Election of the President of the European Parliament

On Tuesday 16 January 2007, MEPs elected Hans-Gert Poettering President of the European Parliament. He was elected after the first round of voting, with 450 votes in favour (or 65.31 per cent of the valid votes). The 61-year-old German Christian-Democrat will lead Parliament until the next European elections in June 2009. This background note covers the electoral procedure and the outcome of past elections.

Mr Poettering took over from Josep Borrell (PES, ES), who completed his term as President on Monday 15 January.

Following on from Mr Poettering’s election, Parliament’s 14 Vice-Presidents and 6 Quaestors were also elected on 16 January, by acclamation (same number of candidates as posts), at the first plenary session of 2007.

The Vice-Presidents are Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou (EPP-ED, GR), Alejo Vidal-Quadras (EPP-ED, ES), Gérard Onesta (Greens/EFA, FR), Edward McMillan-Scott (EPP-ED, UK), Mario Mauro (EPP-ED, IT), Miguel Angel Martinez Martinez (PES, ES), Luigi Cocilovo (ALDE, IT), Mechtild Rothe (PES, DE), Luisa Morgantini (EUL/NGL, IT), Pierre Moscovici (PES, FR), Manuel António Dos Santos (PES, PT), Diana Wallis (ALDE, UK), Marek Siwiec (PES, PL), and Adam Bielan (UEN, PL). The order of precedence shown here was established by a secret ballot.

The Quaestors (who deal with administrative and financial matters directly affecting Members), are James NICHOLSON (EPP-ED, UK), Astrid LULLING, (EPP-ED, LU), Mia DE VITS (PES, BE), Ingo FRIEDRICH (EPP-ED, DE), Szabolcs FAZAKAS (PES, HU), and Jan MULDER (ALDE, NL).

Formal details of the election procedures can be found in the Parliament’s Rules of Procedure - there is a link to these rules at the end of each of the following sections.

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Nomination of candidates for the presidency and election procedure

Candidates for the presidency may be proposed either by a political group or by a minimum of forty MEPs (Rule 12). All the duly nominated candidates will address MEPs before voting begins. The election is held by secret ballot. Unusually for a vote in the European Parliament, MEPs take part by marking their preferred candidate on a paper ballot and placing it in a ballot box. The process is overseen by eight tellers, chosen by lot from among the MEPs.

To be elected, a candidate must win an absolute majority of the valid votes cast, i.e. 50 per cent plus one (Rule 13). Blank or spoiled ballots do not count in calculating the majority required.

If no candidate is elected at the first ballot, the same or other candidates can be nominated for a second round of voting under the same conditions. This can be repeated at a third round if necessary, again with the same rules.

If no-one is elected at the third ballot, the two highest scoring candidates in that round proceed to a fourth ballot, where the one receiving the greater number of votes wins. (Should there be a tie at this stage, the older candidate is declared the winner).

The newly elected President then takes the chair and is entitled to make an opening address (though he or she can also choose to make just a few short remarks, with a more formal speech at a later date), before presiding over the election of the Vice-Presidents and Quaestors.
Duties of the President

The President chairs the plenary sittings of Parliament, the Conference of the Presidents of Political Groups and the Bureau of Parliament (made up of the President and the 14 Vice-Presidents, plus the Quaestors in an advisory capacity).

The President is responsible for the application of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament, and, to this end, oversees all the activities of Parliament and its bodies.

The President represents Parliament in all legal matters.

The President addresses the European Council prior to each of its meetings, stating Parliament's viewpoint on the subjects on the agenda in the framework of a debate with the heads of state and government.

The President represents Parliament in its international relations, and, in this connection, undertakes official visits within and outside the EU.

The President signs the EU budget into being following Parliament's vote on it at second reading. During the procedure, the President chairs the EP/Council conciliation delegations.

The President may, under the codecision procedure, chair the EP/Council conciliation committee. Jointly with the President-in-Office of the Council, the President signs all legislative acts adopted by codecision.

