

Vote on AB00-01 Motion to replace Article 4, Section 2 of the STARFLEET Constitution

Vote started June 26, 2000

Vote ended July 27, 2000

Text of resolution:

As ordered by the Admiralty Board of STARFLEET, the following text is to be placed on the Official Ballot and presented to the Membership for ratification.

If approved by a simple majority of the membership of STARFLEET, Article 4, Section 2 is to be replaced with the following wording:

Commanding and Executive Officer

The Commanding Officer must meet all of the qualifications for office as set forth in the current STARFLEET Membership Handbook and be at least 18 years of age. A CO serves at the pleasure of his/her crew and can be removed by such if so desired. After the individual chapter decides upon the CO, the appointment will either be affirmed or denied by the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET based on a review of the potential CO meeting the above criteria as well as being a member in good standing. Without compelling reasons to the contrary, denial is based solely on the inability to meet the above criteria. In such cases, the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET is expected to inform the potential CO of these shortcomings and give him/her not less than 60 days to correct them. The potential CO can continue to serve as Interim CO during this period.

All COs shall be responsible for sending a monthly chapter status report to their Regional Coordinator as well as the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET or the Director, Shuttle Operations Command, as they may be required to do so in the manner set forth in the current Membership Handbook or Shuttle Operations Command Manual. In addition to all duties imposed by law, all COs are responsible for the general welfare and administration of their chapters or chapters-in-training, as well as the administration and disbursement of their ship's or shuttle's funds and the maintenance of the chapter's financial records.

COs in general are expected to set an example for their fellow crew members while also promoting the ideals of STARFLEET and Star Trek in general. They are also expected to aid in fostering growth and harmony within their chapters while trying to keep discord at a minimum.

Each STARFLEET chapter and shuttle is required to have an Executive Officer who, in addition to meeting the specific requirements laid out in the STARFLEET Membership Handbook, must also meet the above qualifications so that they may assume the position of Commanding Officer if necessary.

Explanation of Amendment IV by Chris Wallace

Though the position of Commanding Officer is well-defined in the Constitution, it says little to nothing about the position of the Executive Officer. Since the Executive Officer would succeed the Commanding Officer should the CO be unable to continue, it seems prudent that the XO be mentioned, as well.

It should be noted that the entire main body of the Section is unchanged from the original. Only the final paragraph has been added and the Section title changed. While this Amendment could probably have been written by just changing the title and adding the final paragraph, by repealing and replacing the Section, when it comes time to draft the next Constitution, the wording is already there.

The motion was made by Region 5 (Chris Wallace, Region 5 Representative), and seconded by Region 7 (Jessie Smith).

Report of the voting:

R01: Aye	R06: Aye	R12: Aye
R02: Aye	R07: Aye	R13: Aye
R03: Aye	R09: Aye	R15: Aye
R04: Aye	R10: Aye	R17: Aye
R05: Aye	R11: Aye	

By a vote of 14:00:00 this motion passes

**Vote on AB00-02: Motion to create Article 5, Section 5 in the
STARFLEET Constitution**

Vote started July 6, 2000

Vote ended July 27, 2000

Text of resolution:

Petition for Amendment (III)

As ordered by the Admiralty Board of STARFLEET, the following text is to be placed on the Official Ballot and presented to the Membership for ratification. If approved by a simple majority of the membership of STARFLEET, Article 5, Section 5 is to be created with the following wording:

The Inspector General, STARFLEET

If at any time the Commander, STARFLEET becomes dissatisfied with the performance of the Inspector general, he may submit a motion to the Admiralty Board to have the Inspector General removed from office. The Admiralty Board shall have thirty days from the date of the motion to investigate the matter, but may vote to extend this period an additional thirty days by a simple majority. At the end of this period, the Admiralty Board shall submit the motion to a vote. By a simple majority, the AB shall then vote whether to remove the Inspector General or not.

Explanation of Amendment III by Chris Wallace

With the changes in Article 4, Section 11 concerning the dismissal of an IG, it is necessary to add a new Section, 5, to Article 5 to allow the CS the same control over the IG that he would have with any other member of his staff. However, due to the sensitive nature of the position of IG, it is also necessary to put in place a process of appeal of such a decision by the affected IG.

The motion was made by Region 5 (Chris Wallace, Region 5 Representative), and seconded by Region 7 (Jessie Smith).

