

# Rules for Linguistic Society of Japan Elections

- I The President, the Editor-in-chief, the Auditors, and the Councilors shall be chosen by a vote of the individual (not institutional) members of the Society following the specified procedures. Individual (not institutional) members who have completed payment of their current annual dues by the last day of October of the current fiscal year shall have the right to cast a ballot and the right to stand for office. Selection shall be made by members listed as entitled to vote or to stand for election as of the last day of October in the fiscal year in which the election is held (the list of electors).
- II The President, the Editor-in-chief, and the Auditors shall be the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes. In case of a tie, the winner shall be determined by lot.
- III In case some impediment should arise with regard to the Editor-in-chief or the Auditors, the position shall be filled by the candidate receiving the next largest number of votes in the relevant election. The term of office in this case shall be the remainder of the original term.
- IV Councilors shall be selected from each of the seven (7) regions listed below, with a fixed number of positions allocated to each region. The region to which members are considered to be affiliated depends on their place of residence.
  - 1) Hokkaido 2) Tohoku 3) Kanto 4) Chubu 5) Kinki 6) Chugoku-Shikoku 7) Kyushu-Okinawa
- V The number of Councilor positions apportioned to each region shall be determined by the relative proportion of individual (not institutional) members residing in the region in question as recorded in the list of electors specified in Article I of the Rules for LSJ Elections. [i] The total number of positions shall be approximately 70.
- VI Voting for Councilors shall be done by anonymous ballot with each voter writing in no more than ten (10) names. A member may vote for candidates for the Board of Councilors from regions other than the member's region of residence.
- VII Selection of Councilors shall be done by choosing first the candidate with the most votes, followed by the candidate with the next most votes, and continuing in this manner until the number of Councilors specified for that region has been reached. If two or more candidates should have the same number of votes when filling the final vacancy, the winner shall be determined by lot.
- VIII Vacancies arising in the Board of Councilors shall not be filled.
- IX If the President, Editor-in-chief, or the Auditors should be replaced during the officer's term of office and one or more years remain in the term of office, neither the previous officeholder nor the replacement officeholder shall be eligible to stand for election in the next election.
- X The Election Administration Committee shall consist of the President and four (4) other Election Administration Committee members. The President shall chair the Election Administration Committee. [ii]
- XI Members of the Election Administration Committee shall be selected by the Board of Councilors from among the individual (not institutional) members with residence in the same region as the President. No more than one Election Administration Committee member may be selected from a single institution, with research institutes affiliated with a college or university considered to be a part of that college or university. The term of members of the Election Administration Committee shall be three (3) years and members may not be selected for a third consecutive term.
- XII Voting for members of the Election Administration Committee shall be done by anonymous ballot with the voter writing in no more than two (2) names. [ii]
- XIII If two or more candidates should have the same number of votes when filling the final vacancy, the winner shall be determined by lot.

XIV Should a vacancy arise on the Election Administration Committee, the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes after the last selected candidate shall be selected to fill the vacancy. The term of office for a replacement member of the Election Administration Committee shall be the remaining term of the member being replaced.

## Footnotes

- Article V

Calculation to be done following the formula below. Results are to be rounded to the nearest whole number.

Number of Councilors apportioned to a region =  $70 \times (\text{Total number of electors with residence in the region} / \text{Total number of electors resident in Japan})$

- Articles X and XII

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