

Review and Revision of the IMA Constitution and Bye-laws

A brief report from Council to the National Representatives

Summer 2024

Introduction

The Constitution of the IMA was last reviewed and modified in 2014. At the first Council meeting in Lyon in 2022 Council decided it was time to review and revise both the Constitution and the By-Laws to:

1. make the procedures of governance clearer, especially to the national representatives in order to encourage their more active participation in IMA.
2. make the document consistent with current practice.

Councillor Ross Angel led this review which involved all Council members. After several rounds of drafting and discussion, Council unanimously voted to recommend the proposed changes to the next business meeting for approval.

Information for National Representative and Delegates to the Business Meeting

- The constitution and by-laws are legally two separate items, with different rules for their modification, but they are written in one pdf document.
- Council has prepared and approved two pdf documents:
 - A pdf of the current Constitution and bylaws annotated with proposed changes.
 - A separate list of the proposed changes, with explanations.
- If National Representatives or Delegates to the Business Meeting have specific questions about the proposed changes described in these documents, they are encouraged to send them to Councillor Ross Angel at rossjohnangel@gmail.com prior to the Business Meeting.
- There will be two separate items on the agenda of the Business Meeting:
 - Discussion and vote on the proposed changes to the Constitution. The Constitution (article 8) requires a two-thirds majority of the balloting power of the Delegates present at the Business Meeting is required for approval.
 - Discussion and vote on the proposed changes to By-laws. They require (article 14) a simple majority of the balloting power of the delegates present for approval.

If you have any questions concerning the recommended changes to the Constitution and By-laws, please contact Councillor Ross Angel at rossjohnangel@gmail.com or the acting secretary of the IMA, Hiroaki Ohfuji at hiroaki.ohfuji.d1@tohoku.ac.jp