

## **ELECTION OF THE REGIONAL CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Although the election of the Regional Chair and Vice-Chair is the responsibility of the Regional Committee rather than Member Organisations, we would like to share with Member Organisations details of the process that will be followed this triennium.

Candidates nominated to the Regional Committee will not be asked to indicate before the election whether they would like to be considered for the role of Regional Chair or Vice-Chair. Instead, after election, a self-nomination form will be circulated for Regional Committee members to indicate if they are interested in standing as Regional Chair and/or Vice-Chair. At this time all members of the Regional Committee will again be reminded of the role description and person specification for the roles of Regional Chair and Vice-Chair.

Before and during the Regional Conference there will be opportunities for candidates to get to know each other.

A member of the Nominations Committee and/or a World Board will coordinate the election. This will take place during a special meeting of the new Regional Committee during the Regional Conference. At the beginning of the meeting, the Nominations Committee member and/or World Board member will announce the names of those who have expressed an interest in standing as Regional Chair and Vice-Chair. This information is confidential within the Regional Committee and under no circumstances will be shared outside of the Regional Committee and those administering the process .

Each individual standing as Regional Chair and/or Vice-Chair will be given an opportunity to speak for a maximum of three minutes about their leadership experience, and the skill, knowledge and qualities they feel make them a good candidate for the role.

Voting will be by secret ballot. A simple majority of votes (i.e. four out of the six Regional Committee members) is required to be elected. Voting will take place first for the position of Regional Chair, followed by the vote for the Vice-Chair. Even if there is only one candidate for a position a vote will still be held, and a simple majority is still required. If a simple majority is not reached the process will be run again. If a decision still cannot be reached the Nominations Committee member and/ or World Board member will discuss with the Regional Committee members how to reach a conclusion .

The announcement of the new Regional Chair (who will also be a member of the World Board) and Regional Vice-Chair will ideally be made to Member Organisations in the Region before the end of the Regional Conference.