

# Proposed amendments to IAMCR's Standing Orders (by-laws)

## Amendment of Section 8.1 of the by-laws

- 8.1 Subject to Articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Statutes, an Election Committee of three members shall be appointed by the International Council during the year preceding the vote to manage the whole election process, FROM CALLING FOR CANDIDATES TO COUNTING THE VOTES AND ANNOUNCING THE RESULTS. THE COMMITTEE SHALL SEEK TO ENCOURAGE CANDIDATES TO EXPRESS THEIR POSITIONS AND ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE AMONG THEMSELVES AND WITH THE MEMBERSHIP AS APPROPRIATE.

## Amendment of Section 8.3.2 of the by-laws

- 8.3.2. Each candidate shall send TO THE CHAIR OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE a confirmation of their candidacy and AN ELECTION STATEMENT THAT CONFORMS TO THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE ELECTION COMMITTEE. BOTH DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY at least 120 days before the relevant session of the General Assembly. ~~curriculum vitae and/or statement of no more than 200 words, either electronically or by registered mail, to the Chair of the Election Committee at least 120 days before the relevant session of the General Assembly.~~

## Amendment of Section 8.3.5 of the by-laws

- 8.3.5. The Election Committee will validate the list of candidates. THE COMMITTEE WILL ENSURE THAT THE LIST OF CANDIDATES AND THEIR STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MEMBERS, WILL PROVIDE GUIDELINES TO THE CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS and WILL INFORM THEM ABOUT ELECTION PROCEDURES. ~~and it will be published on the Website with their statements.~~

**Justification:** Only a few years ago, elections were held by postal ballot and the opportunities for global interaction and dialogue were limited. With electronic voting and distribution of electoral information, many of these limitations no longer apply. In addition to removing the 200 word limitation on candidate statements, these amendments give the Election Committee a broader mandate to make IAMCR elections more vital by facilitating opportunities for debate and dialogue. among candidates and with the membership.

## **Amendment of Section 9 of the by-laws**

9.6 Committees of the International Council shall be established on the basis of proposals from the President or any other member and endorsed by a majority of the Council. The members of council committees, including their chairs, may be members of the council or appointed by the council among the membership at large. Committees shall report their activities to each meeting of the Council.

ADD THE FOLLOWING AS SECTION 9.6.1 TO 9.6.7

9.6.1. The Committees of the International Council are divided in two categories:

- the Standing Committees, which are continuously needed to run the organization
- the Ad hoc Committees appointed for all other purposes, which may be named Committees or Task Forces.

9.6.2. The Standing Committees are:

- Conference Committee
- Election Committee (with the special provisions of article 9.3)
- Environmental Impact Committee
- Finance Committee
- Legal Committee
- Membership Committee
- Publications Committee
- Scholarly Review Committee

9.6.3. Each Standing Committee is presided by a Chair, with a mandate of 4 years, renewable at will. The Chair is elected by the IC by simple majority. In the eventuality of an electronic voting between the IC meetings, the Chair will be elected after a call for candidacies giving a period of 30 days for any questions before the electronic voting. The Chair proposes a committee membership list to the IC who votes on the list by simple majority. The mandate of members is also renewable at will.

9.6.4. The Ad hoc Committees are set up for special purposes for up to 4 years, but may be renewable. Their establishment is based on a proposal from the President or any other member of the IC and endorsed by a majority vote of the International Council.

9.6.5. Each Ad hoc Committee is presided by a Chair elected by the IC by simple majority. In the eventuality of an electronic voting between the IC meetings, the Chair will be elected after a call for candidacies giving a period of 30 days for any questions before the electronic voting. The other members of the Standing Committees are appointed by the IC or later electronically by the IC. The duration of the mandate of the Chair and members of the Ad hoc Committees coincides with its duration.

9.6.6. The members of all Committees, including their Chairs, may be members of the IC in accordance of article 9.7 below or chosen among the IAMCR membership at large. All members of the Committees (Standing and Ad Hoc) must be IAMCR members, either directly, or through an IAMCR institutional member who has listed them among its IAMCR beneficiaries. The IAMCR Executive Board will systematically check whether Committee members are in good standing and their election will be voided if they don't immediately comply with the Executive Board's (late) dues payment request within a month.

9.6.7. The Chairs shall report the activities of their Committee to each annual meeting of the IC.