tentative Timeline for Discussing Candidates

• **Week 1**
  ◦ CFAs & Presidents send chapter members the voting process that will be followed.

• **Weeks 2-3**
  ◦ CFAs & Presidents host a general discussion meeting to gain input & votes from available members.

• **Week 4**
  ◦ Input/votes are solicited via email from those members not available for discussion.
First Step for Engaging Chapters in the Voting Process

• Chapter Faculty Advisors & Chapter Presidents will receive from Headquarters the following information in September:
  ◦ Candidates biographies and goal statements
  ◦ Deadline date for submitting chapter vote

• These will also be posted at csi-net.org
Suggested Discussion Questions: Candidate Experiences

• In what ways and how well do the leadership and other professional experiences of the candidates provide value to this major Chi Sigma Iota International leadership position?
Suggested Discussion Questions: Promoting Understanding of CSI

• In what ways and how well do the leadership and other professional experiences of the candidates promote understanding of:
  ◦ CSI’s mission/vision
  ◦ Goals
  ◦ Membership needs?
A Four Step Method for Consensus Building

1. After discussions, members are asked to vote for preferred candidates.

2. Votes from the members at general discussion meeting are tallied.

3. Email votes from members not in general discussion meeting are tallied.

4. Chapter Executive Committee provides input and votes.
Voting Decision

• Chapter Faculty Advisor & President discuss consensus and attempt to reach agreement on final vote.

• Chapter Faculty Advisor submits vote online on the CSI Elections Ballot and reports vote to Chapter Members.
CFA Final Decision

• While the final decision of the Chapter vote is up to the Chapter Faculty Advisor, it is expected that the CFA will attend to the degree of consensus obtained.

• That is, the more there is a consensus, the more the CFA should adhere to that consensus in the final vote.
Chapter Adaptations

• This model is a general consensus building model.

• It is expected that Chapters will work to accommodate the model in ways that best fit the Chapter members’ ability to discuss the candidates and develop a general consensus.
Additional Information

• CSI Bylaws (csi-net.org/?About_CSI)

• Information on candidates is provided
  ◦ csi-net.org > About CSI > Volunteer_Leadership > Elections
  ◦ CSI Exemplar
  ◦ CSI E-News