

BLACKSTONE SOCIETY (INCORPORATED)

ELECTION REGULATIONS 2026

AS PASSED BY THE BLACKSTONE SOCIETY COMMITTEE ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2026

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. **Annual General Meeting** means the Society's annual meeting of members.
- 1.2. **Authorised Proxy** means a person who, by confirmation In Writing sent to the Secretary before an Annual General Meeting, is authorised by a person nominating for an Executive or Elected Office-Bearer position to confirm their nomination in the manner contemplated by Regulation 5, and is not a Proxy for the purposes of Article 21 of the Constitution.
- 1.3. **Candidate Information Session** means the session convened by the Returning Officer/Secretary under Regulation 5.6.
- 1.4. **Constitution** means the Constitution of the Society, as amended from time to time.
- 1.5. **Declaration of Results** means the announcement of the results of an election, being, for the General Election, the announcement under Regulation 11.14, and is the declaration of results for the purposes of Article 12.11 of the Constitution.
- 1.6. **Elected Office-Bearer** shall have the meaning given to it by the Constitution but does not include any First Year Representative.
- 1.7. **Election Facebook Group** means the official Blackstone Society Elections group on Facebook, or any other online forum that the Returning Officer designates in its place in the Election Timetable.
- 1.8. **Election Timetable** means the timetable published by the Returning Officer under Regulation 3.5.
- 1.9. **Election Voting Platform** means the online voting platform approved under Regulation 10.4.
- 1.10. **Executive** shall have the meaning given to it by the Constitution.
- 1.11. **First Year Election** means an election for one or more First Year Representative positions conducted under Regulation 14.
- 1.12. **First Year Representative** means any of the positions which have been created for Juris Doctor students in their first year and includes,
 - a) First Year Social Representative;
 - b) First Year Education Representative;
 - c) First Year Equity Representative
 - d) First Year Careers Representative;
 - e) First Year Competitions Representative; and
 - f) First Year Wellness Representative,all of which shall have the meaning given to them by the Constitution.
- 1.13. **General Election** means the annual election of the Executive (other than the Marketing Vice-President) and of the Elected Office-Bearers, including the Pre-Law Representatives, conducted under these Regulations.

- 1.14. **Nomination Form** means the prescribed form set out in Schedule 1 of these Regulations.
- 1.15. **Ordinary Member** has the meaning given to it by the Constitution, and includes both a Financial Ordinary Member and a Non-Financial Ordinary Member.
- 1.16. **Pre-Law Representative** means any of the following positions which have been created for undergraduate students and outlined in the Constitution.
- 1.17. **President** shall have the meaning given to it by the Constitution.
- 1.18. **Regulations** means these Election Regulations of the Society, as amended from time to time.
- 1.19. **Returning Officer** means the person appointed under Article 12.6 of the Constitution to conduct and administer the Society's elections on behalf of the Society.
- 1.20. **Roll** has the meaning given to it in Regulation 10.2.
- 1.21. **Secretary** means the member of the Executive holding the office of Secretary.
- 1.22. **Social Media** means any online platform, including Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat.
- 1.23. **Society** means the Blackstone Society (Incorporated).
- 1.24. **Society Common Room** means room G09/10 on the eastern side of the law courtyard in the UWA Law Building, or any other room used from time to time as the Society's common room.

2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1. These Regulations are subject to the Constitution. In the event of any inconsistency between these Regulations and the Constitution, the Constitution shall prevail.
- 2.2. Unless otherwise indicated, the words and phrases in these Regulations are to have the meaning given to them by the Constitution.
- 2.3. The Returning Officer shall determine any question regarding the interpretation of these Regulations.
- 2.4. A person affected by a determination made by the Returning Officers under Regulation 2.3 may challenge the determination in which case the person is considered to be in a dispute which is to be resolved in accordance with Article 18 of the Constitution.
- 2.5. A challenge under Regulation 2.4 does not delay the conduct of an election or the Declaration of Results unless the Returning Officer determines otherwise.
- 2.6. Anything that these Regulations require to be given to the Returning Officer In Writing may be sent by email to the address specified in the Election Timetable.
- 2.7. These Regulations commence on the later of the date on which they are approved by the Committee and the date on which the amendments to the Constitution proposed in 2026 take effect, and apply to each election for which nominations open after the date.

