

OPERATION OF NEW ELECTION PROCEDURE

In April 1974 at the Business Meeting of the Society the Bylaws were amended to provide for the election of President-Elect and members of Council by mail rather than in the Business Meeting. This amendment was proposed based on a survey of membership desires which showed a high proportion of members favoring the change. One of the principle arguments supporting the change was greater member participation in the elections.

As this issue goes to press the deadline (February 1) for the election is imminent. The total number of ballots received as of January 30 is 1677, or 44% of the members eligible to vote. By comparison, election of the President-Elect has customarily involved a total referendum of 250 or less. As election of council members usually occurred at the second Business Meeting the referendum for this election has frequently been 150 or less. Thus the purpose of amending the election procedures has been realized by a factor of 6 in the case of President-Elect and a factor of 10 in the case of Councillor.

Next week (February 4) the ballots will be counted by the Executive Secretary, in the presence of two members of the Society designated by Council, as prescribed in the operational plan supporting the amendment.

The new officers, taking office in July, 1975 will be announced at the Business Meeting of the Society held at 4:30 PM, April 15, 1975, in Room 21 of Convention Hall, Atlantic City, New Jersey, and will be published in the May issue of The Physiologist.