Report of the voting:

R01: Aye	R06: Aye	R12: Aye
R02: Aye	R07: Aye	R13: Aye
R03: Aye	R09: Aye	R15: Aye
R04: Aye	R10: Aye	R17: Abstain
R05: Aye	R11: Aye	

By a vote of 13:00:01 this motion passes

**Vote on AB00-03: Amend Article 4, Section 11 of the
STARFLEET Constitution**

Vote started July 7, 2000

Vote ended July 27, 2000

Text of resolution:

Petition for Amendment

As ordered by the Admiralty Board of STARFLEET, the following text is to be placed on the Official Ballot and presented to the Membership for ratification.

If approved by a simple majority of the membership of STARFLEET, Article 4, Section 11 is to be replaced with the following:

Inspector General, STARFLEET

Article 4, Section 11 is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Inspector General, STARFLEET

The Inspector General, STARFLEET is nominated to the Office by the Commander, STARFLEET. This nomination is then submitted to the Admiralty Board for confirmation by a simple majority vote. Upon confirmation, the Inspector General, STARFLEET shall serve a term of no more than two (2) years, to commence on the first day of the year after the Commander, STARFLEET taking office and ending on the last day of the year preceding the election of a Commander, STARFLEET. At the conclusion of such a term, and if the CS so desires, the IG may be resubmitted to the AB for re-confirmation to serve another term.

The Inspector General, STARFLEET acts as STARFLEET's chief investigator in matters where their expertise is called upon. The Inspector General is invested with broad investigative powers in accordance with the guidelines established in the Inspector General Handbook. The Inspector General, STARFLEET can also draw upon any Fleet Personnel to aid in any matter relevant to the operation of STARFLEET. It is also at the discretion of the Inspector General, STARFLEET to assemble a staff to carry out their duties within selected Regions or areas. These Staff Officers shall report directly to the Inspector General, STARFLEET who shall be held liable for the results brought about by their staff.

The Inspector General is also charged with overseeing electoral processes to elect or confirm the Regional Coordinators within the various STARFLEET Regions. Additionally, the Inspector General, STARFLEET cooperates with the Chief of Communications, STARFLEET to coordinate the procedure of electing a new Commander, STARFLEET and, in consultation with the Chief of Communications, is responsible for hiring an independent CPA who is in no way associated or affiliated with

any chapter or member of STARFLEET to oversee the tallying of the returned ballots. The Inspector General, STARFLEET is expected to perform its duties in total impartiality, and shall not allow personal opinion to color, or perceive to color, either the investigation or its findings. The Inspector General, STARFLEET may choose to recuse themselves from an investigation if they believe that a perceived or actual conflict of interest exists. In such cases, they shall choose one of the Assistant Inspector Generals to perform the investigation and make the report.

The Inspector General, STARFLEET reports to the Commander, STARFLEET, shall be at least 23 years old, and must meet all other qualifications for office as set forth in the current Membership Handbook.

Explanation of Amendment II by Chris Wallace

The recent issue with the dismissal of the current IG from the Office of the Inspector General requires both a clarification in how the IG is both initially nominated, and re-nominated, for their position, as well as to how they are expected to perform the duties of their Office. The rewrite of this section addresses all three areas in clear terms, as well as limiting the time an incoming EC would have to work with an IG from a previous administration.

The motion was made by Region 5 (Chris Wallace, Region 5 Representative), and seconded by Region 7 (Jessie Smith).

Report of the voting:

R01: Aye	R06: Aye	R12: Aye
R02: Aye	R07: Aye	R13: Aye
R03: Aye	R09: Aye	R15: Aye
R04: Aye	R10: Abstain	R17: Aye
R05: Aye	R11: Abstain	

By a vote of 12:00:02 this motion passes

Vote on AB00-04: Motion to include amendments to the STARFLEET Constitution in the Election Publications

Vote started July 14 2000

Vote ended July 31, 2000

Text of resolution:

The Admiralty Board of STARFLEET, in the matter of all those Amendments to the STARFLEET Constitution, 1998 Edition, formally approved by the Admiralty Board this session, hereby resolves that:

The text of each approved Amendment shall be included in the Election Publication distributed by the Office of the Chief of Communications, STARFLEET. It is at the discretion of the Chief of Communications, STARFLEET, as to whether explanatory text shall be added.

The Amendment Title shall be included in the official STARFLEET Ballot for the election of the Office of the President / Commander, STARFLEET.

The CPA hired to tally the results of the returned ballots for the election for the Office of the President / Commander, STARFLEET, shall also tally the results for each Amendment. Should a simple majority of the returned ballots show to be in favor of the Amendment, that Amendment shall be considered ratified and will go into effect on January 1st, 2001.

The motion was made by Region 5 (Chris Wallace, Region 5 Representative), and seconded by Region 7 (Jessie Smith).