When an Intergovernmental Conference is held for the reform of the Treaties, the President takes part in the meetings of the government representatives where these are organised at ministerial level.
Background

Vice-Presidents and Quaestors

Candidates for the posts of Vice-President and Quaestor can also be made either by a political group or by at least 40 Members. The Vice-Presidential election is also held using a paper-based secret ballot, with a single ballot paper. Candidates must obtain the support of an absolute majority of those casting valid ballots, with a second round held under the same conditions if all 14 posts are not filled on the first round. A third round can then be held if there are still vacancies, at which point a relative majority is enough for election to one of the remaining positions. The order in which candidates are elected determines the order of precedence (Rule 14). If the number of candidates proposed is the same as the number of positions to be filled - fourteen - then they will be elected by acclamation, with a vote held simply to determine the order of precedence. A similar procedure is followed for the election of the Quaestors (Rule 15).

Vice-Presidents can replace the President in performing his duties when necessary, including chairing plenary sittings. (Rule 20) They are also members of the Bureau, the body responsible for all administrative, staff and organisational matters of the Parliament. The Quaestors deal with administrative matters directly affecting MEPs themselves. (Rule 25). For the two and a half years to come, Parliament will have six Quaestors, as opposed to the normal five, reflecting the temporarily larger number of MEPs following the accession of Romania and Bulgaria.
Presidents of the European Parliament 1952 to 1979

1952 - 1954 Paul-Henri SPAAK (Soc, BE)
1954  Alcide DE GASPERI (CD, IT)
1954 - 1956 Giuseppe PELLA (CD, IT)
1956 - 1958 Hans FURLER (CD, DE)
1958 - 1960 Robert SCHUMAN (CD, FR)
1960 - 1962 Hans FURLER (CD, DE)
1962 - 1964 Gaetano MARTINO (L, IT)
1964 - 1965 Jean DUVIEUSART (CD, BE)
1965 - 1966 Victor LEEMANS (CD, BE)
1966 - 1969 Alain POHER (CD, FR)
1969 - 1971 Mario SCELBA (CD, IT)
1971 - 1973 Walter BEHRENDT (Soc, DE)
1973 - 1975 Cornelis BERKHOUWER (L, NL)
1975 - 1977 Georges SPENALE (Soc, FR)
1977 - 1979 Emilio COLOMBO (CD, IT)
Background

Presidents of the directly elected European Parliament since 1979

- Session of July 1979: Simone VEIL (LDR, FR)
elected on the second ballot with 192 votes (votes cast: 377)

Session of January 1982: Pieter DANKERT (PES, NL)
elected on the fourth ballot with 191 votes (votes cast: 366)

- Session of July 1984: Pierre PFLIMLIN (EPP, FR)
elected on the second ballot with 221 votes (votes cast: 403)

- Session of January 1987: Lord (Henry) PLUMB (ED, UK)
elected on the third ballot with 241 votes (votes cast: 477)

- Session of July 1989: Enrique Baron CRESPO (PES, ES)
elected on the first ballot with 301 votes (votes cast: 475)

- Session of January 1992: Egon KLEPSCH (EPP, DE)
elected on the first ballot with 253 votes (votes cast: 446)

- Session of July 1994: Klaus HÄNSCH (PES, DE)
elected on the first ballot with 365 votes (votes cast: 452)

- Session of January 1997: Jose Maria GIL ROBLES (EPP, ES)
elected on the first ballot with 338 votes (votes cast: 515)

- Session of July 1999: Nicole FONTAINE (EPP-ED, FR)
elected on the first ballot with 306 votes (votes cast: 555)

- Session of January 2002: Pat COX (ELDR, IE)
elected on the third ballot with 298 votes (votes cast: 568)

- Session of July 2004: Josep BORRELL FONTELLES (PES, ES)
elected on the first ballot with 388 votes (647 votes cast)

- Session of January 2007: Hans-Gert POETTERING (EPP-ED, DE)
elected on the first ballot with 450 votes
Details of voting in EP Presidential elections since 1979

SESSION OF 12-15 JULY 1979 - President elected: Simone VEIL (LDR, FR)

Number of candidates: 5
Ms Veil (LDR, FR), Ms Bonino (CTDI, IT), Mr Amendola (Com, IT), Mr de la Malène (DEP, FR) and Mr Zagarì (PES, IT)

Number of ballots: 2

Numbers of votes:
1st ballot: Number of voters: 404
  Spoilt ballot papers: 21
  Votes cast: 380
  Absolute majority: 191
Result: Ms Veil: 183 votes
  Mr Amendola: 44 votes
  Ms Bonino: 9 votes
  Mr de la Malène: 26 votes
  Mr Zagarì: 118 votes
As no candidate obtained an absolute majority of votes cast, a 2nd ballot was needed.