3. RETURNING OFFICERS

- 3.1. The Returning Officers shall be appointed by the Executive in accordance with Articles 12.6 to 12.9 of the Constitution.
- 3.2. If, after their appointment, any circumstances arises that would have prevented the appointment of the Returning Officer under Article 12.7 of the Constitution, the Returning Officer must immediately disclose it In Writing to the Executive.
- 3.3. The Executive shall give the Returning Officer administrative access to the Election Facebook Group and the Electronic Voting Platform, and any other resources reasonably required to conduct the election.

Election Timetable

- 3.4. No later than seven days before nominations open, the Returning Officer shall publish an Election Timetable to all Ordinary Members and Associate Members by email, and in the Election Facebook Group, specifying:
 - a) the positions open for election and the number of vacancies in each;
 - b) the dates and times at which nominations open and close;
 - c) the date by which Posters must be submitted, and the date from which posts may be made under Regulation 8.2(c);
 - d) the date, time and location of the Annual General Meeting at which nominations are to be confirmed;
 - e) the date, time and format of the Candidate Information Session;
 - f) the dates and time at which voting opens and closes; and
 - g) the email address to be used for all communications with the Returning Officer.
- 3.5. Nominations shall remain open for at least seven days.
- 3.6. The Returning Officer may amend the Election Timetable where reasonably necessary, provided that notice of the amendment is given in the same manner as the Election Timetable and no nominee is unfairly disadvantaged.

4. NOMINATIONS

Requirements for Nomination Forms

- 4.1. Persons wishing to contest Executive or Elected Office-Bearer positions must submit a completed Nomination Form to be validly nominated.
- 4.2. Nominations shall not be accepted for the position of Marketing Vice-President, which is filled by appointment of the incoming Executive under Article 12.4 of the Constitution.
- 4.3. The Nomination Forms shall be made available by the Returning Officers in the Society Common Room and on the Election Facebook Group, along with copies of these Regulations.
- 4.4. A valid Nomination Form must be in the prescribed form contained in Schedule 1 of these Regulations and must be:

- a) In Writing;
 - b) Signed by the nominee; and
 - c) Signed by two Ordinary Members, or for a nomination for a Pre-Law Representative position, by two persons who are each an Ordinary Member or an Associate Member.
- 4.5. A Nomination Form may be signed electronically.
- 4.6. Nominees shall confirm their nomination, personally or by Authorised Proxy, at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with Regulation 5.
- 4.7. A person will be prevented from confirming their nomination, either personally or by Authorised Proxy, if the person has been:
- a) Charged with or convicted of a serious criminal offence (as defined in sch 7 of the *Evidence Act 1906* (WA));
 - b) Subject to a finding of moderate to severe academic misconduct by a university; or
 - c) Subject to a finding of personal misconduct by a university.
- 4.8. A person who is a Disqualified Person, or whose membership of the Society is suspended under Article 17 of the Constitution, may not nominate for any position.
- 4.9. The Returning Officer shall provide the names of nominees to the Dean of the UWA Law School, or another appropriate officer of the University, to confirm whether the nominee should be prevented from nomination under Regulation 4.5.

Process of Submission of Nomination Forms

- 4.10. Nominations shall be submitted to the Returning Officers:
- a) by depositing Nomination Forms in the designated box in the Society Common Room; or
 - b) by email to the address specified in the Election Timetable; or
 - c) by any other means authorised by the Returning Officers.

Deadline for Nominations

- 4.11. Nominations must be received by the Returning Officer by the time nominations close under the Election Timetable, which must be before the commencement of the Annual General Meeting at which nominations are to be confirmed.
- 4.12. As soon as practicable after nominations close, the Returning Officer shall publish in the Election Facebook Group the name of each nominee and the position or positions for which they have nominated.

Candidates running for multiple positions must submit multiple Nomination Forms

- 4.13. Persons wishing to contest more than one Executive or Elected Office-Bearer position must submit one Nomination Form for each position they wish to contest.

Withdrawal of Nominations

- 4.14. A nominee may withdraw their nomination at any time before voting closes by notice In Writing to the Returning Officer. If the nominee withdraws after voting has opened, their name may remain on the ballot, and the ballots shall be counted as if the nominee had been excluded before the first count.

5. CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATION

- 5.1. At the Annual General Meeting, the Returning Officer shall read each nomination in turn, specifying:
 - a) The name of the nominee; and
 - b) If the person has nominated for one position, the Executive or Elected Office-Bearer position for which the nominee has nominated; or
 - c) If the person has nominated for more than one position, the Executive or Elected Office-Bearer positions for which the nominee has nominated.
- 5.2. When the Returning Officer read a nominee's nomination at the Annual General Meeting, that nominee, or their Authorised Proxy, shall orally confirm or withdraw the nomination.
- 5.3. Subject to Regulation 5.4, if a nominee, or their Authorised Proxy, is not Present at the Annual General Meeting, that nominee's nomination shall be deemed to have been withdrawn.
- 5.4. A person, who is not a nominee or an Authorised Proxy, may confirm a nomination on behalf of a nominee not Present at the Annual General Meeting where the nominee has:
 - a) In the opinion of the Returning Officers, a reasonable excuse for not being Present; and
 - b) Informed the Returning Officer of that excuse before the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.5. Nominations may be confirmed under this Regulation whether or not a quorum is present at the Annual General Meeting.

Candidate Information Session

- 5.6. After nominations close and before voting opens, the Secretary shall convene a Candidate Information Session for all nominees, which may be held in person, by Electronic Means, or both.
- 5.7. At the Candidate Information Session, the Secretary shall explain these Regulations, including the rules on election material and campaigning, the Election Timetable, the voting and counting process, and the sanctions available under Regulation 8.7.
- 5.8. Each nominee must attend the Candidate Information Session or, if unable to attend, confirm In Writing to the Secretary before voting opens that they have read and understood these Regulations. The Returning Officer may strike out the nomination of a nominee who does neither, after giving that nominee notice and a reasonable opportunity to comply.
- 5.9. The Secretary may record the Candidate Information Session and make the recording available to nominees.

6. ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATING

- 6.1. Only persons who are Ordinary Members of the Society at the time of nominating shall be eligible to nominate for any Executive or Elected Office-Bearer position that is not a Pre-Law Representative position.
- 6.2. A person who is an Ordinary Member or an Associate Member at the time of nominating shall be eligible to nominate for a Pre-Law Representative position, provided they satisfy the additional requirements in Regulation 6.4
- 6.3. Only an Ordinary Member who is in their first calendar year of study in a Qualifying Degree shall be eligible to nominate for any First Year Representative position.

Additional Requirements for some Elected Office-Bearer Positions

- 6.4. To nominate for a position listed in column A, the nominee must, at the time of nominating, fulfil the additional requirements listed in column B.

	Column A Position	Column B Additional Requirements
6.4.1	Queer Representative	Must identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex or Queer.
6.4.2	Indigenous Representative	Must identify as an Aboriginal Australian or Torres Strait Islander Australian.
6.4.3	Women's Representative	At the time of election, and during their tenure, identify as a woman.
6.4.4	Alternative Pathway Student Representative	Must be enrolled in the Juris Doctor Programme at the University of Western Australia as a part-time student.
6.4.5	Pre-Law Representative	Must be: (a) enrolled in either a Business Law, Criminology, or a Law & Society major at the University of Western Australia; and (b) enrolled to study in a degree programme offered by the University of Western Australia, not being a Qualifying Degree, in the year following their nomination.

- 6.5. For the purposes of Article 13.1.2 of the Constitution, a Pre-Law Representative ceases to satisfy the eligibility requirements for their position if they cease to be enrolled at the University, but not merely because they commence a Qualifying Degree during their Term of Office.
- 6.6. No person may be elected to more than one Executive or Elected Office-Bearer position at the same time.

