## Rules for Election of Delegates

The following rules shall apply to the election of delegates pursuant to Article 15 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Society.

(Fixed Number, Right to Vote, and Eligibility for Election)

- 1. The fixed number of delegates shall be 100.
- 2) The right to vote shall be held by the full members (excluding those who live overseas) stated on the list of members of the Society confirmed at the meeting of the Board of Directors closest to the date of the election.
- 3) The above-mentioned full members (excluding those who live overseas) shall be eligible for election.

(Date of Election)

2. Elections of delegates shall be held for a prescribed period of not less than two weeks but not more than three weeks between December 1 of the year preceding the date on which the delegates' term expires and the last day of January.

(Method of Voting)

3. Voting shall be conducted in a series of votes for up to 15 persons, either by web entry based on a prescribed format or by mail using a prescribed ballot form.

(Determination of Winners)

- 4. As for female full members among those who received votes, first, the top 10 vote-getters shall be deemed as winners on a preferential basis.
- 2) The top vote-getters excluding the winners set forth in the preceding paragraph shall be deemed as winners until the number elected reaches the fixed number of 100 including the winners set forth in the preceding paragraph.
- 3) If a delegate elected pursuant to the preceding two paragraphs declines to be a winner, the runner-up shall be deemed the winner. Any vacancy caused by resignation or other reasons during the term of office shall not be filled.
- 4) If there are multiple winners or runners-up with the same number of votes, the younger person(s) shall be deemed as winner(s) or runner(s)-up on a preferential basis.

(Revision)

5. Revisions to these Rules shall be made by the Board of Directors and reported to the general meeting.

**Supplementary Provisions** 

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