

Term for Elected Standing Committee Members

Presented by Constitution and Administrative Committee (CAC)

Revise Elected Standing Committee Terms to Two Years

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Executive Board (EB) tasked CAC to consider IAM amendments to increase elected Standing Committee (SC) member terms to 2 years in line with Taskforce 2030+ recommendations.
- 1.2. Member elections are currently conducted every year, for a term of one year.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1. Currently SC members are ordinarily elected every year in accordance with the IAM (pp128).
 - 2.2.2. *The composition of Standing Committees is generally determined by the election of Member Associations to these Committees by Conference, supplemented where specified by the appointment of specialist representatives of the Federation. **Membership of the Standing Committees is for a period of one year...*** [part extract of clause]
- 2.2. The election of SC members is often complex and time consuming. Increasing the membership term reduces the number of elections to be conducted at Annual Conference and may assist with support for a new Committee Chair or Executive Vice President, depending on selected election cycle.
- 2.3. Clause 2.2.3. immediately following refers to order of election of Committee members and the respective Chairs (highlighted text):
 - 2.2.3. *The Chair of each Standing Committee shall be elected by Conference. The nomination and election procedures for the Officers of the Federation shall apply for the position of Standing Committee Chair with any necessary modifications, and the election of each Chair shall be conducted in the relevant Conference Committee and ratified by Conference with the acceptance of that*

Committee's report to the closing Plenary. Election to the Chair shall be for a period of two years until the end of the relevant Conference, and should be asynchronous to that of the Executive Board Officer to whom each Chair is directly responsible. The election of the Chair shall occur before the election of the Member Associations to the associated Standing Committee. (Marrakech 00.A.31, Toronto 17.A.5)

The highlighted text currently facilitates the Committee election process. If the Committee were elected first, then a successful election of a Chair who was already an elected Committee member, may require reconsideration of the Committee member election. The above text is superfluous as the Clause 2.2.2 amendments would ensure that the Committee and the respective Chair are elected on alternate years.

- 2.4. CAC also considered conducting elections for half the Committee membership each year but it was apparent that complexity of managing the terms and elections outweighed perceived advantages.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1. The IAM should be amended to align with the recommendations of the Taskforce 2030+
- 3.2. Increased terms may facilitate continuity of operation of the relevant SC.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1. That the IAM PART 2 ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY (BYE-LAWS), Chapter 8 Management, Section 2 Standing Committees, Task Forces and Working Groups, paragraphs 2.2.2. and 2.2.3 (pp128/129) be amended as shown below in red:

Modify. as shown:

- 2.2.2. *The composition of Standing Committees is generally determined by the election of Member Associations to these Committees by Conference, supplemented where specified by the appointment of specialist representatives of the Federation. Membership of the Standing Committees is for a period of ~~one~~ two years until the end of the relevant Conference. Elections should be made in the same year as election of the Executive Board Officer to whom each Standing Committee is directly responsible.*

The maximum number of members of the current permanent Standing Committees is specified in para 2.5 of this section. (Marrakech 00.A.31)

Notwithstanding these maxima, the Executive Board in consultation with the relevant Standing Committee Chair may appoint an extra person(s) with specialist expertise to a Standing Committee. Where necessary, additional funding for the extra person(s) will be provided.

The number of Member Associations on a Standing Committee formed by the President and Chief Executive Officer or the Executive Board in accordance with para 2.1.2 above, together with the level of funding and its terms of reference, will be part of the decision to form that particular Standing Committee. (Toronto 17.A.5)

2.2.3. *The Chair of each Standing Committee shall be elected by Conference. The nomination and election procedures for the Officers of the Federation shall apply for the position of Standing Committee Chair with any necessary modifications, and the election of each Chair shall be conducted in the relevant Conference Committee and ratified by Conference with the acceptance of that Committee's report to the closing Plenary. Election to the Chair shall be for a period of two years until the end of the relevant Conference, and should be asynchronous to that of the Executive Board Officer to whom each Chair is directly responsible. ~~The election of the Chair shall occur before the election of the Member Associations to the associated Standing Committee.~~ (Marrakech 00.A.31, Toronto 17.A.5)*

5. REFERENCES

- 5.1. IFATCA Constitution and Administrative Manual (IAM) Ver 70 Aug 2025 (pp 128/129)

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