

# The BMW Club Voting Procedures

## **Introduction**

The procedure for voting at meetings both for motions and for the election of officers is set out in the M&AA. These notes are intended to clarify the rules and summarise the position described in the solicitors' letters of 2009. A copy of the Club's M&AA is available to view in the membership section of the website as well as in print.

## **AGM and EGM of Club**

Election of officers is by the "first past the post" system. Where there is more than one candidate, each voter votes once, for the candidate of their choice; the candidate with the most votes is elected.

If there is only one candidate, that person is elected provided they receive a vote or votes.

Candidates cannot be voted against. The votes for each candidate are recorded.

In accordance with the M&AA, candidates and motions must be published in advance to all members and cannot therefore come from the floor of the meeting. In the event there is no candidate for a post, an interim measure must be sought until such time as one or more candidates are identified and an EGM called for their election.

Motions which seek to amend the M&AA (special resolutions) require a 75% majority to succeed, others a simple majority. The wording of special resolutions must follow a specific format. The website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/model-special-resolutions> offers an example of suitable wording.

The chairman holds a casting vote.

## **AGM and EGM of a Section**

Election of officers and committee members is by the "first past the post" system. Where there is more than one candidate, each voter votes once, for the candidate of their choice; the candidate with the most votes is elected.

If there is only one candidate, that person is elected provided they receive a vote or votes.

Candidates cannot be voted against. The votes for each candidate are recorded.

In accordance with the M&AA, candidates for the 3 officer posts must be identified in advance. In the event that there is no candidate, nominations may be taken from the floor. Nominations for additional committee members may be taken from the floor.

Motions may be taken from the floor and require a simple majority to succeed. Motions which would conflict with the M&AA or other rules imposed nationally are inadmissible.

In so far as the Section business must be conducted in accordance with the rules of the Club, the chairman holds a casting vote as per the national provision.

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