

WAO Proposed Bylaws Changes

Change #1: Merge the Secretary-General and Treasurer Positions

Explanation: To merge the Secretary-General and Treasurer positions into one position.

From:

7.2 Number. The Board of Directors shall consist of twenty (20) members: President, President-Elect, Secretary-General, Treasurer, Past-President, Historian and fourteen (14) Members-At-Large.

7.3 Terms. The terms and positions of Officers and Directors, as described in the following table, shall commence on the first (1st) day of January in even numbered years and end on the thirty-first (31st) day of December in odd numbered years:

Terms	Office or Position Held
Two (2) years	President
Two (2) years	President-Elect
Two (2) years	Secretary-General
Two (2) years	Treasurer
Two (2) years	Past-President
Two (2) years	Historian
Four (4) years	Member-At-Large

7.4 Powers, Authorities and Responsibilities. The powers, authorities and responsibilities of all Directors shall be identical except as otherwise described in section 7.4(b), (c), (d), (e) (f) (g) and Article VIII.

(a) **Responsibilities of the Board of Directors.** The Board of Directors shall have the following responsibilities:

(1) The Board of Directors shall nominate the following Officers: President-Elect, Secretary-General and Treasurer and the House of Delegates shall elect the Officers at its regular business meetings;

(d) **Secretary-General.** The Secretary-General shall have the following responsibilities:

- (1) To give notice of and attend all meetings of The Organization and keep records of the meetings of the Board of Directors and of the House of Delegates;
- (2) To conduct all correspondence and to carry into execution all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed;
- (3) To keep a list of the Individual Members of The Organization and to collect the Annual Activity Reports from Member Societies;
- (4) To notify the Officers, Directors and Member Societies of their election;
- (5) To prepare, under the direction of the Board of Directors, an Annual Report of the activities of The Organization;
- (6) To review the credentials of Delegates at the House of Delegates meetings and to provide to each accredited Delegate a distinguishing badge required for admission to the business meetings;

- (7) To generally devote his or her best efforts to forwarding the business and advancing the interests of The Organization.
- (e) **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have the following responsibilities:
 - (1) To keep an account of all monies received and expended for the use of The Organization;
 - (2) To deposit all sums received in a bank or banks, or Trust Company approved by the Board of Directors;
 - (3) To render an Annual Report based on a professional audit to the Board of Directors, and to the House of Delegates when they meet;
 - (4) At the expiration of his or her term of office, to deliver over to his or her successor all books, monies and other property held in his or her capacity as such.

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- (b) **Secretary-General.** The Treasurer, if not nominated President-Elect, and Members-At-Large who are currently on the Board of Directors are candidates for nomination for Secretary-General. All nominees will be voted upon for the said position. The nominee who receives a majority of the vote will be declared the winner. In the case when no majority vote is cast for a candidate, there will be a process of elimination. The nominee who receives the least number of votes will be eliminated. This process will be repeated until the election is decided by one candidate receiving a majority vote. If there is a tie, which cannot be resolved by vote of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee is empowered to break the tie.
- (c) **Treasurer.** The Secretary-General, if not nominated President-Elect, and Members-At-Large who are currently on the Board of Directors are candidates for nomination for treasurer. The nominee who receives a majority of the vote will be declared the winner. In the case when no majority vote is cast for a candidate, there will be a process of elimination. The nominee who receives the least number of votes will be eliminated. This process will be repeated until the election is decided by one candidate receiving a majority vote. If there is a tie, which cannot be resolved by vote of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee is empowered to break the tie.

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(a) **Responsibilities of the Board of Directors.** The Board of Directors shall have the following responsibilities:

(1) The Board of Directors shall nominate the following Officers: President-Elect, ~~Secretary-General and Treasurer~~ and **Secretary-General/Treasurer** and the House of Delegates shall elect the Officers at its regular business meetings;

(d) **Secretary-General/Treasurer.** The Secretary-General/**Treasurer** shall have the following responsibilities:

- (1) To give notice of and attend all meetings of The Organization and keep records of the meetings of the Board of Directors and of the House of Delegates;
- (2) To conduct all correspondence and to carry into execution all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed;
- (3) To keep a list of the Individual Members of The Organization and to collect the Annual Activity Reports from Member Societies;
- (4) To notify the Officers, Directors and Member Societies of their election;
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- (7) To generally devote his or her best efforts to forwarding the business and advancing the interests of The Organization.

