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## **Executive Summary**

The 2005 SEG Election of Officers was the first in which data were captured by country. Analysis of the voting patterns from this election leads to four conclusions.

1. The electronic ballot improved participation in the election.

32% of SEG's active members voted, a 20.7 % increase in participation over last year's election.

2. Electronic voting was well-received, particularly outside the US and Canada\*.

Of those voting, 56% voted electronically, with many favorable comments about the electronic process.

Over 75% of the ballots from members outside the US and Canada were cast via the web, as compared with 52% of US and Canadian members using the web.

3. There was a clear difference in participation by area of the world with highest participation from members in North American.

Over 35% of members in the US and Canada voted, but only 23% outside that area participated.

4. Being a member of an SEG section may imply a stronger interest in participating in SEG governance for members in the U.S. and Canada.

Almost 48% of US members who are members of an SEG section voted in this election; but only 28% participated who are not affiliated with a section.

Comparable percentages for Canada are 30% section members versus 14% non section members.

There was no discernable increase in participation for section members outside North America. (24% versus 23%)



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\* Throughout this report, "Canada" refers to the District 5 countries, Canada, Greenland, and Iceland.

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The Society of Exploration Geophysicists conducted the 2005 election of officers allowing members to cast their votes either by electronic ballot or using the traditional paper ballot. As this was the first instance of allowing voting via the internet, the results are of particular interest.

**Improved Participation:** A total of 2,339 members voted in the 2005 election of officers, representing 32% of the 7,286 eligible members. Table 1 compares the participation of the 2004 and 2005 elections. This was 20.7% increase over the participation in the 2004 election.

<b>Table 1: Comparison of 2004 and 2005 Election Participation</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Eligible Voters</b>	<b>Number Voting</b>	<b>Participation Rate</b>
2004	7,432	1,978	26.6%
2005	7,286	2,339	32.1%

Numerous positive comments were received from members about the electronic balloting process as well as some excellent suggestions for improving the process next year. The text of all comments is included as Appendix A.

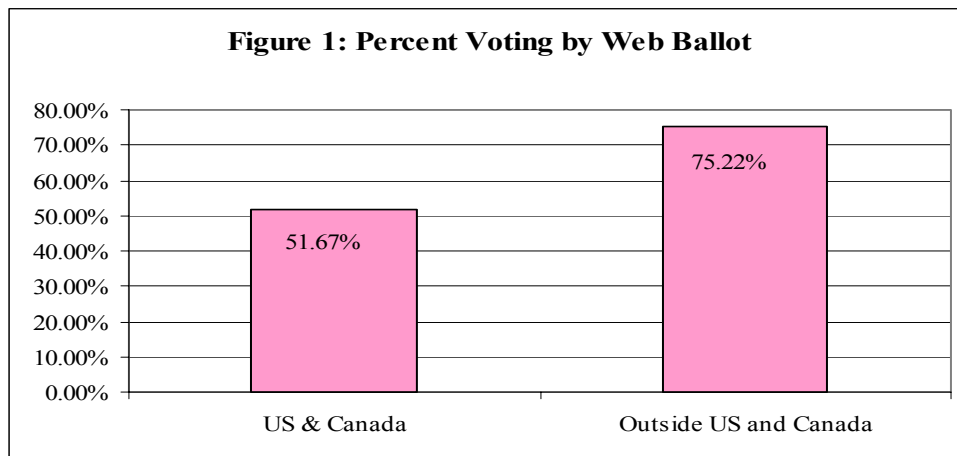
As a result of the modified format of the election, voting patterns could be assessed this year. Table 2 includes the results of voting by country. As numbers are so small in some countries, no conclusions were drawn. The data will be of interest to members in these countries and may allow some additional promotional work to be done as needed.

<b>Table 2: Voting by Country</b>			
<b>Country</b>	<b>Paper Ballot</b>	<b>Web Ballot</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Argentina	2	5	7
Australia	16	36	52
Austria	1		1
Azerbaijan	1		1
Bolivia		2	2
Brazil	5	8	13
Brunei		2	2
Canada	68	82	150
Chile		3	3
China	7	13	20
Czech Republic	1	2	3
Denmark	2	3	5
Egypt	1	2	3

<b>Table 2: Voting by Country (continued)</b>			
<b>Country</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Web</b>	<b>Total</b>
England UK	26	59	85
Faroe Islands		1	1
Finland	1	1	2
France	10	21	31
Germany	6	19	25
Ghana		2	2
Greece	1	1	2
Hungary	1	2	3
India	5	12	17
Indonesia		3	3
Ireland	3	2	5
Israel	1	2	3
Italy	1	11	12
Japan	1	7	8
Kuwait		1	1
Malaysia	1	7	8
Mexico	1	6	7
Netherlands	1	16	17
New Zealand	1	2	3
Nigeria		5	5
Norway	6	22	28
Oman		1	1
Pakistan	1		1
Peru		1	1
Poland		1	1
Portugal		1	1
Russia		4	4
S. Korea	2	3	5
Saudi Arabia		15	15
Scotland UK	6	16	22
Singapore		1	1
Slovakia		1	1
Slovenia	1		1
South Africa		3	3
Thailand		1	1
Trinidad/Tob		1	1
Turkey		2	2
Uganda		1	1
Ukraine		1	1
United Arab Emirates		6	6
USA	844	893	1737
Venezuela		2	2
Wales UK		1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>1315</b>	<b>2339</b>

