

UCI Presidential Elections

Today, the UCI sent out the details of Congress proceedings to all national federations worldwide.

Included in the proceedings is a proposal the UCI has received from the Malaysian Federation – which has also been presented by the Asian Continental Confederation – to make a permanent change to Article 51 of the UCI rules concerning Presidential candidate nominations.

Under the rules, national federations may propose amendments to the UCI constitution, so they have been duly put to the Congress to be debated and voted on prior to the election procedure.

In their letter proposing the amendment, the Malaysian Federation and ACC state that their aims are to reinforce the independence of future UCI Presidents by ensuring they are able to carry out the role based on serving the global interests of cycling, independently from those of any single nominating national federation.

Under the proposal, in addition to the current rule for nominating candidates, any two national federations would also be entitled to nominate a candidate to stand for President of the UCI.

As national federations are being informed about this proposal after the original deadline to nominate presidential candidates has passed, as a transitional provision, for the 2013 Presidential elections only, the new amendment also proposes to allow any two national federations to put forward candidates from now until a deadline of Friday 30 August 2013 at 12:00 CEST. These nominations will then become valid if the motion is subsequently approved at Congress. In future elections, the new rule, if adopted, will apply with the standard nomination deadline of 90 days before Congress.

Two candidates have so far been nominated to stand for President. Current President, Pat McQuaid, has received nominations from Swiss Cycling, the Thai Cycling Association and the Fédération Royale Marocaine de Cyclisme (all three of which he has membership), and Brian Cookson has been nominated by the British Cycling Federation.

The UCI constitution does not prevent anyone from being a member of more than one federation at the same time – and does not preclude that multiple federations nominate a candidate who is a member of each.