(8) To keep an account of all monies received and expended for the use of The Organization;

(8) To deposit all sums received in a bank or banks, or Trust Company approved by the Board of Directors;

(10) To render an Annual Report based on a professional audit to the Board of Directors, and to the House of Delegates when they meet;

(11) At the expiration of his or her term of office, to deliver over to his or her successor all books, monies and other property held in his or her capacity as such.

~~(e) Treasurer.~~ The Treasurer shall have the following responsibilities:

~~(1) To keep an account of all monies received and expended for the use of The Organization;~~

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(b) **Secretary-General/Treasurer.** ~~The Treasurer, if not nominated President-Elect, and~~ Members-At-Large who are currently on the Board of Directors are candidates for nomination for Secretary-General/**Treasurer**. All nominees will be voted upon for the said position. The nominee who receives a majority of the vote will be declared the winner. In the case when no majority vote is cast for a candidate, there will be a process of elimination. The nominee who receives the least number of votes will be eliminated. This process will be repeated until the election is decided by one candidate receiving a majority vote. If there is a tie, which cannot be resolved by vote of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee is empowered to break the tie.

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Lastly, the names “Secretary-General” and “Treasurer” will be changed throughout the Bylaws to reflect the new name of “Secretary-General/Treasurer”

Change #2: Automatic Succession to the Presidency for Newly Elected Executive Committee Members

Explanation: Once elected to the Executive Committee, there is no additional election to become President-Elect; rather once elected to the Executive Committee, an individual automatically succeeds to the next role, which eventually leads to the presidency, moving from: Secretary-General/Treasurer to President-Elect.

8.3 Nomination of Officers. The Board of Directors shall nominate the President-Elect, the Secretary-General, and the Treasurer. The President-Elect will be selected first, Secretary-General next, and the Treasurer last. Nominees are excused from participating in the discussion and from voting. Each officer position will be determined by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors. In the case when no majority vote is cast for a candidate, there will be a process of elimination. The nominee who receives the least number of votes will be eliminated. This process will be repeated until the election is decided by one candidate receiving a majority vote. If there is a tie, which cannot be resolved by vote of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee is empowered to break the tie.

- (a) **President-Elect.** Thereafter, the Secretary- General and Treasurer shall be the candidates for nomination for President-Elect for the next succeeding term. If the Secretary-General or the Treasurer decide not to be considered for the nomination of President-Elect, the Board of Directors may nominate a Member-At-Large in his or her place.
- (b) **Secretary-General.** The Treasurer, if not nominated President-Elect, and Members-At-Large who are currently on the Board of Directors are candidates for nomination for Secretary-General. All nominees will be voted upon for the said position. The nominee who receives a majority of the vote will be declared the winner. In the case when no majority vote is cast for a candidate, there will be a process of elimination. The nominee who receives the least number of votes will be eliminated. This process will be repeated until the election is decided by one candidate receiving a majority vote. If there is a tie, which cannot be resolved by vote of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee is empowered to break the tie.
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(d) **Secretary-General/Treasurer.** **The Secretary-General/Treasurer shall succeed to the President-Elect position after ratification by the House of Delegates at its regular business meeting, effective 1 January 2020.** The Secretary-General/Treasurer shall have the following responsibilities:

Change #3 Alteration in Role of the “Historian” Position

Explanation: To re-define the role of this Board Member and re-name the position to something more fitting of the re-defined role.

FROM:

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

7.4 Powers, Authorities and Responsibilities. The powers,

(g) **Historian.** The Past-President of The Organization shall become the Historian for one term immediately upon the expiration of his or her term as Past-President.

To:

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- (g) **Historian Counselor.** The Past-President of The Organization shall become the **Historian Counselor** for one term immediately upon the expiration of his or her term as Past-President.

