

Time for Change (ISPO Constitution)

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Time for Change

- *To accommodate changes in procedures with time and environmental/circumstantial factors*
- *In response to changes in needs*

Articles 1 & 3: Name & Functions

- Preamble removed
- Added a List of Contents
- Elements put in Article 1 and Article 3
- Article 3 is 'cut and paste' of original with 'wheel-chairs' included as only change

Article 2: Administration

- *Highlights that The Executive Board, on behalf of the International Committee and members, manages ISPO according to the constitution*
- **2.3 – electronic voting added**
- **2.4 - Member Society quorum of 1/3 eliminated**
- **2.5 - Authority to create Bye-Laws consistent with constitution by 2/3 majority**

Article 4: Membership

- There was no basis of classification
- Now rationalised as:
 - individual members
 - group members
 - membership societies (NMS & RMS)
- Resignation & Discontinuation (articles 4.7,4.8) have been simplified

Article 5: Obligations & Privileges

- Essentially 'cut and paste'
- Equitable rates for dues incorporated in new section 5.1.1 (previously 3.1.1)

Article 6.1: International Committee

- Cut and Paste
- 1st paragraph is expanded for clarity
- Regional Member Society included

Article 6.2: Executive Board

- Largely 'cut & paste'
- Term 'Honorary' deleted to avoid confusion
- Procedures for vacancies in 6.2.5 & 6.3.4 – reworded for brevity
- **Title of 'Vice-President' ceases, but both members remain on EB**
- **Secretary – no longer on all Standing Committees**

Article 7.2: Finance Committee

- Mostly 'Cut & paste'
- **Paid expert to audit accounts**
- **Staff from secretariat as standing member of committee**
- **Treasurer is Chairman of committee**

Article 7.3: Protocol Committee

- Reworded for refinement and clarification of intent under current constitution
- Change in name (deleting 'nomination' as inaccurate)
- Membership includes 3 individuals from membership at large
- **Appointment of 'election officer'**

Article 7.4 & 7.5: Other Committees

- **Education Committee** – clarification of membership
- **Scientific Committee** – made a standing committee – previously 'ad hoc'

Article 8: Member Societies

- Substantially revised in response to changes in world
- **Regional Member Society formalised**
- **Change in IC representation to give equity & balanced representation**

Change in IC representation

	current
■ 5-15 members	1 rep.
■ 16-100	2 reps
■ 100-199	2 reps
■ 200-299	2 reps
■ 300-399	2 reps

Change in IC representation

"Additional Rep for each additional 100 members"

	current	proposed
■ 5-15 members	1 rep.	1 rep
■ 16-100	2 reps	2 reps
■ 100-199	2 reps	2 reps
■ 200-299	2 reps	3 reps*
■ 300-399	2 reps	4 reps**

* = France, Japan, USA

** = Netherlands

Articles 9-12: Miscellaneous

- Triennial Assembly – clarified
- Financial Management – reworded for clarity
- **Amendments – proposed change notified 3 months in advance**
- **Dissolution – new, for completeness of constitution**
- **Bye-laws – currently as Guidelines – introduction as Bye-laws increases transparency & accountability**

Timetable

1. IC Bangkok – Input from NMS
2. Protocol committee – to revise draft
3. EB – vote on final proposal
4. NMS receive Proposed Constitution
5. Voting at IC meeting in Leipzig, 2010

Discussion

