

## **Attachment 10a**

Message from the Constitution Committee.

Dear Members,

We need to revise the Constitution of IAW because of the requirements of the authorities in Geneva, where we are registered.

We used this occasion to update our vision and objectives (in red). These updates are no obstacle to our tax exemption status. I checked with the fiscal authorities.

We also made some minor adjustments to make the text clearer.

We detail the proposed changes here under.

If you have any questions, please contact me: [iawlyda@gmail.com](mailto:iawlyda@gmail.com).

Comments are welcome till the 8th of October.

Congress (20-28 October 2017) has to approve the changes.

The Constitution Committee also proposes bylaws. These will be voted on by the pre-Congress board. They are not very different from the existing ones.

The Committee did not propose guidelines for the different functions., like those for Commission Conveners, Commission Members. These guidelines still exist and will be revised on the recommendation of the working group that the President instituted for the internal working of IAW. The exception here are bylaws for the functions of Secretary-General and Treasurer. The guidelines for the S-G are out of date. IAW never had a bylaw for the treasurer and it seems practical to have one.

The Constitution Committee did not yet propose a bylaw for the function of the Membership Secretary. That is because we don't know what the function will entail. It depends on the existence of a database. For the moment that is not clear.

### **Explanation of proposed changes to IAW Constitution**

#### Art. I and passim:

Change 'the IAW' to 'IAW' (this is according to current usage and to prevent confusion with this Thiaw..)

Art. II change 'objectives' into vision. New text.

#### Art. III Mission

Changed, mainly former art. II.

#### Art. IV

Change 'Societies' into 'Organizations'

Change 'Objectives' into 'Vision'

c. individual members, more people should become IM: representatives and commission conveners (conveners, not convenors).

## Art. V. 2

No distinction between members when information is concerned.

c. added 'office holders'. (no longer office bearers, that is so old fashioned)

## Art. VI 'Publications' changed in 'Communication'

We propose to delete that the price of subscriptions is to be decided by Congress, it is in art. XV.

## Art. VIII

We propose to limit the number of elected Board Members to 15.

President: may be reelected add: as President

.2 Proxies don't have to be from the same country, it is not necessary to know the work of the organization the BM belongs to, as long as she knows what the meeting is about..

.5 We propose to add a definition of 'extended board', a designation commonly used.

## Art X

Membership secretary added

## Art XII International Meeting

We propose not to define what the International Meeting should do, except about Congress.

## Art. XIV

.7 nobody uses checks anymore, so : 'make payments'

## Art. XXI Dissolution

A phrase has to be added to the effect that a balance can't be given to the founders!!  
That demands Geneva for the registration.

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The Constitution Committee, September 2017

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