

Scotland & Northern Ireland Branches Constitution

Scotland & Northern Ireland Director (SNID) Elections

Notice Period

Suitable notice should be given by a retiring SNID, preferably at least four months. The election should also be mentioned in the notice for the meeting, both locally and in What's Brewing Diary.

Administrator

An Administrator should be appointed by SNIB. This person should be impartial and independent and not a candidate, e.g. SNIB Secretary, Deputy SNID, outgoing or former SNID, etc.

Notification of Election and Voting Rights

The Administrator will need to contact all the branches and sub-branches (from this point referred to simply as 'branches') within SNIB by email informing them of the vacancy and calling for candidates. A Job Description should be circulated at this time.

All branches wholly or partially within SNIB will be entitled to one vote.

Nominations

Interested parties should then send their nomination (an indication that they are willing to stand with the signature of a proposer and seconder who are CAMRA members) to the Administrator along with a short biography about themselves and why they feel they should have the position of SNID.

Branch Considerations

The Administrator should compile and forward a list of candidates and their biographies to all branches for consideration. The date for close of nominations should be a minimum of 5 weeks before the election date, to allow branches time to discuss the candidates in a branch meeting.

Where there are two or more candidates, branches should decide on the rank order of the candidates and if any would not be endorsed by them.

Each branch will be entitled to one vote at the meeting. This will normally be exercised by the Branch Chair or they should inform the Administrator in advance of the meeting if they are appointing a representative to vote on their behalf.

Electronic votes will be allowed for those branches unable to attend the meeting (to be submitted to the Administrator by the Branch Chair one week before meeting and acknowledged).

Election

At the SNIB meeting where the election is being held, there should be an opportunity for the candidates to make a short address (maximum 5 minutes) to members present. There should be the opportunity for questions to the candidates. The other candidates will be asked to leave the meeting during these addresses.

A discussion on the candidate(s) can take place with feedback about such things as attendance at local branch meetings/AGMs and Branches Committee meetings and performance where one of the candidates is the existing SNID. This should also be done without the candidates being present.

Branch Chairs or their representatives should then complete and hand in their ballot papers.

Result

The elected candidate requires at least 50% of the votes cast. If no candidate has 50%, the candidate with the least first place votes is eliminated. The second-place votes on the ballot papers for this eliminated candidate are then reassigned, until one candidate has at least 50%.

In the event of a dead heat after the above takes place, then the Administrator should have the casting vote.

The term of office will be three years, except where a new SNID is elected when the Branches present may choose, by a majority vote, to appoint the SNID for one year in the first instance.

If no candidate is elected the Administrator should notify the Chairmen of Branches Committee and the NE as soon as possible.