

## IV. VOTING AND BALLOT PROCEDURES

These proposed amendments revise conduct of elections sections to normalize electronic voting, as used in the 2017 UUA presidential election, while preserving the ability to vote by mail. Electronic voting has been an essential tool in expanding voting access and security. Additionally provides for rank-choice voting for Moderator and Presidential elections, and revises how electoral ties are determined.

### 221 Section 9.11. Counting of Ballots.

222 (a) [For the position of President, Moderator, Financial Advisor, or Trustee. If there are no more  
223 than two duly nominated candidates for a position, the candidate receiving the greater  
224 number of votes is elected; provided, however, that (i) in construing the foregoing with respect  
225 to Trustee positions, each Trustee position number shall be considered a separate elective  
226 position; and (ii) in construing this section, a duly nominated candidate for the position of  
227 Moderator may consist of more than one person. If there are more than two duly nominated  
228 candidates for a position, the ballot shall be designed to permit the designation of first,  
229 second, third, etc., choice. If no candidate receives a majority of the first-choice votes cast,  
230 the candidate receiving the lowest first-choice vote shall be eliminated and the ballots cast  
231 for such candidate shall be redistributed in accordance with the second choice indicated  
232 thereon. This process shall be repeated until one candidate receives a majority of all votes  
233 cast or until only two candidates remain, at which time the one receiving the greater number  
234 of votes is elected.] **Singular Positions. If there is more than one duly nominated candidate for**  
235 **a single position, not including the candidates for the position of Moderator and President, the**  
236 **candidate receiving the greater number of votes is elected.**

237 (b) [For Other Elective Positions] **Multiple Positions of the Same Kind.** [If there is one elective  
238 position at large to be filled, the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes is elected.]  
239 If there is more than one such elective position of the same kind to be filled, the candidates  
240 respectively receiving the greatest number of votes are elected.

241 **(c) Moderator and President Voting. For the positions of Moderator and President, if there are**  
242 **two duly nominated candidates, the candidate receiving the greater number of votes will be**  
243 **elected. If there are more than two duly nominated candidates a ranked vote will be held in**  
244 **which voters indicate their ranked choices for candidates. If no candidate receives a majority**  
245 **of the first-choice votes cast, the candidate receiving the lowest first-choice vote shall be**  
246 **eliminated and the ballots cast for such candidate shall be redistributed in accordance with the**  
247 **second choice indicated thereon. This process shall be repeated until one candidate receives**  
248 **a majority of all votes cast or until only two candidates remain, at which time the one receiving**  
249 **the greater number of votes is elected.**

### 250 Rule G-9.11.1. Tie Vote-Elected [Committee] Position.

251 If a tie vote occurs in filling an elected [committee] position when only one person is to be elected **and**  
252 **when ranked voting is not being used**, or occurs in filling a slate when the slate cannot be completed  
253 without resolving the tie, then **a candidate or candidates shall be eliminated by random draw to**  
254 **determine the winner** [as soon as possible before the final adjournment of the General Assembly  
255 involved, additional ballots shall be cast by those present and entitled to vote, except that initially  
256 the Moderator shall not vote. The additional ballots shall contain only the names of the candidates  
257 who are tied. These ballots shall be counted along with a recounting of the ballots cast for the tied  
258 candidates by absentee ballots, and the result of the foregoing procedures shall determine the

259 election, unless there is still a tie, in which case the Moderator shall then cast a ballot to resolve it].

260 **Rule G-9.11.2. Tie Vote - Ranked Voting [Moderator].**

261 [If the tie involves the election of a Moderator, the proceedings to resolve the tie shall be presided over  
262 by the Secretary of the Association who, in all matters involving the resolutions of the tie, shall have  
263 the rights and duties of the Moderator.] **Should there be a tie for the fewest number of first preference**  
264 **votes, including mail ballots, then among these, the candidate with the fewest number of second**  
265 **preference votes shall be eliminated. Should a tie persist, the procedure shall continue with third**  
266 **preference votes, et cetera. Should a tie still persist, the candidate with the fewest number of original**  
267 **first preference votes, shall be eliminated. Should a tie still persist, the procedures shall continue with**  
268 **original second preference votes, et cetera. Should a tie still persist, a candidate shall be eliminated by**  
269 **random draw.**

270 **[Rule G-9.11.3. Tie Vote-President, Moderator, Financial Advisor, or Trustee.**

271 If, in the election of a President, Moderator, Financial Advisor, or Trustee, in any particular counting of  
272 the preferential ballots, including absentee ballots, there is a tie vote among candidates having the  
273 least number of votes, then each such tied candidate shall be eliminated, and in the next counting, the  
274 ballots accumulated for said candidate shall be redistributed among the remaining candidates on the  
275 basis of the highest effective preferences marked on all the ballots that have been cast. However, if in  
276 this process, such elimination leaves only a single candidate who in that counting still does not have  
277 a majority of the counted votes, or if only two candidates remain in the contest and they are tied, then  
278 there shall be as many run-off election procedures, conducted under the provision of Rule G-9.11.1, as  
279 are necessary to result in the election of a President, Moderator, Financial Advisor, or Trustee by at  
280 least a majority of the votes cast.]

## **Unincorporated Amendment A**

Lines 246-273: When there are more than two candidates for any position, voters will rank their top three choices among the candidates. A voter's top choice will receive three points, their second choice will get two points, and their third choice will get one point. The candidate with the most points is elected.

Lines 285-293: A tie vote for any position elected by ranked voting shall be resolved by a random draw.