Provisional Election Process

Updated November 2019

See OCDS Statutes XIII 6-8. Study Group elections are held early in the year, no later than March.

At least two months before the election:

The current Council appoints one or two members to call the members who have made First or Definitive Promise and are eligible to serve.

Those who are willing to serve are put on the ballot.

Ballots are printed before the meeting in which the election is held.

For the ballots:

List all the candidates on one page. The presidential candidates are put at the top, marked in some way to show that they are different from the councilor candidates. Candidates for councilor are added below.

At the time of the election, a ballot is given to each professed member (First or Definitive Promise). The members vote by writing "president" next to the presidential candidate they want, and writing "1st councilor" for the candidate they want for councilor. **If they are allowed a second councilor, the members write "2nd councilor," otherwise vote for only one.**

After choosing one candidate for president, they may mark the other presidential candidate(s) as their choice for councilor if they would like.

Members must be present to vote.

Sample ballot:

Candidates for **president** are in **bold print**.	
Please mark one person for president by writing "president" next to the name.	
Mark one person for 1st council member by writing "1st councilor" next to the name.	
Mark one person for 2nd council member by writing "2nd councilor" next to the name. [this is only for groups that are allowed a 2nd council member]	
Members not chosen for president may be marked for 1st or 2nd councilor if you wish.	
Susie Carmen	2nd councilor
John Cruz	president
Terry Avila	
Mary Rose Carmelo	1st councilor
Ely Mantel	

Have one member collect the completed ballots directly into a large envelope. Seal the envelope in the community's presence.

After the meeting:

The current President sends the envelope containing the ballots along with the community roster with profession dates, attendance, and community job experience to the Provincial Council president.