Report of the voting:

R01: Aye	R06: Abstain	R12: Aye
R02: Aye	R07: Aye	R13: Aye
R03: Nay	R09: Abstain	R15: Aye
R04: Aye	R10: Aye	R17: Aye
R05: Aye	R11: Abstain	

By a vote of 10:01:03 this motion passes

Vote on AB00-05: Motion to create Article 5, Section 6 in the
STARFLEET Constitution

Vote started July 14 2000

Vote ended July 31, 2000

Text of resolution:

The Admiralty Board of STARFLEET hereby submits the following Amendment to the STARFLEET Membership for consideration of ratification:

If approved by a majority of the STARFLEET Membership, Article 5, Section 6 is to be created with the following wording:

The Judge Advocate General, STARFLEET

If at any time a member of the Admiralty Board becomes dissatisfied with the performance of the Judge Advocate General, that Admiralty Board member may submit a motion to the entire Admiralty Board to have the Judge Advocate General removed from office. The Admiralty Board shall have thirty days from the date of the motion to investigate the matter, but may vote to extend this period an additional thirty days by a simple majority. At the end of this period, the Admiralty Board shall submit the motion to a vote. By a simple majority, the AB shall then vote whether to remove the Judge Advocate General or not.

The motion was made by Region 5 (Chris Wallace, Region 5 Representative), and seconded by Region 7 (Jessie Smith).

Report of the voting:

R01: Aye	R06: Aye	R12: Aye
R02: Aye	R07: Aye	R13: Aye
R03: Aye	R09: Aye	R15: Aye
R04: Aye	R10: Aye	R17: Aye
R05: Aye	R11: Abstain	

By a vote of 13:00:01 this motion passes

Vote on AB00-06: Motion to insert new Article 5 into the STARFLEET Constitution, and renumber following Articles

Vote started July 14 2000
Vote ended August 7, 2000

Text of resolution:

The Admiralty Board of STARFLEET hereby submits the following Amendment to the STARFLEET Membership for consideration of ratification:

If approved by a majority of the STARFLEET Membership, this Article is to be inserted as Article V of the current STARFLEET Constitution. All Articles following the current Article V ("Removal from position") are to be re-numbered upwards accordingly.

Article V: Disciplinary Process and Appeals

Section 1: The STARFLEET Appeals Process

STARFLEET recognizes the right, codified in the STARFLEET Membership Handbook, of a member to appeal any judgmental decision entered against them BY STARFLEET, OR ANY OF ITS OFFICERS. This Amendment helps to define the appeals process as it applies to both Senior STARFLEET Officers and general STARFLEET members.

Section 2: Discipline of STARFLEET Senior Officers

The Executive Committee of STARFLEET has the right to call upon the Inspector General, STARFLEET, to investigate allegations of misconduct performed by any STARFLEET officer whose position is described in Article 4, Sections 2 through 10, inclusive.

Based on the formal report presented to the EC by the IG, the EC may then recommend formal sanctions be imposed on said officer.

Should the Executive Committee decide to recommend formal sanctions be imposed, the Executive Committee shall prepare a formal list of Articles covering the transgressions and the suggested sanctions. As Chairman of the Admiralty Board, the Commander, STARFLEET, shall present this to the full Admiralty Board.

The Admiralty Board shall have sixty days from the date said Articles are presented to debate the proposed sanctions and render a decision by majority vote. The AB may choose to a) accept the sanctions in total; b) amend the sanctions as they see fit; or c) reject the sanctions in total. Whatever decision is reached, the defendant's Regional Coordinator shall report the findings back to the defendant, at which point the process is completed.

The Admiralty Board may call the Office of the Inspector General to offer clarification

on his report, if necessary. The defendant may call upon a person of his choosing to assist in the presentation of their defense.

If the AB feels that they cannot complete the review of the process due to incomplete information or wish to further review the information provided to them, they may vote to continue the review period for another sixty days. At the end of this additional period, the matter will be brought to a vote.

Section 3: The STARFLEET Appeals Board

The STARFLEET Admiralty Board shall serve as the formal appellate body of STARFLEET. However, in the interests of not burdening the AB with the weight of all the appeals that could possibly be filed by the membership, a body of three members shall be convened as necessary to review all those appeals that do not fall under Section 2 of this article. This includes, but is not limited to, appeals of decisions of the EC against officers not covered under Article 4, Sections 2 through 11, inclusive, decisions of a Regional Coordinator, and decisions of a Chapter/Shuttle Commanding Officer.