**Voting Patterns:** Table 3 summarizes the voting patterns by district, categorizing the results by those who are members of an SEG section (S) and those who are not (NS) and by method of voting, paper ballot versus web ballot. Lowest participation in the election was noted from NS members in District 10, Southeast Asia and Australia at 13.2%. Section members in Southeast Asia and Australia were not much higher, with 18.6% participation. Second lowest were NS members in District 5, Canada, Iceland and Greenland (13.8 %.) Overall participation in District 8, Africa, Middle East-Africa and all countries east of the Mediterranean and south of Turkey to the eastern border of Iran, was low at 20.2% with little distinction between S and NS members.

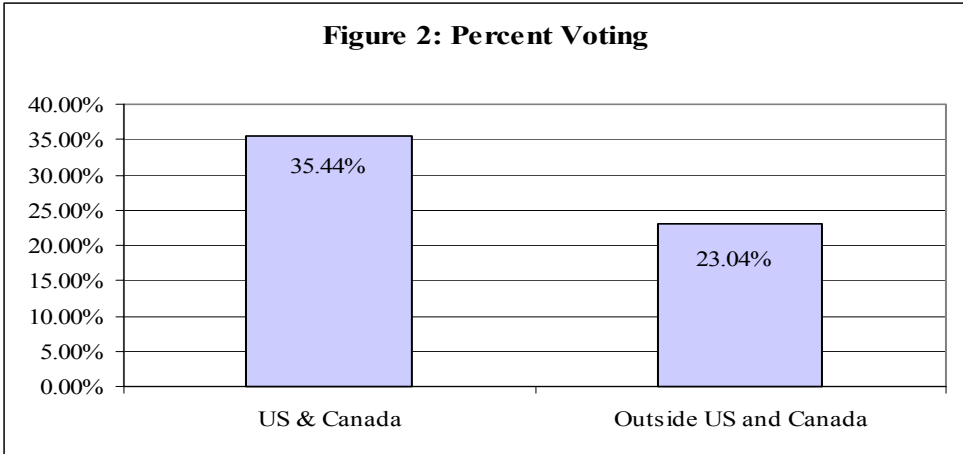
**Electronic Voting:** As there was little difference in use of the electronic ballot between the US and Canada, those numbers were grouped. Figure 1 shows the percent voting by web ballot for those in the US and Canada and those outside US and Canada (51.7% versus 75.2% respectively.) This clearly shows the importance of electronic voting for international members of SEG.



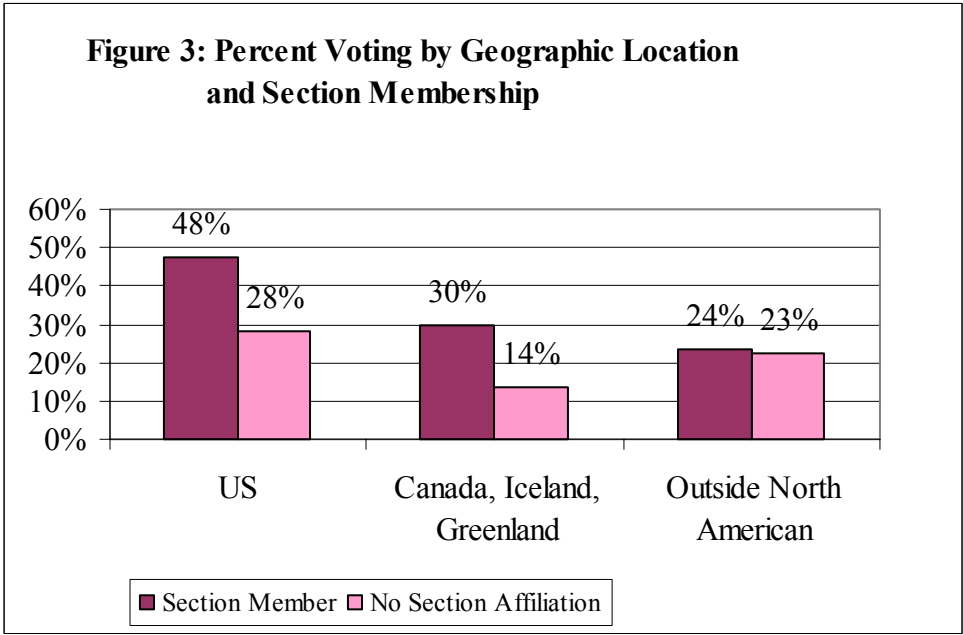
**Participation by area of the world:** While the availability of electronic means of voting did improve participation and was important to members outside of the US and Canada, there is a difference in total participation by geographic area. As shown in Figure 2, over 35% of members in the US and Canada participated in the election, but only 23% of those outside the US and Canada voted. Encouraging participation in the SEG governance process to increase international participation is a goal for future elections.

