To: African Chapters of the ILAE
Re: African regional elections

Monday, 28 October 2013

Dear Chapter Executives,

We are beginning the elections of officers of the Commission on African Affairs (CAA) 2014-2017 to be completed prior to the 2nd African Epilepsy Congress to be held in Cape Town, South Africa from 22-24th May 2014.

The elections will have two phases: first the Chapters will elect the Chair and then the members of the CAA.

ELECTION OF CHAIR
According to the amended Constitution, the regional Chairs become ILAE Vice Presidents.

Nomination phase:
The Chair is elected among the persons who have already served on the CAA as long as they continue to have the support of their primary chapter. The Election’s committee contacted all the current members of the CAA to ask them if they are willing to run. The following people have agreed: Dr Gallo (Senegal) and Dr Ohene (Ghana)
The nominees will submit a short bio-sketch with a photo to be placed on the website.

Election phase: Ballots will be sent out by Nov 1, 2013. Ballots must be submitted by November 30, 2013 to the office of the election manager ilae@wc-b.com. To date all African chapters have paid their dues and are eligible to vote.

Each chapter must vote for 1 candidate for the ballots to be valid. Please note that ballots not sent directly to the election manager will be invalid. To be elected, the top candidate must receive at least 51% of the votes. Please note that the current Chair remains as a member of the Commission as Past-Chair unless elected to Chair, as the League’s current Constitution allows for previously appointed Chairs to run for election.

ELECTION OF 4 MEMBERS
After election of the Chair, the 4 remaining members are elected (early in 2014). This phase will also include a nomination phase and an election phase.

Nomination phase: Chapters will ask to propose people as candidates but, in order for the candidate to be included in the ballot, the candidate must have the support of their primary Chapter unless there is no Chapter. Nominations will be submitted to the League’s election’s manager, ilae@wc-b.com. The League’s Secretariat will verify that the candidates included in the ballot has the support of the Chapter.

Election phase: The nominees will submit a short bio-sketch with a photo to be placed on the website. Each chapter can vote for up to 4 nominees but not necessarily for all 4 for the ballot to be valid. Please note that ballots not sent directly to the election manager will be invalid. The 4 candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected. In a case of a tie, in accordance with the League’s Bylaws, the older
candidate will be elected. The exact dates are not yet determined but we anticipate that the elections will be finalized by March 23, 2014.

Dr Perucca, the League’s President, with the consent of the League’s Executive Committee will appoint 2 additional members. The total number of regular Commission members is 8.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

All the best

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Chair Election Committee on behalf of the Committee