

DATE: 03/29/2013

BALLOT RESULTS - CARRIED

BALLOT NUMBER: 13-05

DATE: 03/26/13

SUBJECT: South America Regional Election 2013

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REQUESTED BY: Carlos Lopez

BALLOT: Change Standing Rule 1014.1 in order to include South America in the list of regions that are elected every 3 years beginning in 1994.

YES: Adler, Alessio, Bangle, Basquine, Cornwell, Crockett, Fisher, Hogan, Patton, Stadter, Tasaki,

NO: Vasquez

ABSTAIN: Lopez, Tullo

COMMENTS FOR THE TREND:

MV: I can not help but wonder if this is in the best interest of TICA. Although it does appear that members have been added at a faster than normal rate in South America, it is not the only region with an election coming up that has seen an increase in memberships. There has been no conclusive research as to the reason for the influx of new members in SA, so it seems to me we are taking it upon ourselves to be judge and jury of an "election fix" without knowing ALL the facts. We do have some facts. Two people have paid for groups of memberships, but we are only assuming the reasons behind it - and the intentions of those members. If a rule needs fixed (like membership or voting requirements), then we have a responsibility to fix it through the processes we have in place to do so. I believe this ballot is overstepping our authority by punishing a region who followed the rules we continue to keep in place. We are lacking the concrete evidence of an "election fix" that would hold up if challenged. To change the election dates for regions simply based on a "feeling" that something wasn't right with recent memberships is not sufficient enough evidence to justify doing it. This proposal to change the election cycle of the SA region is taking away the rights that region to pick the person they want to represent them for the next three years. In the end, is it honestly better to have 14 non-SA regional members (the Board) appoint their next director to serve for two years instead? To set this type of precedent is dangerous.

Sincerely,

LESLIE BOWERS
Business Manager

By-Laws:

110.2.2 Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws, adoption of any proposal by mail ballot shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of all Board Members holding office after all Board Members have been balloted for the shorter of a period of 10 days or 3 days after a majority vote has been attained and the remaining uncast ballots would not affect the outcome of the voting.