**Table 3: 2005 Election Voting by District and Ballot-type**

District	Area Encompassed	Nnbr Active Mmbrs	Number Voting			Percent Web Ballots	Percentage voting
			Paper Ballot	Web Ballot	Total Ballots		
01-NS	Northwest US-Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Alaska	71	11	11	22	50.00%	30.99%
01-S		<u>49</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>68.18%</u>	<u>44.90%</u>
<b>Total District 1</b>		120	18	26	44	59.09%	36.67%
02-NS	Southwest US-Kansa, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Hawaii	441	77	71	148	47.97%	33.56%
02-S		<u>376</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>50.56%</u>	<u>47.34%</u>
<b>Total District 2</b>		817	165	161	326	49.39%	39.90%
03-NS	Southeast US-Texas, Oklahoma, east to Atlantic Ocean	1872	207	286	493	58.01%	26.34%
03-S		<u>1601</u>	<u>402</u>	<u>374</u>	<u>776</u>	<u>48.20%</u>	<u>48.47%</u>
<b>Total District 3</b>		3473	609	660	1269	52.01%	36.54%
04-NS	Northeast US-Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, east to Atlantic Ocean	214	41	32	73	43.84%	34.11%
04-S		<u>73</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>56.00%</u>	<u>34.25%</u>
<b>Total District 4</b>		287	52	46	98	46.94%	34.15%
05-NS	Canada, Iceland, Greenland	232	18	14	32	43.75%	13.79%
05-S		<u>395</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>57.63%</u>	<u>29.87%</u>
<b>Total District 5</b>		627	68	82	150	54.67%	23.92%
06-NS	Latin America, Central America, Caribbean, South America	81	6	17	23	73.91%	28.40%
06-S		<u>48</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>84.62%</u>	<u>27.08%</u>
<b>Total District 6</b>		129	8	28	36	77.78%	27.91%
07-NS	British Isles	172	16	31	47	65.96%	27.33%
07-S		<u>198</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>71.21%</u>	<u>33.33%</u>
<b>Total District 7</b>		370	35	78	113	69.03%	30.54%
08-NS	Europe, North Asia, all north of Mediterranean Sea except British Isles, including Turkey and the CIS	405	29	85	114	74.56%	28.15%
08-S		<u>105</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>85.71%</u>	<u>26.67%</u>
<b>Total District 8</b>		510	33	109	142	76.76%	27.84%
09-NS	Africa, Middle East-Africa and all countries east of the Mediterranean and south of Turkey to the eastern border of Iran	112	2	21	23	91.30%	20.54%
09-S		<u>86</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>19.77%</u>
<b>Total District 9</b>		198	2	38	40	95.00%	20.20%
10-NS	Southeast Asia and Australia	356	15	32	47	68.09%	13.20%
10-S		<u>399</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>74.32%</u>	<u>18.55%</u>
<b>Total District 10</b>		755	34	87	121	71.90%	16.03%
All NS	Grand Total-NS	3956	422	600	1022	58.71%	25.83%
All S	Grand Total-S	3330	602	715	1317	54.29%	39.55%
	<b>Grand Total</b>	7286	1024	1315	2339	56.22%	32.10%



**Participation by Section Members:** Examination of voting by section affiliation shows significant differences. Overall, 39.6% of members affiliated with a section voted, compared with only 25.8% of members who are not associated with a section voted. As shown in Figure 3, this trend was much stronger in the North American districts and may imply that SEG section members in the U.S. and Canada feel a closer sense of community with the international organization than those not affiliated with a section.



It is hoped that these results will prove useful to SEG members in encouraging their colleagues to participate in this important aspect of SEG governance.