The membership of the STARFLEET Appeals Board shall consist of one volunteer member of the Admiralty Board, one volunteer member of the Executive Committee, and one volunteer member at large holding the rank of Commander or above. Should no volunteers avail themselves from any or all bodies mentioned above, a random name shall be drawn from the most current roster of Executive Committee, Admiralty Board and Commanding Officers by the Inspector General, STARFLEET. Should the chosen member decline this duty, another name will be drawn until such time someone agrees to serve. None of the Appeals Board members shall be from the Region of the member filing the appeal. There is no limit to how many times a qualified member may serve on the Appeals Board. The Appeals Board shall review the appeal presented before them for its merit and determine whether there is grounds for sending the appeal to the full Admiralty Board for formal review.

Should the Appeals Board vote that the appeal is without grounds for consideration of the full Admiralty Board by a two-thirds or greater vote, then that appeal is formally ended and the original decision shall stand.

Should the Appeals Board deny a member's appeal, that member may petition a Regional Coordinator to bring a motion before the full Admiralty Board to hear the appeal. If a majority of the Admiralty Board so rules, the Admiralty Board shall then hear the appeal.

Explanation of Amendment V by Chris Wallace (tigger1@nwlink.com)

Okay. This is a radical restructuring of this Article.

By defining only five specific cases where it can be imposed, the current Article 4 Section 1 is too limited. I expect it was created to prevent the excesses of the McGinnis Administration and to prevent an EC from running roughshod over the members by removing people at will.

However, as a recent situation has shown us, it severely limits the ability of the Fleet Leadership to discipline members for serious transgressions. As it now stands, even if an action could be considered criminal in nature, unless that member is tried and convicted of the crime, they cannot be removed. I do not feel that it is in our best interests in forcing STARFLEET to spend the time and money of pursuing a court conviction against every serious transgression a member makes to allow A4S1 to be enforced.

Now I admit that allowing the EC to define what "allegations of misconduct" are might scare many people. However, Rear Admiral Kurt Roithinger and I developed a safeguard - any such sanction was automatically appealed to the AB. In addition to ensuring that the AB could hear an appeal on such sanctions, the automatic appeal would also prevent what happened recently, when an appellate waited 90 days to file when the Constitutionally-mandated appeal period was only 60 days.

Thinking about that, I realized that if every sanction is automatically appealed, why have the EC even impose a sanction? Why not just model this on the Criminal Justice System of the United States?

The Inspector General, STARFLEET, serves as the Detective. The Executive Committee serves as the District Attorney/Prosecutor. The JAG (or whoever the defendant chooses) serves as their Defense Attorney. And the Admiralty Board serves as the Jury.

In other words, the IG investigates the transgression. The EC determines the applicable charges and recommended sentence. The JAG defends the person charged. And the AB renders the final decision.

This system essentially performs the same function that the current Article 4, Section 1 does, but allows the Fleet Leadership much more flexibility in "prosecuting" transgressions. However, it also allows the "defendant" more safeguard since the body actually "determining guilt or innocence" and "imposing sentence" would be the Admiralty Board. The AB is about "impartial" a body as is possible without creating a dedicated judiciary branch protects the member's rights.

If the EC presents a half-assed case to the AB, it will fail. It will help ensure that the EC has what they believe to be a solid case to offer such sanctions. And by being able to call the IG and "cross-examine" him, the AB will be able to get the information "from the horses mouth", so to speak.

Another thing I discovered is that Article 4, Section 1 specifically covers the EC imposing sanctions against only those members defined under Article 4, Sections 2 through 11, inclusive. It does not make any mention of imposing sanctions against other

STARFLEET officers and members. Now, the AB has supported the EC bringing sanctions against a member holding a position other than that outlined in Article 4, Sections 2 through 11, inclusive, on at least two occasions, so there is precedent for such actions. Nonetheless, Section 3 of this article hereby formally grants the EC the authority to sanction any member, just as an RC or CO may sanction any member under their direct authority. Again, with the AB serving as the jury, "malicious prosecution" by the EC will be curtailed, as they need to present a solid case in order to get a "conviction".

Other STARFLEET members have already presented the idea for the creation of some type of Appeals Board. In my opinion, it is an excellent idea to handle "junior" appeals and determine whether or not they are worthy to bring to the attention of the full AB. And even then, the member has the right to go to an RC and try and get a motion for the entire AB to hear the appeal anyway. But just as the Supreme Court, serving as the final appellate body of the United States, can choose the majority of the cases it hears brought to it from lower appellate courts, so shall the AB do the same by voting on whether or not to hear appeals rejected by the Appeals Board (serving as the STARFLEET equivalent of the US Circuit Court of Appeals). If the AB decides that the appeal denied by the Appeals Board has merit and they wish to take it on, a motion followed by a simple majority vote allows them to do so.

The motion was made by Region 5 (Chris Wallace, Region 5 Representative), and seconded by Region 7 (Jessie Smith).