Lastly, the name "Historian" will be changed throughout the Bylaws to reflect the new name of "Counselor"

Change #4 Change in Executive Committee Representatives

Explanation: If the Secretary-General and Treasurer positions are merged, the Executive Committee would have 4 members. This change would add the re-named Historian (Counselor) to the Executive Committee so the Executive Committee remains at 5 members. This change is only applicable if the Secretary-General and Treasurer positions are merged.

From:

ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS.

8.1 Officers' Terms. The Officers of the Board of Directors of The Organization shall consist of: President, President-Elect, Secretary-General, Treasurer and Past-President. They shall be called the Officers of the Board of Directors. Terms of Officers are described in 7.3.

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8.1 Officers' Terms. The Officers of the Board of Directors of The Organization shall consist of: President, President-Elect, Secretary-General/Treasurer and Past-President, **and Counselor.** They shall be called the Officers of the Board of Directors **or the Executive Committee.** Terms of Officers are described in 7.3.

From:

10.2 Nominating Committee. Every two (2) years a Nominating Committee shall be selected prior to each meeting of the House of Delegates.

- (a) **Number.** The Nominating Committee shall consist of fifteen (15) members. The Officers (President, President-Elect, Secretary-General, Treasurer and Past-President) shall be members of the Nominating Committee. The Past-President shall be the chair of the Nominating Committee. Ten (10) additional members who shall be Individual members of a Member Society shall be selected for the Nominating Committee, two (2) from Europe, two (2) from North America, two (2) from Latin America, two (2) from Asia-Pacific and two (2) from Joint Region (Africa/Middle-East/CIS). All nominees will be voted upon for the said position and decided by a simple majority. If there is no simple majority, then the one who receives the least number of votes will be eliminated. This

process will be repeated until the election is decided. If there is a tie, which cannot be resolved by vote of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee is empowered to break the tie.

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Change #5: Number of Delegates for Each Member Society

Explanation: To clarify the number of delegates each member society is to send to the House of Delegates

From:

9.3 Calculation of Number of Delegates for a Member Society. The number of Delegates representing Member Societies in the House of Delegates shall be computed using the average number of Individual Members for which dues were paid from the preceding and current year. Member Societies shall be entitled to the following number of Delegate(s):

Number of Individual Number of Members Delegates

10-299 One (1) Delegate

300-999 Two (2) Delegates

1000 or more Three (3) Delegates

Any nation shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) Delegates.

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Number of Individual Number of Members Delegates

~~10-299~~ **1-500** One (1) Delegate

~~300-999~~ **501-1000** Two (2) Delegates

~~1000 or more~~ **1001-1500** Three (3) Delegates

1501 or more Four (4) Delegates

Any ~~nation member society~~ shall be limited to a maximum of ~~six (6)~~ **four (4)** Delegates.

Change #6: To Make the Text Uniform Regarding use of the Term “Executive Committee”

Explanation: To make the text uniform through the Bylaws; currently both “Officers of the Board of Directors” and “Executive Committee” are used in the Bylaws interchangeably

From:

“Officers of the Board of Directors” to: “Executive Committee”

Change #7: To Alter Terminology to make the Bylaws In Line with Practice

Explanation: In practice, the “Congress Steering Committee,” not the “Congress Organizing Committee” takes on these duties and assignments, so this change would reflect what is done in practice.

From:

10.3 Congress Organizing Committee for Joint Meetings. The Congress Organizing Committee shall be chaired by the WAO President, and include the WAO president-elect, co-Chairperson from the host Member Society country and three (3) other members selected by the Chairperson and co-Chairperson to represent geographical regions throughout the world. The Congress Organizing Committee will report on a regular basis to the Executive Committee.