## **Appendix A**

### **Comments on Electronic Balloting**

<b>RATING</b>	<b>COMMENT*</b>
VERY SATISFIED	Great!
VERY SATISFIED	The process is well organized and efficient
VERY SATISFIED	Very easy to use system. Bio's were informative and effective.
VERY SATISFIED	very slick, gets my approval
VERY SATISFIED	A very excellent online ballot, keep up the good work!
VERY SATISFIED	I PREFER TO VOTE BY EMAIL
VERY SATISFIED	Good Job.
VERY SATISFIED	Great...I'm glad you've moved to this approach. Its very convenient.
VERY SATISFIED	WELL DONE
VERY SATISFIED	This is a much better form of voting than mailing a ballot .
VERY SATISFIED	much better than the paper ballots. suggest you put a short bio on the voting screen, so you don't have to go to a separate page to see the full bio.
VERY SATISFIED	Very easy!
VERY SATISFIED	easy, good biographies
VERY SATISFIED	very convenient for we, non US residents, who have to rely on somehow questionable "standard" (older?) paper mail delivery, which not always get things on time.
VERY SATISFIED	Keep it up!
VERY SATISFIED	Great; what "paperless" is meant to be.
VERY SATISFIED	IT IS A VERY EASY AND CONFIDENT SYSTEM.
VERY SATISFIED	Very easy and quick.
VERY SATISFIED	Worked well without instructions, one note I had to cast ballots before they "took" which is not a problem, it could be confusing.
VERY SATISFIED	at last
VERY SATISFIED	Great idea! Please offer for future elections.
VERY SATISFIED	This is great!
VERY SATISFIED	This is very easy and good system to incerase number of voters. I like to see statistics of votes compared with past years.
VERY SATISFIED	The hard part was deciding between such highly qualified nominees!
VERY SATISFIED	More cost effective and much easier so I would expect a higher voter rate than paper ballots.
VERY SATISFIED	Thanks for coming into the 21st century and allowing us to vote via the internet.
VERY SATISFIED	Dead easy
VERY SATISFIED	Excellent
VERY SATISFIED	I have always prefered pure democracy over autocracy as the moral way to go.
VERY SATISFIED	This is a great way to hold an election.
VERY SATISFIED	much better than paper process, user-friendly implementation.
VERY SATISFIED	Everything was great!
VERY SATISFIED	This is very easy and no paper. An excellent use for a computer!
VERY SATISFIED	It will be interesting to see if a higher percentage of SEG active members vote as compared to pre-electronic voting. Walt Lynn
VERY SATISFIED	Fantastic process of voting system. Warm regards
VERY SATISFIED	This is a fast, easy, and convenient way to serve the SEG membership.
VERY SATISFIED	This is a great way to vote. Maybe more people will vote.
VERY SATISFIED	Great!!
VERY SATISFIED	Easy, logical
VERY SATISFIED	LIKED EASY ACCESS TO STATEMENTS BY CANDIDATES
VERY SATISFIED	Good

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\* All comments are shown as entered by the voter with no editorial corrections

VERY SATISFIED A great improvement

VERY SATISFIED All is well careful thought out

VERY SATISFIED A really good idea, thanks.

VERY SATISFIED Let's keep doing it this way.

VERY SATISFIED Easy to use. Easy access to biographical info. Easy navigation. Good system.

VERY SATISFIED very nice!

VERY SATISFIED The correct way to do this. Well done.

VERY SATISFIED Very good process of voting. Infact, due to e-voting, i could cast my vote for the first time.

VERY SATISFIED Quick, easy and user friendly.

VERY SATISFIED Nice idea this online voting, very convenient and easy to use. The mail in ballots have a tendency to languish on one's desk.

VERY SATISFIED This way to vote is much superior to what we have done in the past.

VERY SATISFIED Much more convenient than a postal ballot. Very well done!

VERY SATISFIED Great to review nominations during the voting process!

VERY SATISFIED v oting button at second bio (and not at the first bio) is not very objective. It is better/more objective to go back to voting level to cast your vote.

VERY SATISFIED Userfriendly - takes low effort to participate. This is the first time I have submitted a ballot since I became member and only because of the ability to vote Online.

VERY SATISFIED In past ballots I have often omitted to vote or send the ballot by post from international locations. This is a much superior method, especially for members outside the US.

VERY SATISFIED thanks. About time... Even though I am in Europe, it makes me feel a part of the society again.

VERY SATISFIED Makes voting much easier

VERY SATISFIED I DO NOT LIVE IN us AND I FOUND IT VERY CONVENIENT TO VOTE.

VERY SATISFIED Friendly, quick and easy to use. I do not like using paper if possible.

VERY SATISFIED Excellent job. Exemplary

VERY SATISFIED Great improvement from the mail version!

VERY SATISFIED Excellent system. Intuitive; easy to use.

VERY SATISFIED Quick and easy!

VERY SATISFIED I probably wouldn't have voted a paper ballot.

VERY SATISFIED Very simple – I most likely spent more time reading the biographical information online than I usually do when it arrives in printed form. Being UK based there has also been the aggravation of getting the ballot back to Tulsa. No problems with this web voting. VERY SATISFIED Very impressive and convenient

VERY SATISFIED Thanks, I wish continue your success regards, YILMAZ SAKALLIOGLU

VERY SATISFIED Much better than paper. Thanks.

VERY SATISFIED Very quick, easy and straightforward.

VERY SATISFIED VERY WELL LAID OUT AND ORDERLY.

VERY SATISFIED I am very pleased to be able to vote in this manner and found the ballot with bios to be quite satisfactory.

VERY SATISFIED The e-mail should have been more obviously SEG and more inspiring. I was tempted to delete.

VERY SATISFIED Liked the bios being so handy. Made the process quicker than doing it by snail mail. Good job!

