



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY STUDIES

## **Elections to the Executive Committee, 2023 Voting procedures**

### **Introduction**

Voting shall be by postal or electronic ballot only. There shall be no on-site voting during the 2023 International Congress in Rome, and no voting by proxy.

The voting register includes only those members who are up-to-date with their membership fees with their national societies as at 31 December 2022. Members are only entitled to vote once, even if they are members of more than one ISECS national society. Members of more than one society should use the society of their country of residence for this purpose. **Questions about individual membership should be raised with the relevant national society and not with the ISECS secretariat.**

Members can vote electronically (via the ISECS online directory) or by postal vote. The voting list is generated by the directory, so **all members, regardless of whether they choose to vote by eballot or by post, must be registered on the ISECS directory. National societies (secretaries or treasurers) are asked to send the ISECS Communications Secretary ([nelson.guilbert@uqtr.ca](mailto:nelson.guilbert@uqtr.ca)) an up-to-date list of their members by December 23 2022. Members will be unable to vote unless their name is on the electoral list**, in accordance with the By-laws, Article A10.

### **Electronic voting (eballot)**

Electronic balloting, with secure passwords, will be available to all members whose profiles and email addresses are registered on the ISECS directory. The system for electronic balloting will be open from March 6 to May 5, 2023. Detailed instructions for electronic balloting will be sent **by email** on March 6 by the ISECS Communications Secretary. These instructions will also be posted on the ISECS website and will be sent to national society secretaries for posting

on national society websites. The ISECS Communications Secretary cannot take responsibility for any members who miss the initial email message of March 6.

**The electronic ballot will close at midnight, Eastern Standard Time (GMT-5), on May 5, 2023.**

### **Postal voting**

Members who do not wish to use electronic voting, or who are unable to do so, may obtain postal voting papers from the Secretary of their national society. When completed, postal voting papers must be placed in an unmarked sealed envelope inside the outer mailing envelope. The member's full name, legibly written, and the name of the national society to which he or she belongs must appear on the outer envelope.

Postal voting opens on January 9, 2023. Postal ballots must reach the following address **no later than May 5 2023**:

Nelson Guilbert  
ISECS Communications Secretary  
4265 rue Savard app. 4  
Trois-Rivières (Québec)  
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All outer envelopes will be checked against the voting register at the first stage of the count. Any envelope that does not carry a member's name, or that carries the name of someone not on the voting register, or that carries a surname only and the register lists more than one member with that surname, will be counted as void and the inner envelope will not be opened.

Ballot papers with identifying signs or with more names marked than there are posts to fill will be counted as void. Votes for non-candidates will be considered blank in so far as these votes are concerned, other portions of the ballot remaining valid.

### **General**

In the event of a member inadvertently voting both by post and electronically, the electronic vote will be retained and the postal vote discounted. A check for double voting will be made before the postal votes are opened.

The count will take place at the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (Canada) at a date to be determined, between 15 and 26 May 2023.

Election results will be announced six weeks prior to the Rome Congress, and will be posted on the ISECS website.

Nelson Guilbert  
On behalf of the ISECS electoral committee, 2023