2nd ballot: Number of voters: 404
  Blank or spoilt ballot papers: 23
  Votes cast: 377
  Absolute majority: 189
Result: Ms Veil: 192 votes
  Mr Amendola: 47 votes
  Mr Zagarì: 138 votes
Ms Veil obtained an absolute majority of votes cast and was thus elected President.

Vice-Presidents:
Messrs. Vandewiele, Gonella, Katzer, Pflimlin, Friedrich, Jacquet, Vondeling, de Ferranti, Zagarì, Moller and Rodgers were elected Vice-Presidents on the first ballot.
At the second ballot, as no candidate for the posts still to be filled had obtained an absolute majority of votes cast, a third ballot was needed.
Ms Demarch was elected Vice-President on the third ballot.

SESSION OF 18-21 JANUARY 1982 - President elected: Piet DANKERT (PES, NL)

Number of candidates: 5
Mr Dankert (PES, NL), Sir James Scott Hopkins (ED, UK), Mr Chambeiron (COM, FR), Mr Klepsch (EPP, DE), Mr Pannella (NI, IT)

Number of ballots: 4

Numbers of votes:
1st ballot: Number of voters:384
  Spoilt ballot papers: 16
  Votes cast: 368
  Absolute majority: 185
Result: Mr Dankert: 106 votes
  Mr Chambeiron: 43 votes
Background

Mr Klepsch: 140 votes
Mr Pannella: 16 votes
Sir James Scott-Hopkins: 63 votes

As no candidate obtained an absolute majority of votes case, a 2nd ballot was needed.

2nd ballot: Number of voters: 390
   Spoilt ballot papers: 18
   Votes cast: 372
   Absolute majority: 187
Result: Mr Dankert: 114 voix
   Mr Chambeiron: 43 votes
   Mr Klepsch: 130 votes
   Mr Pannella: 18 votes
   Sir James Scott-Hopkins: 67 votes

As no candidate obtained an absolute majority of votes cast, a 3rd ballot was needed.

3rd ballot: Number of voters: 408
   Spoilt ballot papers: 23
   Votes cast: 385
   Absolute majority: 193
Result: Mr Dankert: 162 votes
   Mr Klepsch: 156 votes
   Sir James Scott-Hopkins: 67 votes

As no candidate obtained an absolute majority of votes cast, a 4th ballot was needed.

4th ballot: Number of voters: 408
   Spoilt ballot papers: 42
   Votes cast: 366
Result: Mr Dankert: 191 votes
   Mr Klepsch: 175 votes

Mr Dankert obtained the largest Results of votes and was thus elected President.

Vice-Presidents:
Mr Pflimlin, Lady Elles, Messrs. Estegen, Vandewiele, Friedrich, Gonella, Klepsch, Jacquet, Lalor, Möller, Nikolaou and Mme De march obtained an absolute majority and were thus elected Vice-Presidents.

SESSION OF 23-26 JULY 1984 - President elected: Pierre PFLIMLIN (EPP, FR)

Number of candidates: 7
Ms Bloch von Blottnitz (V, DE), Mr Dankert (PES, NL), Lady Elles (ED, UK), Messrs Le Pen (DR, FR), Spinelli (COM-AP, IT), Pflimlin (EPP, FR), Pajetta (COM, IT)

Number of ballots: 2

Results of votes:
1st ballot: Number of voters: 421
   Spoilt ballot papers: 8
   Votes cast: 413
   Absolute majority: 207
Result: Ms Bloch Von Blottnitz: 17 votes
   Mr Dankert: 123 votes
   Lady Elles: 44 votes
   Mr Pajetta: 37 votes
   Mr Le Pen: 16 votes
   Mr Spinelli: 11 votes
   Mr Pflimlin: 165 votes
As no candidate obtained an absolute majority of votes cast, a 2nd ballot was needed.

2nd ballot: Number of voters: 421
   Spoilt ballot papers: 18
   Votes cast: 403
   Absolute majority: 202
Result: Mr Pfimlin: 221 votes
       Mr Dankert: 133 votes
       Mr Spinelli: 49 votes
Mr Pfimlin obtained an absolute majority of votes cast and was thus elected President.