VERY SATISFIED Less Cumbersome, more informative, and of course more user friendly

VERY SATISFIED Good job! Much more convenient than surface mail.

VERY SATISFIED This is an outstanding innovation! Thank you for this opportunity to streamline the voting process and cast my vote easily and quickly. Good Job! Randall Odom

VERY SATISFIED This is great. Please instigate paper reduction whenever possible.

VERY SATISFIED Very convenient. Thank you for this innovation. Sincerely, George M. Thompson

VERY SATISFIED Very nicely implemented.

VERY SATISFIED Great idea. It was organized very well and I had not problems. Very easy and efficient way to vote. Thanks!

VERY SATISFIED Saves time and effort(plus 37cents).

VERY SATISFIED excellent organisation, thank you

VERY SATISFIED WELL THOUGHT OUT, AND THUS EASY TO USE WITH NO NEED FOR INSTRUCTIONS

VERY SATISFIED I'm impressed that the on-line voting process did little to annoy and irritate! This is, seriously, a great achievement. I'm very happy that SEG has gone to this method of voting. It makes the process very convenient.

VERY SATISFIED easy, quick, and great bios--fabulous

VERY SATISFIED Excellent!!! I am extremely pleased at the direction the society is taking in doing more by internet. Congratulations on your efforts.

VERY SATISFIED Very good system from my perspective. I think I would have preferred all the bios to appear for one post to have appeared in one window rather than having only one bio available at a time. Good system.

VERY SATISFIED Very comprehensive, easy to understand and fast process. Took much less time and efforts without spending any money on postal charges. Wonderful experience.

VERY SATISFIED Thanks for efforts organising the voting like this, it makes it much easier and I expect it will prompt more of us who are outside the continental US to participate than has been the case in the past. The whole process is well organised and efficient. Well done!!

VERY SATISFIED Nice and easy. Nice to have multiple ways to flip between bios and ballot.

VERY SATISFIED This is a great system!

VERY SATISFIED Quick and easy! On-line bios are really nice.

VERY SATISFIED This was easy and informative. Thanks!

VERY SATISFIED Great idea with excellent execution! Love to see more of the same in the future.

VERY SATISFIED Great - Please keep this.

VERY SATISFIED This is great! I really appreciate SEG's extending our web services in this way.

VERY SATISFIED Very straight forward and easy to use, specially for us the independent consultants, that don't know many of the candidates. The brief resume for all candidates is great. Congratulations!

VERY SATISFIED Way cool!

VERY SATISFIED Internet voting is very good idea.

VERY SATISFIED Great idea!

VERY SATISFIED None.

VERY SATISFIED I Like yhis way to vote and submit ballot.

VERY SATISFIED Great!!

VERY SATISFIED Very direct, easy process.

VERY SATISFIED Good job.

VERY SATISFIED VERY IMPRESSED ABOUT THE SIMPLICITY OF THE TEMPLATES AND STRAIGHT FORWARD INTERACTION BETWEEN THE BIO VIEWS AND RETURNS TO THE BALLOT PAGE. BRAVO SEG AND DIRECT VOTE!

VERY SATISFIED Outstanding design of ballot and bios. Easy to navigate and understand.

VERY SATISFIED Glad to see that SEG has the option of e-voting!

VERY SATISFIED It was useful having the biographies and candidates' statements with the opportunity to vote on the same page.

VERY SATISFIED I am happy to use this pocess, it was a very good idea...Thanks !!!

