

## **Proposals to amend EC election procedures and membership**

1. BIEN shall elect its positions for the Executive Committee (EC) and all other elected positions through an anonymous electronic voting system at its next congress or as soon as practicable. General Assembly (GA) to mandate the EC to look into and implement such a model, based on experiences such as listed below of the Canadian affiliate network of BIEN (BICN).
2. The GA or the EC may refer votes on other issues to a vote of the whole membership by the same electronic voting procedure.
3. BIEN sets up a Nominations committee that will begin its operation 6 months prior to the GA composed of 2 two non-EC members, where at least one of the members has previously served on the EC. The function of the committee is to take nominations and encourage nominations where no members have come forward to stand for a position. The International Board shall solicit volunteers for and appoint the nominations committee.
4. The nominations procedure (Article 17 of the AISBL, article 7b of the pre-existing statutes) shall be amended to include the following: Any member of BIEN may run (stand) for a position by information the secretary prior to the General Assembly meeting without need for anyone to second their nomination.
5. BIEN's articles be amended to increase the maximum number of EC members be increased from 9 to 11.

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## **Appendix**

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### **Memo for BIEN on Electronic Voting Options**

The purpose of the governance changes at BICN were related to our resolve to “develop measures to improve accountability and transparency, encourage interest in serving on the Board or in other capacities, and invite greater participation in elections and AGMs”, and; to encourage diversity, inclusion and balance in its membership, thinking and action, to better support accountability to supporters, donors and the public and to recognize the role played by prominent figures in politics, policy and civil society in promoting basic income.

We sought additional Directors for our Board and then held an electronic vote. Here are some things to note:

- 1) Voting was open to all members of BICN (about 40 people)
- 2) Voting was administered by email, through Simply Voting between on May 11 and open between May 11-May14 (during the NABIG congress) for people to vote. Each member got one email with

a link unique to the ballot. Each person could only vote once, and only electronically through this ballot

- 3) Simply Voting (<http://www.simplyvoting.com/>) was our preferred option, but they had a one-time fee of \$200. I believe there are other free options like <http://www.ballotbin.com>
- 4) We had to list the candidates on the ballot before the vote started (May 11) and nothing could be changed during the voting period (voter emails, or candidates)
- 5) Each member had 6 votes to cast, as there were 6 openings on our board and we had a total of 10 candidates (people checked the boxes next to the candidates they wanted).
- 6) Simply voting emailed us a report as soon as the vote concluded that noted how the votes were distributed and the order of the candidates – without revealing the identity of who voted for who.