

As per Minutes of the 149 the BOD Meeting of the Executive Board held at Kolkata on 14th March, 2019. A decision has been taken with respect to election process of Governing Council member of the chapter using SMS for voting by the eligible voters of each respective Chapter.

The required SMS Poll software is developed by the renowned Mobile application company **IMI Mobile** based out of Hyderabad. IMI Mobile is audited by **Govt of India** on the ISMS (**Information Security Management System Certification**) regularly as third party audit. Certificates included

Steps for SMS Poll

Contestants will be given numerical code starting from 1,

Note * Candidate actual names with actual candidate codes will communicated online by September 5th , 2022 after final candidates list confirmation by the election officer.

For Example:

SL No	Candidate Name	Candidate Code
1	Candidate A	11
2	Candidate B	12

2. A long code– (a 10 digit mobile no) is designated for each poll and we request all the eligible voters to vote by sending the SMS to the mobile no **xxxxxxxxxx** by typing the candidate code 11 or 12

*Mobile no to which sms vote to be sent will be communicated to all the eligible members.

3. As soon as the voter send the SMS, he/she will get a confirmation SMS saying **“Congratulations. Your Vote is accepted. Thank you for your valuable vote” or a similar message.** Vote will be rejected in case if they try to vote using SMS more than once as the system will not accept multiple votes from single eligible Mobile no.

4. Votes from mobile nos which are not eligible (not registered in QCFI membership database) will berejected automatically by the system. Pls note only eligible members (Institutional Members + Life Members) from respective zones for which election is being held

5. All the received (polled votes) against each candidate will be stored on IMI Mobile secured systems.

6. The Board of QCFI will appoint Two observers for the election to observe the election process and take appropriate actions along with the Returning Officer. Once the poll through SMS is completed on given date and time, service provider will send OTP to both the observers to open the election results and then the results will be sent to the President for necessary actions and information.