

28 September, 2019

The Electoral committee (henceforth "EC") convened on 28 September, 2019 to discuss the results of the referendum held from 16-23 September, 2019. The EC found the following:

- The referendum administrators made a good-faith attempt to gather the honest opinion of each member in regards to each question on the referendum.
- The processes leading up to the referendum were performed in an acceptable manner. General membership was given sufficient advance notification of the upcoming referendum. The EC did not find any evidence that any member of the Central Committee had acted in a way such as to impart improper influence over the referendum.
- The method of performing the referendum was fair and adequate. General membership was given advance notice of the method by which the referendum was to be performed and how to participate. During the referendum, general membership was given at least 3 reminders on Slack of the ongoing referendum, and at least 1 reminder over email.
- The results of the referendum adequately reflect the will of the membership. No evidence of any vote tampering was found. No attempts to improperly influence voting were found. The level of participation in the referendum was similar to that of similar organizations. Each item for which a vote was taken had a high enough response rate to be considered representative of the will of the general membership.

The EC suggests addressing the following concerns to better represent the will of the general membership in the future:

- The EC is concerned with the level of participation in this referendum. While the EC does believe that the results of this referendum adequately reflect the will of the general membership, it would feel more confident in this belief if the level of participation had been significantly higher.
- The EC is concerned that the amendments proposed may have been confusing, or that their significance may have been difficult for members to understand at a glance. Members have only so much time and energy to spend deciphering legalese, and the EC is concerned that walls of text proposed out-of-context may have decreased members' response rate. A **short** explanation may help inform respondents about what a given amendment means for them as a member.

In conclusion, the EC has found the results of this referendum to be valid and binding.

I, Julius Benson, in my role as Chairperson of the September 2019 Electoral Committee of the Socialist Rifle Association, certify this report and hereby submit it to the leadership, membership, and permanent record of the Socialist Rifle Association.



Signature

30 September, 2019

Date