

Member Association Transfer Between Regions

Presented by Constitution and Administration Committee (CAC)

Considerations for Member Association petition to change allocated region
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. At Conference 2024 CAC was tasked to consider Member Association requests to be allocated to a different IFATCA Region.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1. At Conference 2024 a Member Association (MA) petitioned to be reassigned to a Region other than that currently allocated (WP62, agenda item A.15.7).
- 2.2. This paper is not intended to focus on the individual MA requesting a change, but rather consider the implications and rule limitations upon such requests.
- 2.3. The IAM specifies in ARTICLE VII - REGIONAL ORGANISATION ASSIGNMENT of the constitution that:
 - 1.1. *The determination of the appropriateness of the size and area of Regions will normally be the responsibility of the Directors.*
 - 1.2. *The Executive Board may decide upon the appropriateness and size of a Region, except that such decision shall be subject to the ratification of the Directors.*
 - 1.3. *The delineation of IFATCA Regions shall be specified in the Bye-Laws.*
- 2.4. Part 2 – Administrative Policy (Bye-Laws), Section 7 – para 1.1 specifies which states are allocated to each region

Note: In researching this paper, an editorial error was noted in that Jordan is incorrectly allocated to Europe with para 1.2. The recommendation section contains a correction to this error.

- 2.5. Membership allocations are required to be proposed by the Executive Board (EB) in a Working Paper. This paper includes an EB recommendation for the membership application, and allocation to a region in accordance with the provisions of the IAM as detailed in Part 2 – Administrative Policy (Bye-Laws), Section 7 – para 1.1
- 2.6. Applications for membership require a two thirds majority vote in Committee A from Directors and ratification at Final Plenary. (IAM Part 2 – Administrative Policy (Bye-Laws), Section 6 Voting pp96)
- 6.1.8. *Normally, an application for affiliation from a new association, organization or guild will be referred from Plenary to Committee A for consideration. A two-thirds vote is required in Committee A for such application to be accepted. Following acceptance in Committee A, the resolution for professional membership in the Federation is formally sanctioned by means of a majority vote by the Directors to accept the Report of Committee A in the Final Plenary session. (Buenos Aires 03.A.17)*
- 2.7. Allocation to a Region in accordance with the IAM is intended to facilitate representation of common interest areas for that Region more equitably, but it is understood that Member Associations may consider otherwise.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1. There appears to be no clause within the IAM preventing a Member Association from requesting re-allocation to a different region.
- 3.2. In the interest of clarity, the IAM should be updated to include specific reference to a Member Association petition to change allocated region.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1. That Part 2 – Administrative Policy (Bye-Laws), Section 7 Regional Organisation be amended by insertion of new paragraphs as indicated in red text below at pp97

1.3 Petition to change regional allocation under these provisions

1.3.1 A member association may petition the Federation for a change of regional allocation provided that:

- A properly put Working Paper is submitted with the proposal for consideration by Directors at Annual Conference before Committee A.
- Late Working Papers will not be considered in this matter.
- The Working Paper identifies the benefit(s) provided to the Members of the Member Association and the Federation by re-allocation
- The Recommendation of the Working Paper is voted in Committee A with a two thirds majority; and

- The Recommendation is ratified in by vote of Directors in Final Plenary

4.2. Amend Part 2 – Administrative Policy (Bye-Laws), Section 7 – para 1.1 as follows (*editorial change only – this was voted at Annual Conference in 2024*):

1.1.1. AFM Africa and Middle East

Add **Jordan**

Amend States/Territories in Region: **67** - IFATCA Members: **47**

1.1.4. EUR Europe

Remove **Jordan**

Amend States/Territories in Region: **55** - IFATCA Members: **43**

4.3. Remove Note: from Part 2 – Administrative Policy (Bye-Laws), Section 7 – para 1.2 marked as struck through below (*editorial change only – this was voted at Annual Conference in 2024*):

1.2. Notwithstanding the assignment of regions above, each Member Association is entitled to represent individual members who work in an area of representation outside of the region to which the Member Association has been assigned, as long as that Member Association demonstrates that it represents the majority of air traffic controllers in that area of responsibility in that particular region.

~~Note: Jordan was moved from the AFM region to the EUR region through a decision by Directors at Annual Conference 2014 (Gran Canaria 14.A.24)~~

5. REFERENCES

5.1. IFATCA Constitution and Administrative Manual Version 69, 2024 per included references above

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