Vice-Presidents:
Ms Casamagnago Cerretti, Mr Alber, Lady Elles, Mr Nord and Mr Lalor were elected Vice-Presidents on the first ballot.
Messrs Seefeld, Dido, Griffiths, Fanti, Plaskovitis, Moller and Ms Pery were elected Vice-Presidents on the second ballot.

SESSION OF 19-22 JANUARY 1987 - President elected: Lord (Henry) PLUMB (ED, UK)

Number of candidates: 4
Mr Baron Crespo (PES, ES), Mr Pannella (NI, IT), Lord Plumb (ED, UK) and Mr Staes (ARC, BE)

Number of ballots: 3

Results of votes:
1st ballot: Number of voters: 487
   Spoilt ballot papers: 4
   Votes cast: 483
   Absolute majority: 242
Result: Mr Baron Crespo: 209 votes
       Mr Pannella: 61 votes
       Lord Plumb: 199 votes
       Mr Staes: 14 votes
As no candidate obtained an absolute majority of votes cast, a 2nd ballot was needed

2nd ballot: Number of voters: 494
   Spoilt ballot papers: 7
   Votes cast: 487
   Absolute majority: 244
Result: Mr Baron Crespo: 219 votes
       Mr Pannella: 35 votes
       Lord Plumb: 233 votes
As no candidate obtained an absolute majority of votes cast, a 3rd ballot was needed

3rd ballot: Number of voters: 493
   Spoilt ballot papers: 16
   Votes cast: 477
   Absolute majority: 239
Result: Mr Baron Crespo: 236 votes
       Lord Plumb: 241 votes
Lord Plumb obtained an absolute majority of votes cast and was thus elected President.

Vice-Presidents:
Ms Pery, Messrs Alber, Baron Crespo, Seefeld, Clilnton, Dido, Dankert, Fanti, Romeos, Megaly and Formigoni were elected Vice-Presidents on the first ballot.
Mr Mosso and Mr Perinat Elio were elected Vice-Presidents on the second ballot.
Background

Mr Amaral was elected Vice-President on the third ballot.

SESSION OF 25-28 JULY 1989 - President elected: Enrique BARON CRESPO (PES, ES)

Number of candidates: 6
Mr Rüdiger Von Wechmar (LDR, DE), Ms Mota Santos (V, PT), Ms Ewing (ARC, UK), Mr Le Pen (DR, FR), Mr Pannelia (NI, IT), Mr Baron Crespo (PES, ES)

Number of ballots: 1

Results of votes:
   Number of voters: 502
   Spoilt ballot papers: 27
   Votes cast: 475
   Absolute majority: 238
Result: Mr Baron Crespo: 301 votes
   Ms Ewing: 20 votes
   Mr Le Pen: 18 votes
   Ms Mota Santos: 31 votes
   Mr Pannelia: 12 votes
   Mr Rüdiger Von Wechmar: 93 votes
Mr Baron Crespo obtained an absolute majority of votes cast and was thus elected President.

Vice-Presidents:
Ms Pery, Mr Albert, Mr Anastassopoulos, Mr Peters, Ms Fontaine, Mr Martin, Mr Romeos, Mr Formigoni, Sir Catherwood and Mr Cravinho were elected Vice-Presidents on the first ballot.
Messrs Galland, Capucho, Perez Royo and Telkämper were elected Vice-Presidents on the second ballot.

SESSION OF 13-16 JANUARY 1992 - Election of President: Egon KLEPSCH (EPP, DE)

Number of candidates: 4
Messrs Barzanti (PES, IT), Defraigne (LDR, BE), Dillen (NI, BE) and Klepsch (EPP, DE)

Number of ballots: 1

Results of votes:
   Number of voters: 474
   Spoilt ballot papers: 28
   Votes cast: 446
   Absolute majority: 224
Result: Mr Barzanti: 105 votes
   Mr Defraigne: 72 votes
   Mr Dillen: 16 votes
   Mr Klepsch: 253 votes
Mr Klepsch obtained an absolute majority of votes cast and was thus elected President.

