

1/ Statutes refreshing :

Article 3.2c italic added: Refusal by the General Assembly shall be final ; *in case of refusal, full refund of the dues paid will be done on request.*

Article 4.1: delete number to 4

Article 5.5 (about the GA), italic added, It shall decide on the voting procedures for the election of the President, the Executive Board and the International Council and all such committees as it may establish, all elections using a first past the post electoral system; *it shall decide of the election result in case of a tie.*

Article 7.5, last sentence, italic added: No member of the Executive Board may also hold office as a *Section or a Working Group Head*

Article 7.6, italic added: In the event that any member of the Executive Board dies, resigns, *or is unable to fulfil the duties of their office according to the unanimity of the other members of the Board,* the Board shall have the power to co-opt a substitute pending the next meeting of the General Assembly, which shall elect a new member for the remainder of the vacant mandate. *By exception, for IAMCR President, article 8.3 will apply.*

Article 10.1 & 13.1: delete numbers to 10 & 13

2/ IC composition proposal to include formal WG representation :

New article S6.9 (IC composition): It shall comprise

- a) the Executive Board;
- b) *the Section Heads and 10 Working Groups Heads designated before each IC meeting by the Working Group Heads during the Section & Working Group Heads meeting preceding the IC meeting;*
- c) *an equal number as in b) of members of IAMCR elected by electronic voting,* according to the technicalities decided by IAMCR by-laws voted by the General Assembly and able to provide, as far as possible, an equitable representation of age, gender and geographical distribution;
- d) the former Presidents of the Association as non-voting members.

3/ WG articles proposal (and Head-elect addition):

Article 6.10 italics added: A member of the International Council who is elected to the Executive Board must resign from her/his previous position on the Council. A *Section or a Working Group chair* cannot be elected to the International Council under the provision of article S.6.9.b *or c* unless she/he resigns from the position of *Section or Working Group Chair* when she/he is elected.

Article 9.2 italic added : The Association may also establish, commission and dissolve one or more Working Groups to pursue more specific topics or questions of interest to members, consistent with the Association's aims and not dealt with by the existing Sections. *The membership of Working Groups shall be open to all paid-up members of the Association, including Institutional Members, who shall nominate their Working Group affiliations on their annual membership registration forms. Every 4 years, Working Groups should report to the IC which will then decide to renew them for a further 4 years or to close them.*

Article 9.4, italic added: Each Section and Working Group shall elect a Section Head, or Working Group Head, to be confirmed by the General Assembly, who shall serve one four-year term and shall be eligible for re-election only once immediately *whatever position she/he held within the Headship. A newly elected Head will be part as Head Elect as non-voting member of the Section or Working Group Head as soon as the election result is known, until the General Assembly confirmation.*

4/ Addition of a President-elect:

Article 7.1 italic added :

S7.1 The Executive Board shall comprise:

- a) the President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary General and Treasurer.
- b) the Past President of the Association as non-voting member for the first two years following the election of the new President who succeeds her/him.
- c) *if an incumbent President is not running again or has not been reelected, the new President-Elect of the Association as non-voting member for two years after her/his election until she/he takes office as President*

Article 8.2 italic added : The President shall be elected by electronic voting, according to the technicalities decided by IAMCR by-laws voted by the General Assembly. *As President Elect, she/he shall then be part of the Executive Board as a non-voting member for two years immediately, then take office for one four year term and shall be eligible for re-election once only immediately.*

Article 8.4 italic added: During the first two years following the election of a new President, the previous President *will be part as Past President of the Executive Board*

5/ Addition of an IAMCR Committee of experts

New section ARTICLE 10 – IAMCR COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS

New article 10: The Association may establish, commission and dissolve an IAMCR Committee of experts outside its members to help activities consistent with its aims. Its members will be designated by the International Council on proposal of the Executive Board for a duration of 4 years. They may be renewed every four years if proposed again by the Executive Board and confirmed by the International Council.

If adopted, current articles 10 to 13 will become articles 11 to 14.

6/ Improvement of the "Aims" article of the statutes (see italics)

S2. The chief aims of the Association are:

- 2.1. to provide a forum where researchers and others involved in media and communication can meet and exchange information about their work;
- 2.2. to encourage the development of research and systematic study, especially in areas of media production, transmission and reception, in the contexts in which these activities take place and in those subjects and areas where such work is not well developed;
- 2.3. to stimulate interest in media and communication research;
- 2.4. to disseminate information about research and research needs – not only to researchers but also to those working in the various media and others responsible for communication policies;

2.5. to seek to improve media and communication research, policy and practice, especially from international and interdisciplinary perspectives, *with attention to their ethical nature*, and to exchange information on practices and conditions that would improve the quality *and ethics* of media and communication practice and media and communication research;

2.6. *to guarantee, at every level of the Association, the diversity that characterizes the global academic community of media and communication scholars, to ensure their respectful and balanced presence, and to actively strengthen the academic communities which have been underrepresented;*

2.7. to contribute, by means of appropriate research, to the development and improvement of the education and training of journalists and other media professionals *and to PROMOTE and DEFEND the FREEDOM AND independence of their work*

2.8. *to defend the professional interests of academic media and communication researchers, to help the improvement of their training, and to PROMOTE and DEFEND the FREEDOM AND independence of academic work in Media and Communication research*