Report of the voting:

R01: Abstain	R06: Aye	R12: Aye
R02: Aye	R07: Aye	R13: Aye
R03: Aye	R09: Aye	R15: Aye
R04: Aye	R10: Aye	R17: Aye
R05: Aye	R11: Abstain	

By a vote of 12:00:02 this motion passes

Vote on AB00-07: Motion to replace text in Article 4, Section 1 of the STARFLEET Constitution

Vote started July 24, 2000

Vote ended July 27, 2000

Text of resolution:

Note - Any and all text appearing in square brackets like this [Note] is not meant for inclusion within the constitution itself and is meant to denote an item that is addressed by a supplemental piece of information below.

The Admiralty Board of STARFLEET hereby submits the following Amendment to the STARFLEET Membership for consideration of ratification:

If approved by a majority of the STARFLEET Membership, Article 4, Section 1 of the current Constitution is to be replaced by:

The leadership of STARFLEET has the right to remove or refuse to recognize officers described within Article 4, Sections 2 through 12, inclusive, upon good cause shown. For purposes of such refusal, "good cause" may include:

- a) that individual's demonstrated, repeated failure to comply with STARFLEET's mandatory reporting requirements,
- b) prior financial improprieties by that individual related to any STARFLEET chapter's or Region's finances,
- c) that individual's demonstrated failure in the past to properly maintain any STARFLEET chapter's or Region's financial records or to allow a chapter or Region member upon request to review a chapter's or Region's financial records or documentation,
- d) proof of a criminal conviction or civil judgment based upon an offense involving rape, theft, fraud, or any felonious offense, or
- e) proof of sexual harassment of a member or sexual misconduct (as currently defined in the Membership Handbook) with a member.

Should the leadership of STARFLEET choose to refuse to recognize any individual for such good cause shown, that individual has the immediate right of appeal specified in Article 5. [SEE NOTE 1] That appellate process shall be concluded by the AB within sixty (60) days of the date of the refusal decision, unless the AB is refused information needed to make an informed decision. In such instances, the AB has the option to vote to extend the period or terminate the appeal altogether for lack of input. At the decision of the AB, the officer in question may retain his/her current position for the duration of the appeal.

---- The Text below will not be included into the Constitution ----

[Note 1: The wording here is subject to passage of the amendment establishing the new Article V, Disciplinary Process and Appeals, by the membership of STARFLEET. If said amendment does not pass then this sentence ends in a period after the words "immediate right of appeal"]

The motion was made by Region 7 (Jesse Smith), and seconded by Unknown

Report of the voting:

R01: Abstain	R06: Abstain	R12: Aye
R02: Aye	R07: Aye	R13: Aye
R03: Aye	R09: Aye	R15: Abstain
R04: Aye	R10: Aye	R17: Abstain
R05: Aye	R11: Abstain	

By a vote of 12:00:02 this motion passes

Vote on AB00-08: Motion to replace Article 7 of the STARFLEET Constitution

Vote started July 26, 2000

Vote ended July 27, 2000

Text of resolution:

ARTICLE 7: ELECTIONS

Section 1: Term of Office

The Commander, STARFLEET (President) and the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET (Vice-President) of the organization shall take office on January 1st of each year following the Fleet general elections, which shall be held biennially. The offices of President and Vice-President shall be filled by the slate of candidates. The electorate body in these elections shall be all members in good standing of the organization. The Slate that receives the plurality of votes cast by said body will take office at the date set forth above.

In the event an election may not take place due to unforeseeable circumstances, the incumbent Commander, STARFLEET must step down immediately at the close of the 24th month of the current term of office. The Admiralty Board shall then elect from its membership an Acting Commander, STARFLEET, who shall discharge the duties of President until the next regularly scheduled STARFLEET general election may be called, with a timetable to be determined by the Admiralty Board and otherwise conforming to the general rules and regulations as a regular Commander, STARFLEET election. The Admiralty Board may choose to appoint the sitting CS as Acting CS instead of selecting someone from its membership.

No person may hold the office of President for more than two (2) elected terms, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than half the duration of a term to which another person was elected, shall be elected to the office of the President more than once.

Section 2: Election Coordinator

Unless the Chief of Communications is an announced candidate for President or Vice-President, he/she shall be responsible for coordinating all election activity for the duration of the STARFLEET electoral process, except as noted below, including but not limited to the receipt and verification of nominations under Article 7, Section 4. If the Election Coordinator should receive enough nominations to be himself or herself considered a candidate, he or she must within no more than five (5) days announce this fact. At this time the Election Coordinator must either declare irrevocably that he or she will not stand for election in this election cycle or relinquish the election process to the next eligible member of the EC in order of succession as defined in Article 3, Section 3. Should the succeeding members of the EC be ineligible to serve as Election Coordinator,

the AB shall choose a member in good standing of the organization to act as the Election Coordinator instead.