Vice-Presidents:
Ms Pery, Ms Fontaine, Messrs. Barzanti, Martin, Peters, Cravinho, Anastassopoulos, Capucho, Romeos, Estgen, Sir Jack Stewart-Clark, Ms Magnani Noya and Mr Verde I Aldea were elected Vice-Presidents on the first ballot.
Ms Isler-Beguin was elected Vice-President on the second ballot.

SESSION of 18-21 JULY 1994 - President elected: Klaus HÄNSCH (PES, DE)

Number of candidates: 2
Messrs. Hänsch (PES, DE) and Galland (LDR, FR)

**Number of ballots:** 1

**Results of votes:**
- Number of voters: 534
- Spoilt ballot papers: 82
- Votes cast: 452
- Absolute majority: 227

**Result:**
- Mr Hänsch: 365 votes
- Mr Galland: 87 votes

Mr Hänsch obtained an absolute majority of votes cast and was thus elected President.

**Vice-Presidents:**
- Ms Fontaine, Mr Martin, Ms Pery, Mr Anastassopoulos, Mr Avgerinos, Mr Schlüter, Ms Schleicher, Mr Capucho, Mr Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, Sir Jack Stewart-Clark, Mr Verde I Aldea and Mr Imbeni were elected Vice-Presidents on the first ballot.
- Mr Gutierrez Diaz was elected Vice-President on the second ballot.
- Mr Fontana was elected Vice-President on the third ballot.

**SESSION OF 13-17 JANUARY 1997 - Election of President: José Maria GIL-ROBLES GIL-DELGADO (EPP, ES)**

**Number of candidates:** 2
- Mr GIL-ROBLES (EPP, ES) and Ms LALUMIERE (ARE, FR)

**Number of ballots:** 1

**Results of votes:**
- Number of voters: 548
- Spoilt ballot papers: 33
- Votes cast: 515
- Absolute majority: 258

**Result:**
- Mr GIL-ROBLES: 338 votes
- Ms LALUMIERE: 177 votes

**Vice-Presidents:**
- Ms Fontaine, Ms Pery, Messrs. Martin, Anastassopoulos, Gutierrez Diaz, Ms Schleicher and Mr Imbeni were elected Vice-Presidents on the first ballot.
- Ms Hoff, Messrs. Verde I Aldea, Avgerinos, and Marinho were elected Vice-Presidents on the second ballot.
- Messrs Capucho, Haarder and Podesta were elected Vice-Presidents on the third ballot.

**SESSION OF 20-23 JULY 1999 - President elected: Nicole FONTAINE (EPP, FR)**

**Number of candidates:** 3
- Ms FONTAINE (EPP, FR), Ms HAUTALA (Greens/EFA, FI) and Mr SOARES (PES, PT)

**Number of ballots:** 1

**Results of votes:**
- Number of voters: 615
- Spoilt ballot papers: 60
- Votes cast: 555
- Absolute majority: 278

**Result:**
- Ms Fontaine: 306 votes
- Mr Soares: 200 votes
- Ms Hautala: 49 votes
Vice-Presidents:
Messrs Martin, Imbeni, Schmid, Provan, Friedrich, Ms Lienemann, Messrs Podesta, Vidal-Quadrás Roca, Colom i Naval, Pacheco Pereira, Marinho, Wiebenga, Puerta and Onesta were elected Vice-Presidents on the first ballot.

SESSION OF 14-17 JANUARY 2002 - President elected: Pat COX (ELDR, IE)

Number of candidates: 5
Pat COX (ELDR, IE), David MARTIN (PES, UK), Jens-Peter BONDE (EDD, DK), Francis WURTZ (GUE/NGL, FR), Gérard ONESTA (Greens/EFA, FR)

Number of ballots: 3

Results of votes:
Number of voters: 590
Spoilt ballot papers: 7
Votes cast: 583
Absolute majority: 292

Result:
Mr Cox: 254 votes
Mr Martin: 184 votes
Mr Bonde: 66 votes
Mr Wurtz: 42 votes
Mr Onesta: 37 votes

As no candidate obtained an absolute majority of votes cast, a 2nd ballot was needed

Results of votes:
Number of voters: 592
Spoilt ballot papers: 13
Votes cast: 579
Absolute majority: 290

Result:
Mr Cox: 277 votes
Mr Martin: 226 votes
Mr Bonde: 76 votes

As no candidate obtained an absolute majority of votes cast, a 3rd ballot was needed

