

Comments to the Constitutional amendments

Article 1.2

For business reasons it was advantageous for IAML to be formally recognised as a legal entity. The Board investigated thoroughly and accordingly IAML was incorporated in the US in 2017. This required the association to have a legal address in the US, and A-R Editions, which prints Fontes, graciously agreed to be IAML's legal address for these purposes.

Article VII.1

This amendment makes the Board's role in establishing permanent and temporary groups consistent with Article V.2 (the original text taken from the Antwerp version of the Constitution, which does not include the typographical error present in the published form of the text of the Rome version).

Comments to the Rules of Procedure amendments

Rule IV.2

This amendment deletes the statement that the Secretary General has overall authority over the professional programme of congresses because this conflicts with Rule VII, which states that the Vice-President designated as Programme Officer fulfils this function.

Rule IV.4

This amendment clarifies the voting rights of the Board members attending the Forum of Sections.

Rule VI.10

This amendment clarifies the term of appointment of Committee members.

Rule VI.11

This amendment aligns the term of appointment of Sub-committee members with that applicable to Committee members.

Rule VII.1

This amendment makes the Secretary General an ex-officio member of the Forum of National Representatives and stipulates that other Board members are welcome to attend. It also sets out their voting rights.

Rule VIII.2

This amendment explains the role of the Vice-President designated as Programme Officer in the formulation of the professional programme of congresses.

Constitution

Article 1.2. *Replace*

The headquarters shall be established at the office of the Secretary General.

with

The Association is incorporated in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin, USA.

Article VII.1. *Replace*

To advance the work of the Association, the General Assembly shall establish permanent or temporary groups as defined below.

with

To advance the work of the Association, the Board shall recommend to the General Assembly for its approval the establishment of permanent or temporary groups as defined below.

Rules of Procedure

Rule IV.2. *Replace*

The Secretary General shall coordinate the work of the Association and shall have the ultimate authority over the professional programme of congresses

with

The Secretary General shall coordinate the work of the Association.

Rule IV.4. *Replace*

The Forum of Sections shall meet during the annual congress. The meeting shall be chaired by the Vice-President designated by the Board as the Association's Programme Officer, with one of the other attendees serving as Secretary. Agenda items for the meeting may be proposed by any member of the Forum. The Secretary General shall be an ex-officio member of this Forum; other Board members are welcome to attend.

with

The Forum of Sections shall meet during the annual congress. The meeting shall be chaired by the Vice-President designated by the Board as the Association's Programme Officer, with one of the other attendees serving as Secretary. Agenda items for the meeting may be proposed by any member of the Forum. The Secretary General shall be an ex-officio member of this Forum; other Board members are welcome to attend. The Chair shall have voting rights. The Secretary General and any other Board members attending shall not have voting rights.

Rule VI.10. *To add the sentence*

Committee members are usually appointed for three-year terms, which may be renewed.

So that the whole text reads

Chairs of Committees shall be appointed by the Board for three-year terms and may be reappointed. Other Committee members are appointed by the Board in consultation with the Committee chair. Committee members are usually appointed for three-year terms, which may be renewed.

Rule VI.11. *To delete*

And may be reappointed for a second term

And to add the sentence

Members of Subcommittees are usually appointed for three-year terms, which may be renewed.

So that the whole text reads

Subcommittees shall report annually to their parent Committee. Chairs of Subcommittees shall be appointed by the Board in consultation with the Chair of the parent Committee for a three-year term. Other Subcommittee members shall be appointed by the Board in consultation with the chair of the parent

Committee and the Subcommittee chair. Members of Subcommittees are usually appointed for three-year terms, which may be renewed.

Rule VII.1. *Replace*

The Forum of National Representatives shall meet during the annual congress. The meeting shall be chaired by a Vice-President, with one of the national representatives serving as Secretary. Agenda items for the meeting may be proposed by any member of the Forum. Board members are welcome to attend.

with

The Forum of National Representatives shall meet during the annual congress. The meeting shall be chaired by a Vice-President, with one of the national representatives serving as Secretary. Agenda items for the meeting may be proposed by any member of the Forum. The Secretary General shall be an ex-officio member of this Forum; other Board members are welcome to attend. The Chair, Secretary General and any other Board members attending shall not have voting rights.

Rule VIII.2. *Replace*

Responsibility for the professional programme shall rest with the Association.

with

Responsibility for the professional programme shall rest with the Association, with the Vice-President designated as Programme Officer having ultimate authority.