BF Election Timeline Chart for 2016 Election   *10th June 2016*
(AGM date: Saturday 8th October)

Total minimum lead time – about two-and-a-half months (i.e. 1 month + 30 working days)						
			<QD to CD must be at least 20 *working* days, at most 3 months>			
	↓ Minimum 1 month ↓			↓ Max. 5 wkg. Days ↓↓	Minimum 15 working days ↓	
Board meeting	**Announcement of the Nomination Date, the Qualifying Date & the Closing Date**	**Nomination Date** (by which nominations must be received)	**Qualifying Date** (on which you must be a member in order to vote)	**Dispatch of Ballot Papers**	**Closing Date** for voting.	**Candidates notified of result of ballot** **and result published on BF website**
To fix the Nomination Date, the Qualifying Date and the Closing Date.	By publication on the BF website. May also be in The Sword or by such other means as the Board decides.	Must be at least 1 month after the date on which the Nomination Date is announced		Must be not more than 5 working days after the Qualifying Date.	Must be: (i) not less than 15 working days after last date for dispatch of Ballot Papers; (ii) not less than 20 working days, and not more than 3 months, after the Qualifying Date; (iii) not more than 6 months before the next AGM.	Candidates must be notified by not later than the next working day after HQ is notified of the results (by the Electoral Reform Society). Publication on website must be within 5 working days of date on which candidates are notified.
(Agreed in writing) **Before 21st June**	**Announcement of ND, QD & CD: Tuesday 21st June**	**Nomination Date: Friday 22nd July**	**Qualifying Date: also Friday 22nd July**	**Last date for dispatch of ballot papers:** **Thursday 28th July**	**Closing date for voting:** **Monday 5th September**	**Announcement of Results: As above.** **(E.g.: if results are received from ERS on Tuesday 6th September:** **Results to Candidates: by Wednesday 7th September** **Results posted on BF website by Monday 12th September)**