

Suggestion 2015.17: Voting System Change for ARIN Elections

Description: Switch ARIN elections to Single Transferable Vote instead of First past the post (current system)

Value to Community: Single Transferable Vote is a proven system for improving the quality of election results and making it possible for people to more granularly express their preferences among candidates in an election process.

Rather than rehash the details of STV here, I will merely reference:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Single_transferable_vote

Initial 19 November 2015 Response

Thank you for your suggestions, numbered 2015-17 upon confirmed receipt, regarding ARIN elections.

Your suggestion to move ARIN elections away from our current "first past the post" system to a Single Transferable Vote system will be sent to ARIN's President and CEO for evaluation and possible referral to the ARIN Board of Trustees' Governance Committee for review and consideration.

This suggestion will remain open pending executive review.

Proposed Draft Response

The current ARIN majority-based voting system provides for both simplicity and compliance with Virginia law, and it is unclear if transferrable vote model would provide either of these benefits. As such, the President has not recommended any changes at this time.

Thank you for participating in the ARIN Consultation and Suggestion Process. Having been reviewed and considered by the ARIN Board of Trustees, please consider this suggestion closed.