

Proposal of Change to the ESMRMB Elections Scheme

Motivation:

The current scheme in terms of which position needs to be elected in which year is:

- Year 1: President-elect non-clinician (2 non-clinician candidates)
- Year 2: President-elect clinician (2 clinician candidates) + Secretary/MMM positions (2 clinician candidates + 2 non-clinician candidates)
- Year 3: President-elect non-clinician (2 non-clinician candidates)
- Year 4: President-elect clinician (2 clinician candidates) + Secretary/MMM positions (2 clinician candidates + 2 non-clinician candidates)

With the current scheme, we need to identify 4 clinicians and disappoint 2 of them every other year (and identify 2 non-clinicians and disappoint 1 non-clinician every year).

Given the relative scarcity of clinicians compared to non-clinicians in the ESMRMB membership, it would be preferable to invert this.

We propose to shift this scheme by one year, such that it becomes:

- Year 1: President-elect clinician (2 clinician candidates)
- Year 2: President-elect non-clinician (2 non-clinician candidates) + Secretary/MMM positions (2 clinician candidates + 2 non-clinician candidates)
- Year 3: President-elect clinician (2 clinician candidates)
- Year 4: President-elect non-clinician (2 non-clinician candidates) + Secretary/MMM positions (2 clinician candidates + 2 non-clinician candidates)

With the proposed scheme, we need to identify 2 clinicians and disappoint 1 of them every year (and identify 4 non-clinicians and disappoint 2 of them every other year).

Proposed exception in 2027:

To allow the sequence to adjust, we propose the following one-time exception in 2027: the candidate for the Presidential track shall be a non-clinician, resulting in non-clinicians being elected for this position in two consecutive years (2026 and 2027). The MMM Officer and Secretary (and thus the Treasurer and Education Officer) keep their terms as originally expected.