7. ELECTION MATERIAL

- 7.1. Persons wishing to contest Executive or Elected Office-Bearer positions may submit one poster to advertise their candidacy that shall consist of images and/or text, and be no more than one A4 page (**Poster**).
- 7.2. The Poster shall not make reference to any other person contesting an Executive or Elected Office-Bearer position.
- 7.3. Where a person contesting an Executive or Elected Office-Bearer position wishes to submit the Poster, they must:
 - a) Submit an electronic version of the Poster by the date specified in the Election Timetable; and
 - b) Submit the electronic version of the Poster in the file type specified by the Returning Officer and via the method specified by the Returning Officer.
- 7.4. For the avoidance of any doubt, the Returning Officers may refuse to accept a Poster, or any other document, that does not comply with these Regulations
- 7.5. Persons contesting more than one Executive or Elected Office-Bearer position may not submit more than one Poster, but the Poster may refer to each position for which the person has nominated.
- 7.6. The Poster, and the single post permitted by Regulation 8.2(c), are the only election material a nominee may produce or distribute. No other printed or digital material, including flyers, sticker, merchandise, videos, or further posts, may be produced or distributed by or on behalf of a nominee.

Obligations of Returning Officer

- 7.7. The Returning Officer shall print one copy of each Poster that complies with these Regulations and display all of those Posters together in the Society Common Room for the whole of the voting period.
- 7.8. The email sent to each person on the Roll under Regulation 10.9 shall include a link to the Election Facebook Group.

8. CAMPAIGNING

Unauthorised campaigning

- 8.1. Subject to Regulations 8.2 and 8.3, there shall be no campaigning, oral or written, by or on behalf of any nominee.

Authorised campaigning

- 8.2. Nominees may communicate their nomination and their reasons for nominating to other students through the following means, except that nominees may not refer to any other nominee for any other Executive or Elected Office-Bearer position:
 - a) Nominees may speak about their nomination in private to other students;
 - b) Nominees may send private messages about their nomination to other students, but a message sent to a group chat, channel or forum is not a private message;
 - c) Nominees may make one post in the Electronic Facebook Group, on or after the date specified in the Election Timetable, containing their Poster, provided they have complied with Regulation 7; and

- d) Nominees may also include a description of no more than 300 words in the post.
- 8.3. Nominees may not directly post their Poster or discuss their nomination on their own Social Media pages or on any other Social Media page (including any official Blackstone page, any student cohort pages, or any cohort, unit or Society related group chat), except:
 - a) Nominees may share anything posted in the Election Facebook Group; and
 - b) Others may share anything posted in the Election Facebook Group on behalf of a nominee.
- 8.4. Nominees are not permitted to have others post or share on their behalf in a manner that would otherwise not be in accordance with Regulations 7.6, 8.2 or 8.3.
- 8.5. A nominee who is a member of the Committee must not use their position, or any Social Media account, email list, event or other resource of the Society, to promote their nomination.
- 8.6. No nominee may address a lecture, tutorial, seminar, Society event or other gathering of students for the purpose of promoting their nomination.

Contraventions of this Regulation

- 8.7. The Returning Officer shall have absolute discretion in sanctioning a nominee who breaches Regulation 7, or who knowingly permits or instructs another to do so. Sanctions available to the Returning Officers include, but are not limited to:
 - a) Warning the nominee, verbally or In Writing;
 - b) Removing any post made in the Election Facebook Group;
 - c) Requesting the removal of any online post made by the nominee;
 - d) Removing the Poster submitted by the nominee from the Society Common Room; and
 - e) Striking out the nomination of the nominee.
- 8.8. Before striking out a nomination, the Returning Officer must give the nominee notice of the alleged breach and a reasonable opportunity to respond, and must record the reasons for the decision In Writing.

9. ELIGIBILITY FOR VOTING

- 9.1. Only persons who are Ordinary Members of the Society and whose names appear on the Roll are entitled to vote.
- 9.2. Each person entitled to vote may vote once in the ballot for each contested position.
- 9.3. An election is not a Meeting for the purposes of the Constitution, and no person may vote on behalf of another in an election.

10. ONLINE VOTING AND BALLOTS

- 10.1. This Regulation applies to all ballots cast for Executive and Elected Office-Bearer positions in the General Election.

The Roll

- 10.2. The Secretary shall provide to the Returning Officers a list of all Ordinary Members of the Society current as of the date notice is given of the Annual General Meeting, which shall serve as the roll (**Roll**).
- 10.3. The Returning Officer must use the Roll only for the purpose of conducting the election.