VERY SATISFIED This is very effecting and saving time

VERY SATISFIED The way to go.  
 VERY SATISFIED Nice and efficient.  
 VERY SATISFIED So much easier and for an overseas voter this process also provides greater surety that my vote will be received in time. Thank you  
 VERY SATISFIED This is the way to do elections the easy way. Frank Dumanoir  
 VERY SATISFIED Excellent, simple, FAST!!!!  
 VERY SATISFIED Great!  
 VERY SATISFIED The access to the bios was very necessary and convenient.  
 VERY SATISFIED Well organized, adequately explained, and demands only a small amount of ones time to complete.  
 VERY SATISFIED quick and easy thanks  
 VERY SATISFIED Brilliant innovation - so long as it's truly secure and not subject to tampering!!  
 VERY SATISFIED This is one of the few SEG web pages that worked without a hitch first time I tried  
 VERY SATISFIED Good plan. Fast, it took me 1 minute!!!  
 VERY SATISFIED Easy to access and navigate.  
 VERY SATISFIED Good Job  
 VERY SATISFIED for several days the web site failed to fully come up--it seems like maybe it was overloaded. the third try on Fri June 10th was immediate and the entire process was smooth.  
 VERY SATISFIED Exellent voting process.Keep it up  
 VERY SATISFIED well done! I'm glad to see this is now available.  
 VERY SATISFIED Quick and easy! This is the way to do it.  
 VERY SATISFIED Best way , it save time and money, as there is no need to print and post the ballots and then wait. Also it will reduce the election cycle time.  
 Excellent Job. -Riasat  
 VERY SATISFIED Electronic voting is a good option, none too soon.  
 VERY SATISFIED slick, fast an no postage required. a great step forward.  
 VERY SATISFIED Smooth as silk  
 VERY SATISFIED bravo!!  
 VERY SATISFIED fabulous  
 VERY SATISFIED Yesterday I was unable to view the online bios. Today I got them in the mail, so didn't try to view them online again.  
 VERY SATISFIED very clear system, easy in operatating  
 VERY SATISFIED Congratulation and thanks to turn our Society to the efficient use of the new technologies. Saving time and money - using an easy way - is one of the issue. As geophysicist I am very satisfied of this new process.  
 Excellent!!  
 VERY SATISFIED process simple; much better for overseas members than casting votes by mail  
 VERY SATISFIED IT IS FAIR , FRANK & UNBIASED PROCESS THAT TOO VERY PROMPT . IT WILL GAIN A LOT IN WINNING THE CONFIDENCE OF SEG MEMBERS .  
 VERY SATISFIED You might consider using a larger font size on the words highlighted in red and repeating the placement and position to the right as well as the left. Best regards.  
 VERY SATISFIED Check mark could be a bolder mark  
 VERY SATISFIED easy  
 VERY SATISFIED excellent  
 VERY SATISFIED Very easy and straightforward.  
 VERY SATISFIED GOOD SHOW  
 VERY SATISFIED Fantastic - no paper, no postage  
 VERY SATISFIED Thanks for mailing the bios with the ballot. I was able to e-vote in only a few minutes because I had read the bios beforehand.

VERY SATISFIED	It's an excellent way of allowing all members who have voting rights to exercise their franchise. Appreciated.
VERY SATISFIED	Very nice indeed! If View Bio Button would open a popup it will save some back & forth effort. Thanks
VERY SATISFIED	The "DirectVote" process instructions should be directly on the voting page, rather than on a separate pop-up page. Voting was very easy. Thanks for using this technology.
VERY SATISFIED	This is one of the best examples of how to setup an interactive environment for such processes. Give the developer(s) of this a great big pat on the back. Clyde Lee
VERY SATISFIED	Information is very clearly presented. Process went smoothly. Possible change needed to add a "back to ballot" button at the bottom of each bio screen.
VERY SATISFIED	Very good job, nice to use modern methods, quick and efficient.
VERY SATISFIED	Liked having the paper copy (received in mail) of biographical info; this made it easier to vote online.
VERY SATISFIED	easy to use and saves on the paper processing.
VERY SATISFIED	Very easy and straightforward - and FAST!!
VERY SATISFIED	THE PROCESS IS EASY AND USER-FRIENDLY.
VERY SATISFIED	Very Easy to Navigate, Easy to review candidates -Excellent!
VERY SATISFIED	The web voting ballot was easy to read and mark. The instructions were clear and the process was simple and effective. Nice job.
VERY SATISFIED	Much better than paper and easy to use.
VERY SATISFIED	Excellent service with simple yet appropriate structure of website. Wish my Banking site was as useable.
VERY SATISFIED	IT IS MORE EASY AND FASTER THAN THE TRADITIONAL WAY THANK YOU
VERY SATISFIED	Good Job, quick, easy and saved me a stamp!
VERY SATISFIED	wonderful way to vote for our congress members and the president.
VERY SATISFIED	A well laid out and navigatable process. A strong thank you to those involved for setting up a user friendly approach to the election process. Regards John Duhault
VERY SATISFIED	Cool, Waaaaaaay Cooooool!!! Anything to keep down the amount of paper finding my mailbox is a good thing!! Email is so much easier to deal with than paper mail.
VERY SATISFIED	This process is great. It clean and fast and should eliminate people forgetting to send in the ballots.
VERY SATISFIED	This is a great direction to go.
VERY SATISFIED	Very simple. Very efficient. Thank you
VERY SATISFIED	As a non-American resident tjis e-ballot is much easier for me as I do not have international stamps in my office. Great idea! Please keep this method.
VERY SATISFIED	Quite impressive
VERY SATISFIED	Outstanding! Very convenient.
VERY SATISFIED	Very easy/smooth.
VERY SATISFIED	Very easy to use and saves a stamp. Hopefully most people will vote on the web. Thanks
VERY SATISFIED	Very effective - thank you.
VERY SATISFIED	Based outside US, I don't think that I ever got the information in time to get the completed forms back to take part in the paper ballots. Evoting is a wonderful idea and I expect that you'll see this refelcted in a substantial increase in o/s participation. "directvote" website was flawless. Good choice.
VERY SATISFIED	Excellent upgrade

VERY SATISFIED It is a straight forward process and I commend SEG for this type of voting because mailing procedures are becoming more slower because of the Terrorists threats globally.

VERY SATISFIED I found the combination of a mail-out including printed biographical information and online voting to be very convenient.

VERY SATISFIED Good Job and next time better for all SEG activities.

