

APPENDIX 9

The following is a sample of the texts referred to in E 65 and in D 16.4.1, page 34.

ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING ELECTION PROCESS

1. When no candidate has received the required majority

After announcing the results of the ballot, the first teller says:

We do not have an election because none of those for whom votes were cast has the required two-thirds majority [absolute majority after third ballot].

Therefore, according to our *Constitutions*, there is no election and a second [or third, fourth, fifth, sixth] ballot is required.

2. When a candidate has received the required majority

After announcing the results of the ballot, the first teller says:

My brother capitulars: we have an election, for there are _____ electors, and _____ votes are required for a valid election.

Since _____ votes were cast for _____, he has the required majority and is therefore elected.

Is it your pleasure that the election be published?

The capitulars express their approval; the first teller continues:

Therefore I, Father/Brother [*name*],
in the name of the electors, declare elected as abbot of this
monastery
Father _____,
and in the name of all I ask, Right Reverend (or Reverend)
Father,
that you declare Father _____
as our truly and rightly elected abbot.

3. Declaration of the election

The presiding officer says:

We declare that Father _____ has been
truly and canonically elected as the abbot of
_____ Abbey. Therefore, we ask the
secretary to prepare the official document concerning this
election, and this is to be signed by myself, all of the tellers,
and the secretary.