Section 3: Supervision of Election Process

The Inspector General, STARFLEET shall ensure that all election guidelines set forth by the Admiralty Board, and the STARFLEET Constitution, are adhered to, and that no improprieties take place. For the biennial general election the Inspector General will, by August 1st, hire an independent CPA who has no affiliation to STARFLEET, or any of its members, to receive and tabulate all ballots cast. In the event that a special election is required, the Inspector General will perform these duties in accordance with dates specified by the Admiralty Board.

Section 4: Nomination of Candidates

Nominations of candidates for President may be submitted to the Election Coordinator by Chapter (but not Chapter-in-Training) COs or Regional Coordinators. All nominations must be signed and dated, and no person shall nominate more than one candidate in each election. A minimum of five (5) nominations is required to qualify as a candidate for President. Once the Election Coordinator has announced a member as an eligible candidate for President, that candidate must publicly announce within ten (10) days of notification of eligibility his/her choice for Vice-President, or publicly announce a decision to not run. Candidates for President and Vice-President shall run together as a slate. In this fashion, the office of Vice-President is subject to the general election of the Fleet membership.

Section 5: Election Publications

The Official Election Publication is defined as the information resource containing the platforms and proposals of the various eligible candidates for Commander, STARFLEET. This publication may be distributed either as part of an issue of the COMMUNIQUÉ or as a standalone mailing. If sent as a standalone mailing, the Election Publication must be sent using the United States Postal Services 1st class mail specifications or the international equivalent thereof. If permissible under the guidelines of the election, the Election Publication may also include the ballots necessary to cast one's vote. Size and parameters of the Election Publication are at the discretion of the Election Coordinator, who must publish these requirements prior to the commencement of election activities on June 1st (see section 6) within the COMMUNIQUÉ and any other medium he/she deem necessary.

Section 6: Election Timetable

The timetable for the election of the position of Commander, STARFLEET shall be as follows:

Before June 1st:

No campaigning of any kind may take place by or on behalf of any prospective candidate, except as specifically authorized by the Election Coordinator. Campaigning is defined as announcements of platform, announcements of candidacy, or announcement of intent to seek candidacy. Announcements are defined as a statement or request for consideration made in person or by mail or other communications medium, to a group or substantial portion of a group, or in a public forum. Prospective candidates are encouraged to solicit advice from the Election Coordinator as to which proposed activity may or may not adhere to the guidelines set forth above.

June 1st to July 15th:

Nominations for the position of Commander, STARFLEET are accepted.

June 1st:

Campaigning may commence for the purpose of soliciting nominations.

July 15th:

The Election Coordinator must receive all nominations by this date. Any nomination received after this date will not count towards the official tally.

July 16th:

Qualified candidates are announced via the most expedient means possible. Qualified candidates must accept the nomination and announce their VCS candidate within 10 days or be disqualified.

August 1st:

Campaign literature must have been submitted to the Election Coordinator for inclusion in the official Election Publication.

September 1st:

All ballots and Election Publications must be in the mail by this date.

November 15th:

The CPA hired to conduct the election must receive all ballots by this date

November 20th:

The winning candidate is notified and incumbent Commander, STARFLEET begins a transition period, if necessary.

December/January:

Results are announced in the COMMUNIQUÉ.

January 1st:

The newly elected officials take office.

Section 7: One Eligible Candidate

If only one person shall qualify as an eligible candidate for President, a vote of confidence for that candidate shall be held by the general membership. Ballots shall be distributed according to the election schedule as defined above. Should the sole candidate fail to obtain a majority of the votes cast in the election, the candidate shall not assume office. The Admiralty Board shall then elect from its membership an Acting Commander, STARFLEET, who shall discharge the duties of President until the next regularly scheduled STARFLEET general election or until a special general election may be called, at the discretion of the Election Coordinator.

Section 8: Withdrawal from Candidacy

Should any nominee for Commander, STARFLEET accept the candidacy and then withdraw from the election, that person shall not re-enter the same election. The candidate must notify the Election Coordinator, by certified mail, of his/her withdrawal from the election.

Section 9: Office Turnover

An out-going President must make provisions to turn over all materials connected with the office of President to the incoming President on or before December 31st of the election year. If the out-going President fails or refuses to promptly turn over all such materials, the incoming President or his designee is authorized to take all appropriate actions, including but not limited to the filing of legal proceedings and the filing of a criminal complaint, which may be needed to ensure compliance with this Section.