Results of votes:
Number of voters: 586
Spoilt ballot papers: 18
Votes cast: 568
Absolute majority: 285

Result:
Mr Cox: 298 votes
Mr Martin: 237 votes
Mr Bonde: 33 votes

Mr Cox obtained an absolute majority and was declared elected

Vice-Presidents:
Charlotte CEDERSCHIÖLD (EPP-ED, SE) Joan COLOM I NAVAL (PES, ES) Giorgos DIMITRAKOPoulos (EPP-ED, EL), Ingo FRIEDRICH (EPP-ED, DE) Renzo IMBENI (PES, IT), Catherine LALUMIERE (PES, FR), David MARTIN (PES, UK), Gérard ONESTA (Greens/EFA, FR), José PACHECO PEREIRA (EPP-ED, PT) Guido PODESTÀ (EPP-ED, IT), James PROVAN (EPP-ED, UK), Alonso José PUERTA (GUE/NGL, ES), Gerhard SCHMID (PES, DE) and Alejo VIDAL-QUADRAS ROCA (EPP-ED, ES) were elected Vice-Presidents on the first ballot.

SESSION OF 19-22 JULY 2004 - President elected: Josep BORRELL FONTELLES (PES, ES)

Number of candidates: 3
Josep BORRELL FONTELLES (PES, ES), Bronislaw GEREMEK (ALDE, PL) and Francis WURTZ (GUE/NGL, FR)
Number of ballots: 1

Results of votes:
Number of voters: 700
Spoilt ballot papers: 53
Votes cast: 647
Absolute majority: 324
Result:
Mr Borrell: 388 votes
Mr Geremek: 208 votes
Mr Wurtz: 51 votes

Mr Borrell obtained an absolute majority and was declared elected.

Vice Presidents:
Alejo VIDAL-QUADRAS ROCAS (EPP-ED, ES), Antonios TRAKATELLIS (EPP-ED, EL), Dagmar ROTH-BEHRENDT (PES, DE), Edward McMillan-Scott (EPP-ED, UK), Ingo FRIEDRICH (EPP-ED, DE), Mario MAURO (EPP-ED, IT), Antonio COSTA (PES, PT), Luigi COCILIVO (ALDE, IT), Jacek Emil SARYSZ-WOLSKI (EPP/ED, PL), Pierre MOSCOVICI (PES, FR), Miroslav OZKY (EPP-ED, CZ), Janusz ONYSZKIEWICZ (ALDE, PL), Gérard ONESTA (Greens/EFA, FR), Sylvia-Yvonne KAUFMANN (EUL/NGL, DE) were elected Vice-Presidents on the first ballot.

SESSION OF 15-18 JANUARY 2007 - President elected: Hans-Gert Poettering (EPP-ED, DE)
Number of candidates: 4
Jens-Peter BONDE (IND/DEM, DK), Francis WURTZ (EUL/NGL, FR), Monica FRASSONI (Greens/EFA, IT), Hans Gert POETTERING (EPP-ED, DE)

Number of ballots: 1

Results of votes:
Number of voters: 715
Spoilt ballot papers 26
Votes cast: 689
Absolute majority: 345
Result:
Mr Bonde: 46 votes
Mr Wurtz: 48 votes
Ms Frassoni: 145 votes
Mr Poettering: 450 votes

Mr Poettering obtained an absolute majority and was declared elected.

Vice Presidents:
Rodi KRATSA-TSAGAROPOULOU (EPP-ED, GR), Alejo VIDAL-QUADRAS (EPP-ED, ES), Gérard ONESTA (Greens/EFA, FR), Edward McMillan-Scott (EPP-ED, UK), Mario MAURO (EPP-ED, IT), Miguel Ángel MARTÍNEZ MARTÍNEZ (PSE, ES), Luigi COCILIVO (ALDE, IT), Mechtild ROTHE (PES, DE), Luisa MORGANTI (EUL/NGL, IT), Pierre MOSCOVICI (PES, FR), Manuel Antónico DOS SANTOS (PES, PT), Diana WALLIS (ALDE, UK), Marek SIWIEC (PES, PL), and Adam BIELAN (UEN, PL) were elected Vice Presidents by acclamation (same number of candidates as posts). The order of precedence shown here was then established by a secret ballot.