VERY SATISFIED Much easier than having to find the correct postage to return the ballot papers to the US

VERY SATISFIED Very Good way to vote

VERY SATISFIED I found it straight forward, easy to complete and demonstrably fair. Commendable ! I had thought that Americans couldn't run electronic voting machines.

VERY SATISFIED Printed material on the nominees which was sent to us helped a lot to vote rather than looking at bios for the nominees.

VERY SATISFIED Sure makes it easier to vote

VERY SATISFIED fast and easy

VERY SATISFIED Excellent way of doing the election. Keep up the innovations!!

VERY SATISFIED Very complete and easy to use.

VERY SATISFIED this process is very nice and makes it easier for members to vote. I believe it will increase the participation level.

VERY SATISFIED The online bios are great and a necessity.

VERY SATISFIED Quick and easy way to vote. I appreciated it.

VERY SATISFIED Excellent.

VERY SATISFIED quite complete and efficient

VERY SATISFIED This voting process is extremely proficient for individuals like myself who receives mails 2 days before any dead line dates and as such have never voted in any elections before. Thanks for the opportunity

VERY SATISFIED Very convenient. As an Active and Life Paid Member, this is the first time that I am convinced that my vote will count in SEG election. This is made possible by the electronic system. Not that I had not been given the opportunity to vote, but by the time the ballot papers get to Nigeria by post, it may be too tight for me to send a response. I am out of Lagos, my official base and 'am able to cast my vote. SEG, press on fine!  
...Chief Tayo Ogunjemilusi

VERY SATISFIED excellent process!

VERY SATISFIED I like this new web voting process. It's easy and fast and fantastic. Thank you very much for coming up with this process. Czango Baag South Korea

VERY SATISFIED The Bios helped a lot. Process was easy to follow and did not take a lot of time.

VERY SATISFIED This works well. I like it a lot. The web pages work well and the process is unambiguous.

VERY SATISFIED Save time and money. Great!

VERY SATISFIED very easy to use and access.

VERY SATISFIED Fast and easy

VERY SATISFIED EXCELLENT. CONGRATULATIONS.

VERY SATISFIED well done - easy to use - provided a fail safe backup.

VERY SATISFIED Very straight-forward and fast.

VERY SATISFIED his is much better than the normal "Voting by Mail" because it is much quicker and you don't have to worry about where you put the form & made sure you got enough postage for it.

VERY SATISFIED Very useful voting process, mainly for people like me (field work) who don't have a post office or mail box across the road. Thanks

VERY SATISFIED Very easy and efficient - - much better than having to mail the paper ballots!

SATISFIED Quick and easy!

SATISFIED Web voting was easy, well documented and fast. The linking of bios worked well, although I would have liked to have some kind of side-by-side format where I could see both candidates together.

SATISFIED The photos are too dark. Hard to see who you're voting for!

SATISFIED Much easier and more convenient than a paper ballot.

SATISFIED This helps me vote. Thanks. Marcelo

SATISFIED Timeout is too short

SATISFIED The flipping back and forth in order to read the bios is a pain. I would rather it all be on one page where you could expand or contract them as needed...

SATISFIED There are no descriptions of responsibilities for the three types of VP's. It would be good to be reminded what the differences are.

SATISFIED Information about candidates needs to be viewable WITHOUT need to click for more information.

SATISFIED Easy to ballot. After submitting, a summary of my ballot or the result of the ballot presented on my screen would be most appreciated.

SATISFIED I was alarmed to get such an important e-mail without prior notification of the (non-SEG) address from which it was to come. Nor was there any way to verify the sender by checking the SEG website. I get a lot of very plausible spam. This came close to being rejected as one such. Please precede any further such ballot with a notification from an seg.org mail address, or put a clear notice on the SEG website.

SATISFIED Took 4 tries to get to the login web page.

SATISFIED A way to keep a record of how I voted would be nice. Especially for the situations where I don't know either candidate, in the past I just made a photocopy of my ballot. Here I must make a note. It would be desirable to have an e-copy if I so desired. Thank you.

SATISFIED Clear and straightforward. Only complaint would be that Steeples and Thomsen were reversed compared to paper ballot. This almost caused me to vote for the other person than I had intended to after looking at paper.

SATISFIED Democratic & fair. Appreciated!

SATISFIED Easily understood and easy to handle.

SATISFIED A good initiative and an improvement over the postal voting method.

SATISFIED good system

SATISFIED much better than paper!

SATISFIED On 2 occasions, while scrolling down, a chosen tick became unticked, and I had to tick it again. It appears to be a glitch which may lose some perfectly well cast votes.

SATISFIED It was easy and understandable. I could reduce the time for voting very much. Thanks.

SATISFIED I think having a direct link to the candidates bio through the ballot box would avoid discovering the bio at the end of the voting process.

SATISFIED Had problems with login to the website. When I copied and pasted the id and password I got in.