The motion was made Region 7 (Jesse Smith) and seconded by Region 5 (Chris Wallace, Region 5 Representative).

Report of the voting:

R01: Nay	R06: No Vote Cast	R12: No Vote Cast
R02: Nay	R07: Aye	R13: No Vote Cast
R03: Nay	R09: No Vote Cast	R15: No Vote Cast
R04: No Vote Cast	R10: Nay	R17: No Vote Cast
R05: No Vote Cast	R11: No Vote Cast	

By a vote of 01:04:00:09 this motion failed.

This AB resolution was called back to the AB for discussion under AB00-09 to correct wording issues that several members of the AB found after the resolution went to a vote.

Vote on AB00-09: Motion to pull AB00-08 from its vote

Vote started July 26, 2000

Vote ended August 8, 2000

Text of resolution:

I here by make a motion that the vote on the Elections Article Amendment be pulled from the ABVote List and sent back to the AB for further, needed discussion.

The motion was made by Region 3 (Brad Pense) and seconded by Region 12 (Wade Hoover).

Report of the voting:

R01: Aye	R06: Aye	R12: Aye
R02: Aye	R07: Nay	R13: No Vote Cast
R03: Aye	R09: No Vote Cast	R15: No Vote Cast
R04: No Vote Cast	R10: Aye	R17: No Vote Cast
R05: No Vote Cast	R11: Aye	

By a vote of 07:01:00:06 this motion passed.

The vote total for this resolution is under further review, due to the fact of limited information. It appears that this motion passed, due to the fact that the AB did, in fact, pull AB00-08 from its vote, in order to correct wording problems that were found, and resubmitted under AB00-10.

Vote on AB00-10: Motion to vote on amended wording for the replacement of Article 7 of the STARFLEET Constitution

Vote started August 6, 2000

Vote ended August 7, 2000

Text of resolution:

ARTICLE 7: ELECTIONS

Section 1: Term of Office

The Commander, STARFLEET (President) and the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET (Vice-President) of the organization shall take office on January 1st of each year following the Fleet general elections, which shall be held biennially. The offices of President and Vice-President shall be filled by the slate of candidates. The electorate body in these elections shall be all members in good standing of the organization. The Slate that receives the plurality of votes cast by said body will take office at the date set forth above.

In the event an election cannot take office, the incumbent Commander, STARFLEET must step down immediately at the close of their current term of office. The Admiralty Board shall then elect from its membership an Acting Commander, STARFLEET, who shall discharge the duties of President until the next regularly scheduled STARFLEET general election may be called, with a timetable to be determined by the Admiralty Board and otherwise conforming to the general rules and regulations as a regular Commander, STARFLEET election. The Admiralty Board may choose to appoint the sitting CS as Acting CS instead of selecting someone from its membership as long as this does not exceed term limits listed below.

No person may hold the office of President for more than two (2) elected terms, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than half the duration of a term to which another person was elected, shall be elected to the office of the President more than once.

Section 2: Election Coordinator

Unless the Chief of Communications is an announced candidate for President or Vice President, or has been named to serve on the EC slate of an announced candidate for President, he/she shall be responsible for coordinating all election activity for the duration of the STARFLEET electoral process, except as noted below, including but not limited to the receipt and verification of nominations under Article 7, Section 4. If the Election Coordinator should receive enough nominations to be himself or herself considered a candidate, he or she must within no more than five (5) days announce this fact. At this time the Election Coordinator must either declare irrevocably that he or she will not stand for election in this election cycle or relinquish the election process to the next eligible member of the EC in order of succession as defined in Article 3, Section 3. Should the succeeding members of the EC be ineligible to serve as Election Coordinator, the AB shall choose a member in good standing of the organization to act as the Election

Coordinator instead.

Section 3: Supervision of Election Process

The Inspector General, STARFLEET shall ensure that all election guidelines set forth by the Admiralty Board, and the STARFLEET Constitution, are adhered to, and that no improprieties take place. For the biennial general election the Inspector General will, by August 1st, hire an independent CPA, to be paid for by STARFLEET, who has no direct affiliation to STARFLEET, or any of its members, to receive and tabulate all ballots cast. In the event that a special election is required, the Inspector General will perform these duties in accordance with dates specified by the Admiralty Board.

