



Proposed Changes to General Meeting Reform

To address issues with the existing procedure for the conduct of general meetings, the Benchers propose to amend the Law Society Rules to permit online voting in advance of general meetings and to streamline the procedure at general meetings.

To implement the proposed online voting, members would be able submit resolutions for a 30-day period in advance of the annual general meeting, which would be published on the Law Society website when received.

Following the 30-day period there would be a 15-day period during which members may propose amendments to the resolutions received during the 30-day period.

At any time during the initial 30-day period or the subsequent 15-day period, a resolution may amend or withdrawn only by the member who submitted it. No new resolutions may be proposed during the 15-day subsequent period. Following the 15-day subsequent period, no further amendments to resolutions would be permitted, including at the meeting.

Online voting will commence after the completion of the 15-day subsequent period. Members who vote in advance will be considered part of the quorum for the meeting and may only vote once, either online or in person.

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised currently apply to our AGMs, but are incompatible with implementing the foregoing procedures.