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# Digital elections



*Submitted for consideration to the PhD Chapter Meeting*

*The PhD chapter at KTH / Doktorandsektionen vid Tekniska Högskolans Studentkår*

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## Background

The digital elections methodology has been previously used for the elections in December/2023, May/2024, December/2024, June/2025, and December/2025 and has yielded an increased involvement of PhD Chapter members. Therefore, we suggest adding it to our statutes.

## Proposition

To, Amend the PhD Chapter Statutes as the following (in bold, the proposed modifications):

At §2.3.1., regarding the voting procedure, modify:

The PhD Chapter Meeting may conduct business if a quorum of at least 10 (ten) members and if the summons, including time and location, has been posted on the PhD Chapter website at least eight working days before the meeting. The agenda and other documents are to be posted in the same way at least four working days before the meeting. In case there are elections, nominations should close 10 working days before the meeting and the nomination committee report should be made public the same way, at least four working days before the meeting.

Modify to:

The PhD Chapter Meeting may conduct business if a quorum of at least 10 (ten) members and if the summons, including time and location, has been posted on the PhD Chapter website at least eight working days before the meeting. The agenda and other documents are to be posted in the same way at least four working days before the meeting. In case there are elections, nominations should close 10 working days before the meeting and the nomination committee report should be made public the same way, at least four working days before the meeting. **In the case of digital elections, voting should last at least four working days, counting from the day chapter members are informed. The elections should close at the latest 10 minutes before the Chapter Meeting, that will ratify its result.**

At §2.6., regarding the voting procedure, modify:

All PhD Chapter members at the PhD Chapter Meeting have one vote per member. Proxies are not allowed. If a vote is tied, the PhD Chapter Meeting Chairperson has a casting vote, except in elections where a tie is broken by drawing lots.

The PhD Chapter employs voting by acclamation or show of hands. If the PhD Chapter Meeting so desires, a ballot vote should be used.

PhD Chapter members must be present at the start of the specific point of the agenda to be eligible to vote on the matter at hand.

Modify to:

All PhD Chapter members at the PhD Chapter Meeting have one vote per member. **Voting through proxies is not allowed.** If a vote is tied, the PhD Chapter Meeting Chairperson has a casting vote, except in elections where a tie is broken by drawing lots.

The PhD Chapter employs voting by acclamation or show of hands. If the PhD Chapter Meeting so desires, a ballot vote, **either analog or digital**, should be used.

**If the voting procedure is occurring during a meeting**, PhD Chapter members must be present at the start of the specific point of the agenda to be eligible to vote on the matter at hand. **If a digital voting procedure is occurring all PhD Chapter members have the right to vote within the timeframe of the Voting Duration.**

At §5.11.3., concerning the responsibilities of Nominating Committee:

c) Propose nominations to the PhD Chapter Meeting. Nominations are established through single majority of the committee.

Modify to:

c) Propose nominations to the **PhD Chapter members**. Nominations are established through **simple** majority of the committee.

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