

**Legion of Mary**  
**Ratification of Curia Elections by the Next Highest Council (i.e. Regia)**

When a Curia elects a new Curia officer (or reelects an officer for a second term):

- 1) There must be nominations made and seconded by the council followed by an orderly and valid election--any voting Curia officer may make or second a nomination. **Curia elections are described in detail in the Legion of Mary Handbook on pp. 153-155.**
- 2) The nominations must be duly recorded in the minutes including who nominated the candidates and who seconded the nomination. The details of the actual elections need to be included such as what the tally of votes were or whether it was by acclamation. If there were several persons running for one officer position, then the minutes need to show their names & who nominated them, and whether more than one vote was required to reach the required majority of votes for a single candidate.
- 3) **The Curia minutes with the election information should be forwarded to the Correspondent as usual without any undo delay.** The minutes are not sent directly to the Regia Vice President but to the Correspondent. (Unless there is a not yet a correspondent assigned to the Council). **The Correspondent is the Regia's representative to the Curia.**
- 4) The Correspondent determines that all the necessary information is present in the minutes and that there were no irregularities in the election.
- 5) **The Correspondent, after reviewing the minutes, notifies the Regia Vice President ASAP of election details as specified:**

The Correspondent needs to inform the Regia Vice President of the name (including address and phone # for new officers) of the elected officer. Also included must be the date of the election, and who nominated the candidates, and who seconded, and what the tally of votes were or whether it was by acclamation.

**Until all these steps are taken, no steps can be taken by the Regia to ratify new officers elected by the Curia.**