Online Preferential Voting

- 10.4. The election will be conducted by secret ballot using the Electronic Voting Platform, being an online voting platform approved by the Executive, and no paper or in-person ballot shall be held.
- 10.5. Voting in every ballot shall be preferential. A voter indicates their preferences by ranking the nominees in order of preference, and may rank as many or as few nominees as they wish.
- 10.6. The Election Voting Platform must, so far as reasonable practicable:
- a) allow only persons on the Roll to vote, and allow each of them to vote only once in each ballot;
 - b) preserve the secrecy of the ballot, so that no person, including the Returning Officer, can ascertain how any individual voted;
 - c) allow voters to rank nominees in order of preference;
 - d) present the names of nominees in a random order;
 - e) store each ballot securely; and
 - f) allow the Returning Officer to export the ballot data for each position, showing every preference expressed on each ballot but containing no information that identifies any voter.
- 10.7. For each contested Executive or Elected Office-Bearer position, the Returning Officer shall prepare a ballot using the Electronic Voting Platform.
- 10.8. Each ballot shall specify:
- a) The position to which it relates;
 - b) The names of the nominees for the position in a random order;
 - c) The number of nominees for the position;
 - d) The number of vacancies to be filled;
 - e) That preferences should be indicated ranking the nominees in order of preference; and
 - f) That it is not necessary to rank all the nominees.
- 10.9. A personalised and confidential link to the ballots contained on the Electronic Voting Platform shall be distributed to the University student email address belonging to each person on the Roll. This email address shall have the domain name “@student.uwa.edu.au”.

- 10.10. Persons seeking to vote must do so in accordance with the instructions described in the email sent to each person on the Roll, which are to be determined by the Returning Officers.
- 10.11. Persons seeking to vote must do so in the period specified in the Election Timetable, which will not be shorter than two Business Days.
- 10.12. Each vote cast shall be securely stored on the Electronic Voting Platform until the ballot data has been delivered to the Secretary under Regulation 11.19.
- 10.13. A ballot on which a voter has not ranked any nominee is informal and is not counted in that ballot.
- 10.14. If the Electronic Voting Platform fails, or the Returning Officer is satisfied that the integrity of a ballot has been compromised, the Returning Officer may extend the voting period, or declare the affected ballot void and conduct it again, and must notify all persons on the Roll and all nominees In Writing of the decision and the reasons for it.

11. ELECTION RESULTS

Method of Counting

- 11.1. On the day appointed for the counting of the ballots, the Returning Officer shall count the ballots for each contested Executive and Elected Office-Bearer position.
- 11.2. The results shall be declared in the order in which the positions are listed in the Constitution.
- 11.3. The Returning Officer shall conduct the count from the ballot data exported from the Electronic Voting Platform, and may rely on a count produced by the platform only if it applies the method in Regulations 11.4 to 11.9.
- 11.4. Where there is one vacancy for a position, if a nominee is indicated as the voter's first preference on more than half of the formal votes, that nominee shall be elected.
- 11.5. If no nominee has more than half of the votes, the nominee with the fewest votes shall be excluded and each ballot counted for the nominee shall be transferred to the continuing nominee next in order of the voter's preference.
- 11.6. A ballot that shows no further preference for a continuing nominee is exhausted and is not counted in any later round. In each round, a nominee is elected if they have more than half of the ballots that are not exhausted.
- 11.7. The process shall be repeated until one nominee is elected or until only one nominee remains, in which case that nominee shall be elected.
- 11.8. If a nominee must be excluded and two or more nominees have the same, lowest number of votes, the nominee to be excluded is the one who had the fewer votes at the most recent earlier round at which those nominees had an unequal number of votes. If those nominees had an equal number of votes at every earlier round, the Returning Officer shall determine the matter by lot.
 - a) The determination by lot must be decided at a place agreed upon by the nominees with the same number of votes, and the Returning Officer, and may be conducted by Electronic Means.

- b) The nominees whose election is to be determined by lot are entitled to be Present when the determination occurs.
- c) Determination by lot includes, but is not limited to, a coin toss.

Positions with more than one vacancy

- 11.9. Where there is more than one vacancy for a position, the first vacancy is filled by applying Regulations 11.4 to 11.8. Each further vacancy is filled by applying those Regulations again to every formal ballot for that position restored to its original preferences, with each nominee already to that position treated as excluded, until every vacancy is filled.