Section 4: Nomination of Candidates

Nominations of candidates for President may be submitted to the Election Coordinator by Chapter (but not Chapter-in-Training) COs or Regional Coordinators. All nominations must be signed and dated, and no person shall submit more than one in each election. Disclosure of the Nomination results, in detail or otherwise, to any aspect of the STARFLEET Membership, shall be handled in accordance with the current Membership Handbook. A minimum of five (5) nominations is required to qualify as a candidate for President. Once the Election Coordinator has announced a member as an eligible candidate for President, that candidate must publicly announce within ten (10) days of notification of eligibility his/her choice for Vice-President, or publicly announce a decision to not run. Candidates must also ensure that announcement is received by the Election Coordinator. Candidates for President and Vice-President shall run together as a slate. In this fashion, the office of Vice-President is subject to the general election of the Fleet membership.

Section 5: Election Publications

The Official Election Publication is defined as the information resource containing the platforms and proposals of the various eligible candidates for Commander, STARFLEET. This publication may be distributed either as part of an issue of the COMMUNIQUÉ or as a standalone mailing. If sent as a standalone mailing, the Election Publication must be sent using the United States Postal Services 1st class mail specifications or the international equivalent thereof. If permissible under the guidelines of the election, the Election Publication may also include the ballots necessary to cast one's vote. Size and parameters of the Election Publication are at the discretion of the Election Coordinator, who must publish these requirements prior to the commencement of election activities on June 1st (see section 6) within the COMMUNIQUÉ and any other medium he/she deem necessary.

Section 6: Election Timetable

The timetable for the election of the position of Commander, STARFLEET shall be as follows:

Before June 1st:

No campaigning of any kind may take place by or on behalf of any prospective candidate until the date whereupon campaigning commences below. The Election Coordinator may

authorize specific exceptions as he/she sees fit or necessary. Campaigning is defined as announcements of platform, announcements of candidacy, or announcement of intent to seek candidacy. Announcements are defined as a statement or request for consideration made in person or by mail or other communications medium, to a group or substantial portion of a group, or in a public forum. Prospective candidates are encouraged to solicit advice from the Election Coordinator as to which proposed activity may or may not adhere to the guidelines set forth above. Any actual or perceived violations of campaigning before this date shall be addressed to the Election Coordinator, who shall forward this information to the STARFLEET Admiralty Board. The Admiralty Board will be the final arbiter of whether or not a transgression has occurred and, if so, shall determine whatever punishment they deem fit.

June 1st to July 15th:

Nominations for the position of Commander, STARFLEET are accepted.

June 1st:

Campaigning may commence for the purpose of soliciting nominations.

July 15th:

The Election Coordinator must receive all nominations by this date. Any nomination received after this date will not count towards the official tally.

July 16th:

Qualified candidates are announced via the most expedient means possible. Qualified candidates must accept the nomination and announce their VCS candidate within 10 days or be disqualified.

August 1st:

Campaign literature must have been submitted to the Election Coordinator for inclusion in the official Election Publication.

September 1st:

The CPA hired to conduct the election must place all ballots and Election Publications in the mail by this date.

November 15th:

The CPA hired to conduct the election must receive all ballots by this date

November 20th:

The winning candidate is notified and incumbent Commander, STARFLEET begins a transition period, as defined below, if necessary.

December/January:

Results are announced in the COMMUNIQUÉ.

January 1st:

The newly elected officials take office.

Section 7: One Eligible Candidate

If only one person shall qualify as an eligible candidate for President, a vote of confidence for that candidate shall be held by the general membership. Ballots shall be distributed according to the election schedule as defined above. Should the sole candidate fail to obtain a majority of the votes cast in the election, the candidate shall not assume office. The Admiralty Board shall then elect from its membership an Acting Commander, STARFLEET, who shall discharge the duties of President until the next regularly scheduled STARFLEET general election or until a special general election may be called, at the discretion of the Admiralty Board with the advisement of the Election Coordinator.

Section 8: Withdrawal from Candidacy

Should any nominee for Commander, STARFLEET accept the candidacy and then withdraw from the election, that person shall not re-enter the same election. The candidate must notify the Election Coordinator, by certified mail, of his/her withdrawal from the election.

Section 9: Office Turnover

An out-going President must make provisions to turn over all materials connected with the office of President to the incoming President on or before December 31st of the election year. If the out-going President fails or refuses to promptly turn over all such materials, the incoming President or his designee is authorized to take all appropriate actions, including but not limited to the filing of legal proceedings and the filing of a criminal complaint, which may be needed to ensure compliance with this Section.

The motion was made by Region 3 (Brad Pense) and seconded by Region 5 (Chris Wallace, Region 5 Representative).

Report of the voting:

R01: Abstain	R06: Abstain	R12: Aye
R02: Aye	R07: Aye	R13: Aye
R03: Aye	R09: Aye	R15: abstain
R04: Aye	R10: Abstain	R17: Aye
R05: Aye	R11: Aye	

By a vote of 10:00:04 this motion passed.