

BF Election Timeline Chart for 2023 Election - (AGM date: Saturday 7th October 2023 – to be confirmed)

← 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)	Nomination Committee Meeting	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		To produce a statement in accordance with Bye Law VI.4(a)(i) (as to whether candidates meet skills requirements and who nominated them)	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 five working days after Head Office 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) 20 th June 2021	Announcement of ND, QD & CD: Monday 10 th July	Nomination Date: Friday 11 th August	Qualifying Date: also Friday 11 th August	Date: Weds 16 th August	Last date for dispatch of ballot papers: Friday 18 th August	Closing date for voting: Monday 11 th September	Announcement of Results: As above. (E.g.: if results are received from ERS on Tuesday 12 th September: Results to Candidates: by Tuesday 19 th September Results posted on BF website by Tuesday 26 th September)