SATISFIED Voting on-line is much better than using paper which is manually completed but automatically scanned. Too many opportunities for error. In voting on-line, it would be better to have exclusive radio buttons alongside the candidates. The current first page of the form does allow you to check both candidates. Presumably the summary would catch this, but it would be better to show it on the voting page.

SATISFIED Better to display bio's side by side on a split screen with a vote box at the bottom of each

SATISFIED A short brief on the candidates within the ballot would help to remind some of us of the candidates qualifications.

SATISFIED	It would be simpler if short bios were posted on the ballot, instead of having to go back and forth from ballot to bio to ballot. It is still much easier than mailing the paper ballot.
SATISFIED	I rn into some difficulties in the last step (submitting), but persistence helped. Could be smoother.
SATISFIED	Everything works smoothly, although I noticed that a vote does not register immediately after you check a box.
SATISFIED	I would like to have seen all bio's accessible at the same time, rather than switching back to each office for voting. I believe this would have saved even more time in the voting process.
SATISFIED	Easier than paper. A bit clunky.
SATISFIED	Allow Bios to be viewed side-by-side.
SATISFIED	should have waited for the printed version to arrive before doing this as the move from ballot to bio was a bit slow. Otherwise it was very intuitive and easy to use.
SATISFIED	Works fine - better than paper. Please keep the password/ID function going. I would not be able to remember it a year from now.
SATISFIED	1)PLACE A LINK ON THE SEG.ORG SITE TO GO TO VOTING 2)PLACE AN SEG LOGO/LINK ON THE DIRECTVOTE PAGE TO GO TO THE SECURE VOTING PAGE
SATISFIED	It might be good to display the name of the person voting, after the log in process has been successfully completed. (This would build confidence, allowing the person voting to be sure he or she was in the right place.)
SATISFIED	Can we vote "no" if only one candidate.
SATISFIED	Dial-up ISP makes this a little tedious. Might be worth putting all the bios in one location so those of us with old equipment could review all bios at once.
SATISFIED	So far, so good.
SATISFIED	Well done --easy to navigate, good summaries, overall an ease.....
SATISFIED	Nice alternative for international voting
SATISFIED	THE OPTIONS TO PROCEED FOR CASTING A BALLOT ARE NOT STRAIGHTFORWARD. PERHAPS, "NEXT" SHOULD BE THE OBVIOUS CHOICE RATHER THAN THE SPURIOUS CHOICES OFFERED?
SATISFIED	Why is there only one candidat for the editor ?
SATISFIED	I had some trouble getting to this site. Can there be a link from the SEG home page?
SATISFIED	Would like to see the Bios next to the Candidate instead of linking back and forth..thanks..
SATISFIED	Impressive and shows you people there are not idle. keep it up.
SATISFIED	quick and easy, but not very persoanble.
SATISFIED	When one first logs on and moves to the instructions for casting a ballot, after reading the voting instructions, there is no box to return to the original page. Since there were several comments made on the original page about not clicking the "back" button, I was at first reluctant to do so but, seeing no other course of action, I clicked the back button and it worked. Just a small point I know but perhaps you could make the instructions part of the original page or insert a "return to ballot" box at the bottom of the instructions page.
SATISFIED	Easy and effective
SATISFIED	The voting process worked out very quickly. Being able to quickly get the membership ID number made it work well.
SATISFIED	confirm email for receipt of submitting ballot
SATISFIED	beats snailmail

SATISFIED	Just one little error noted..... checking the box by a name did not change the "no votes cast" text
SATISFIED	Its convenient but not secure - any misdirected e-mail contains both the login and password!!!
NEUTRAL	worked ok - but having sufficient candidate info and the ballot choice all on a single page would have felt better. Too much button pushing to get between the master page and the various bios.
NEUTRAL	We should see all the bios on a separate document (pdf), instead of switching between ballots and bois. Marc
NEUTRAL	Everything worked fine, except that the "submit ballot" process took about 3 minutes to respond. Hard to believe your servers are THAT slow.
NEUTRAL	hopefully it savesd us money in the long term
NEUTRAL	Bios should be on the main ballot web page.
DISSATISFIED	too slow to weave through bios and ballot
DISSATISFIED	All Bios visible(& savable to disc) in one hit without having to click back & forth all the time - (as per the old paper ballots) - would be far simpler, a lot quicker & at least not a major step backwards in terms of time required to vote as this seems to be! Also the old paper form stuck in a file could be quickly referred to 6months (or even 3years later) before meeting someone professionally! For this to work you need to keep this years bios ,(& previous years also) accessable easily on you webbb page.
DISSATISFIED	Had website error (was told my votes were submiited when they were not). Was told that it was my mistake, when it was not. Then was told the error was corrected. Had to log in 3 or 4 times to get a working web page (else was told my votes were submiited when they were not). This level of effort will deter voters.
NO COMMENT	KUDOS ! This new easy-to-follow voting process will likely increase voter participation. JP Blangy
NO COMMENT	Worked great but could not logon when I first received the ballot on June 15, 2005