

Proposed Changes to the IMA Constitution

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*The column 'item' is to provide an easy method by which to reference the individual proposed revisions.

Item*	Article	Proposed Change	Explanation
	Membership		
1	3 (b)	Delete ' <i>permanent</i> ' from ' <i>Each Member Society shall select a permanent Representative</i> '	The word 'permanent' implies that Societies can never change their representative, which is not correct.
	Administration		
	A. Business Meeting		
2	4 A (b)	Replace: ' <i>.... and at a meeting (or meetings) run by another organization, chosen by Council, in the intervening years.</i> ' With: ' <i>....and at a venue chosen by Council in the intervening years.</i> '	This allows Business Meetings to be held either on-line or at any suitable venue chosen by Council.
3	4 A (c)	Before the sentence beginning ' <i>The secretary...</i> ' insert the sentence ' <i>The national Representative may serve as the Delegate for their national society.</i> '	This clarifies an issue that has been seen to cause confusion for some societies.
4	4 A (c)	Delete ' <i>The subscription of Member Societies is currently D x 60 US dollars</i> '	This sentence relates to finances, not to business meetings, and should therefore be moved to Article 5
	B. The Council		
5	4 B (c)	Change ' <i>at an appropriate meeting of their choice.</i> ' To: ' <i>at an appropriate venue of their choice.</i> '	This allows Council meetings to be held on-line, or at any suitable venue chosen by Council. This makes arrangements for Council meetings consistent with the revision to article 4 A (b) for Business meetings.

6	4 B (d)	Delete ' <i>selected by a vote of Council from a list of candidates prepared by the Secretary from proposals tendered by Member Societies and by IMA Councillors.</i> '	The current text implies that Council decides on the President, which is not correct; the 2nd Business meeting votes on the 1st vice President, who becomes President. The current text is also in conflict with both the text in the paragraph 4B(e) and article 11. Elections to all other Council posts are covered by article 11.
7	4 B (e)	Change to read ' <i>The First Vice-President, other officers and councillors shall be elected.....</i> '	For consistency with 4 B (a) where the First Vice President is defined as an officer.
8	4 B (h)	Delete ' <i>immediately</i> ' from ' <i>Other officers are immediately eligible for re-election.</i> '	This formalises current practice that the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Communication Officer have no limit to their length of service, subject to re-election every 4 years. This option for longer service will help maintain continuity of IMA operations.
9	4 B (h)	Insert at the end of this paragraph. ' <i>Ordinary Councillors may only be re-elected once.</i> '	This formalises current practice that ordinary Councillors serve a maximum of 8 years. It does not prevent an ordinary councillor from subsequently standing for election as an officer.
	Finances		
10	5 (d)	Replace: ' <i>...annual dues based on the Group to which it belongs (computed as indicated in Article 4A,b)</i> ' With: ' <i>...annual dues calculated on the basis of the membership of each national society. The base rate shall be determined by Council, and the annual dues shall be the base rate multiplied by the 'subscription multiplier' given in Table 1 (article 4(A)c).</i> '	Article 4A refers to business meetings, not to finances. The proposed revision 4 removes the text being referred to from this article. The proposed text does not change the basis of calculation of dues, but brings all of the information together in this article.
11	5(g)	Replace ' <i>1 /3rd</i> ' with ' <i>1/3</i> '	Correction that does not change the intended meaning

12	5(h)	Replace 'his' with 'their'	Makes text gender neutral
13	6(a)	Replace 'his' with 'their'	Makes text gender neutral
14	6(b)	Replace 'him' with 'the President'	Makes text gender neutral

Proposed Changes to the IMA By-Laws

Ref	Article	Proposed Change	Explanation
15	10B Business Meeting	Delete ' <i>at a meeting organized by another organization</i> '	This is to ensure consistency with the revised article 4 A (b), and to allow Business Meetings to be held on-line between General Meetings.
16	11. Council	Replace: ' <i>...nominations for the various offices...</i> ' With: ' <i>nominations for ordinary councillors and officers</i> '	The change makes it clear that this applies to all councillors (ordinary councillors and officers) and not just to officers.
17	11. Council	Replace: ' <i>Delegates shall be entitled to make additional nominations...</i> ' With: ' <i>Delegates may make additional nominations...</i> '	Simplification of language, without changing the meaning.
	Commissions		
	12 (d)	Replace 'chairman' by 'chair'	Makes text gender neutral
18	12 (d)	Add: ' <i>With agreement of the Council such appointments can be renewed.</i> '	This explicitly allows supernumerary members to serve more than 4 years on a commission.
	12 (h)	Change ' <i>two-third</i> ' to ' <i>two-thirds</i> '	Correction to English
	Working groups		
19	13 (f)	Change ' <i>two-third</i> ' to ' <i>two-thirds</i> '	Correction to English
20	Timetable	Delete	The timetable repeats information given in the constitution and by-laws and therefore is not appropriate. This summary of information will be incorporated into the new IMA website.