Running for multiple positions

- 11.10. If a nominee has nominated for more than one position, before voting closes they may provide the Returning Officer In Writing with their preference order between those positions.
- a) If no preference is given by a nominee, the order of preference is assumed to be the order in which the positions are listed in the Constitution.
- 11.11. Where the count would elect a nominee to more than one position, the nominee is elected to the position they most prefer under Regulation 11.10, and the count for each other position is conducted again as if the nominee had withdrawn. This is repeated until no nominee is elected to more than one position.

Scrutineering

- 11.12. Each nominee may, by notice In Writing to the Returning Officers, appoint one scrutineer to observe the count on their behalf, in person or by Electronic Means, provided that:
- a) the scrutineer is not themselves a nominee in any count that they are appointed to observe;
 - b) the scrutineer only observes the count or counts related to the nominee that appointed them;
 - c) the scrutineer does not obstruct or interfere with the processes of the Returning Office; and
 - d) the scrutineer agrees In Writing to keep confidential the ballot data they observe, and does not copy, record or retain any of it.
- 11.13. A scrutineers may inspect, under the supervision of the Returning Officer, the exported ballot data and the Returning Officer's working for the count they are appointed to observe.

Announcing of the results

- 11.14. The Returning Officer shall inform the out-going President and the out-going Secretary of the names of the nominees elected to each Executive and Elected Office-Bearer position or, where either of them is a nominee, another member of the Executive who is not a nominee. The names of the nominees elected to each Executive or Elected Office-Bearer position shall be announced to Members at the Presidential Kegg, as well as by via electronic means no later than seven days after the ballot is counted.

11.15. The Returning Officer shall comply with any request to see records of the ballot count from:

- a) the out-going President, in respect of each ballot; or
- b) a nominee, in respect of ballots related to their own nominations, provided that no record disclosed may identify how any person voted.

Recount of ballot

11.16. Any request for a recount shall be submitted to the Returning Officer:

- a) within forty-eight hours of the Declaration of Results;
- b) In Writing; and
- c) by a nominee in the ballot to which the recount relates.

11.17. Upon receiving a request for a recount, the Returning Officer shall:

- a) conduct the recount from the exported ballot data in accordance with Regulation 11; and
- b) determine the result of the ballot to which the recount relates.

11.18. The Returning Officer's determination or purported determination of the result of the ballot to which the recount relates shall be final and conclusive.

11.19. Within 14 days after the Declaration of Results or, if later, after any recount or dispute concerning the election has been finally resolved, the Returning Officer shall deliver to the Secretary:

- a) the ballot data exported for each position under Regulation 10.6(f);
- b) a record of each count, showing the votes for each nominee at each round, each exclusion and transfer, and the result;
- c) the number of persons on the Roll and the number of ballots cast for each position; and
- d) the Election Timetable and the list of nominees for each position.

11.20. The Secretary shall keep the material delivered under Regulation 11.19 permanently as part of the Society's records for archival purposes, and shall ensure that it is handed over to each incoming Secretary.

11.21. The material kept under Regulation 11.20 may be inspected by any member of the Committee, and by any other Member with the approval of the Executive.

11.22. Once the material has been delivered under Regulation 11.19, the Returning Officer shall permanently delete the Roll, any record of which persons voted, and any other personal information obtained for the election other than the names of nominees, and shall ensure that the same information is deleted for the Electronic Voting Platform.

12. NON-CONTESTED POSITIONS AND POSITIONS WITHOUT NOMINATIONS

12.1. If, after the period for submitting nominations has closed, the number of persons who have validly nominated for an Executive or Elected Office-Bearer position is

equal to or less than the number of vacancies in that position, each of those persons will be deemed to have been elected to that position, subject to Regulation 5 and 11.11.

- 12.2. If no person is validly nominated for an Executive position, the position shall be filled by the incoming Executive in accordance with Article 12.5 of the Constitution.
- 12.3. If no person is validly nominated for an Elected Office-Bearer position, or a vacancy in such a position otherwise remains unfilled at the end of the General Election, a Casual Vacancy arises and shall be dealt with under Article 14 of the Constitution.

13. APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF OFFICE

- 13.1. Subject to Articles 13 and 20 of the Constitution, the members of the Executive and the Elected Office-Bearers shall hold office from 1 December of the year of their election until 30 November of the subsequent year.
- 13.2. First Year Representatives hold office for the period provided in Article 10.3 of the Constitution, being from 1 April of the year of their election, or from the Declaration of Results if later, until 30 November of that year.
- 13.3. A person elected under Regulation 16 holds office from the Declaration of Results for the balance of the Term of Office, in accordance with Article 14.5 of the Constitution.

14. FIRST YEAR REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION

- 14.1. The election of First Year Representatives is to be conducted separately from the General Election, in a manner considered appropriate by the Executive, subject to this Regulation 14.
- 14.2. The Secretary shall be appointed the Returning Officer for each First-Year Election in accordance with Article 12.6 of the Constitution.
- 14.3. The First-Year Election shall be held in Semester 1 so that, as far as practicable, the Declaration of Results occurs before 1 April
- 14.4. Only a person who satisfies Regulation 6.3 and, where applicable, Regulation 6.4 may nominate for a First-Year Representative position.
- 14.5. Before nominations open, the Executive shall determine and publish to the students eligible to nominate the process for the First-Year Election, including how nominations are made, who is entitled to vote and how voting is conducted.
- 14.6. Regulations 2, 6 and 13 apply to a First-Year Election. The other Regulations apply only to the extent that Executive determines under Regulation 14.5.

15. PRE-LAW REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION

- 15.1. Pre-Law Representatives are elected at the General Election, at the same time and in the same manner as the Executive and the other Elected Office-Bearers, and these Regulations apply to their election.
- 15.2. The Returning Officer shall take reasonable steps to bring the Election Timetable and the Pre-Law Representative positions to the attention of Associate Members and other students eligible to nominate for those positions.
- 15.3. A person elected as a Pre-Law Representative becomes an Ordinary Member in accordance with Article 11.1 of the Constitution, and Regulation 6.5 applies to them during their Term of Office.
- 15.4. Only persons entitled to vote under Regulation 9 may vote in a ballot for a Pre-Law Representative position.

16. BY-ELECTIONS AND COMMITTEE VOTES

- 16.1. Where Article 14.1.1 of the Constitution requires an election to fill a vacancy, these Regulations apply with the following modifications:
 - a) the Secretary shall act in the capacity as the Returning Officer;
 - b) the Secretary shall fix an Election Timetable under which nominations remain open for at least seven days;
 - c) nominations need not be confirmed at an Annual General Meeting, and Regulations 5.1 to 5.5 do not apply;
 - d) the Roll is to be current as at the time nominations for the by-election close; and
 - e) the Secretary may shorten any other period fixed by the Regulations where reasonably necessary, provided the voting period is not shorter than two Business Days.
- 16.2. Where the Committee votes to fill a vacancy under Article 14.1.2 of the Constitution, the votes shall be counted in accordance with Regulation 11 by an independent person who could be appointed by the Secretary under Article 12.7 of the Constitution.
- 16.3. A vacancy in a First-Year Representative position is to be filled in accordance with Regulation 14.

SCHEDULE 1

BLACKSTONE SOCIETY (INCORPORATED)

Prescribed Nomination Form for the [____] Committee

This nomination form must be received by the Returning Officer before nominations close as specified in the Election Timetable.

Candidates Name (to appear on the ballot): _____

Candidates UWA Student Number: _____

Candidates University Student email: _____

Degree in which the candidate is currently enrolled: _____

I, _____, hereby nominate for the position of

_____ and agree to comply with and be subject to the Blackstone Society Election Regulations 2026. I declare that I have not been charged with or convicted of a serious criminal offence (as defined in sch 7 of the Election Act 1906 (WA)); subject to a finding of moderate to severe academic misconduct by a university; or subject to a finding of personal misconduct by a university, and that I am not a Disqualified Person and my membership of the Society is not suspended.

I consent to the Returning Officer providing my name to the Dean of the Law School, or another appropriate officer of the University, under Regulation 4.9.

I commit to attending the Candidate Information Session as outlined in the Election Timetable, understanding that if I do not attend, this will render my nomination invalid.

SIGNATURE & NOMINATION

Candidates Signature: _____

Candidate's Contact Number: _____

Nominated by: _____ (name) _____ (signature)

Seconded by: _____ (name) _____ (signature)