- (a) **Duties of the Congress Organizing Committee.** The Congress Organizing Committee shall be responsible to organize and manage the operations of the Congress including the following duties:
- (1) To arrange for meeting and hotel accommodations;
 - (2) To recommend a local Professional Conventional Organizer to assist in the main management of the Congress conducted by the WAO Secretariat;
 - (3) To assist the Scientific Program Committee;
 - (4) To develop the social program in conjunction with the Member Society;

- (5) To supervise the details of the meeting, including but not limited to:
 - (i) Funding raising
 - (ii) Expenditure
 - (iii) Speaker selection
 - (iv) Organizing the program
 - (v) Printing
 - (vi) Registration, exhibit, etc fee
 - (vii) Publications, such as promotional materials, printed / online program, abstracts, etc.
 - (6) Oversight of all Finances (income & expenditures);
 - (i) To provide the Board of Directors, within 6 months after the conclusion of the Congress, with a summary report, including the details of the meeting and all financial transactions, the initial complete financial accounting, and recommendations for next Congress
 - (ii) The Congress Organizing Committee will be in charge of recommending the complete the financial arrangements for the meeting, including contracts with major vendors and the PCO being used to help organize the meeting. All arrangements must be reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee and ultimately the Board of Directors.
 - (7) To deposit all sums received in a bank or banks;
 - (8) To make disbursements for the expenses of the Congress;
 - (9) To render a report, within one year from the conclusion of the Congress, to the Board of Directors of the receipts and expenditures based on a professional audit;
 - (10) To deliver to the Treasurer of The Organization any sums remaining after the expenses of the Congress have been paid.
- (b) **Financial Agreement.** The Congress Organizing Committee and the Board of Directors should reach an agreement in regard to sharing the profits. If such an agreement were to be reached, it would also be agreed that any loss would be similarly shared.
- (c) **Financial Agreement for Joint Meetings.** In the event of a joint meeting, the terms of a financial agreement shall be negotiated between The Organization and the Regional Organization.
- (d) **Congress Organizing Committee.** The Congress Organizing Committee for Joint Meetings shall consist of the WAO President, WAO President-elect, the cochairman (representing the host society) and at least three other members selected to represent the partners involved in the meeting and for geographical and political purposes. Each member of the Congress Organizing Committee will also be a member of the Scientific Program Committee for the Joint Meeting. The Congress Organizing Committee will collaborate with the Scientific Program Committee and will report on a regular basis to the WAO Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Duties: these should be the same in intent as Proposed for 10.4(a) but modified to the needs and particular agreement as per a Joint Meeting.

To:

10.3 Congress Organizing Steering Committee for Joint Meetings. The Congress Organizing Steering Committee shall be chaired by the WAO President, and include the WAO President-elect, co-chairperson **(representing the host society)** from the host Member Society country and **at least** three (3) other members selected by the Chairperson and co-Chairperson to represent **the partners involved in the meeting and for geographical and political purposes** geographical regions throughout the world. The Congress Organizing Steering Committee will report on a regular basis to the Executive Committee.

- (a) **Duties of the Congress Organizing Steering Committee.** The Congress Organizing Steering Committee shall be responsible to organize and manage the operations of the Congress including the following duties:
- (1) To arrange for meeting and hotel accommodations;
 - (2) To recommend a local Professional Conventional Organizer to assist in the main management of the Congress conducted by the WAO Secretariat;
 - (3) To assist the Scientific Program Committee;
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- (c) **Financial Agreement for Joint Meetings.** In the event of a joint meeting, the terms of a financial agreement shall be negotiated between The Organization and the **partnering member society** Regional Organization.
- (d) **Congress Organizing Steering Committee.** The Congress **Organizing Steering** Committee for Joint Meetings shall consist of the WAO President, WAO President-elect, the co-chairman (representing the host society) and at least three **(3)** other members selected to represent the partners involved in the meeting and for geographical and political purposes. Each member of the Congress **Organizing Steering** Committee will also be a member of the Scientific Program Committee for the Joint Meeting. The Congress **Organizing Steering** Committee will collaborate with the Scientific Program Committee and will report on a regular basis to the WAO Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Duties: these should be the same in intent as Proposed for 10.4(a) but modified to the needs and particular agreement as per a Joint Meeting.

Explanation: The Education Committee is referred to as such, not as the Education Council, so this alteration reflects what is done in practice.

From:

10.6 Editorial Committee. The editorial committee consists of six members including, the WAO President, who shall be Chairman of this committee. At least two (2) other committee members shall be appointed by the President, for his own term. These shall be members of the Board of Directors, one of whom should be the Chair of the Education Council if different from the WAO President at the time. The WAO President-elect will nominate the remaining three (3) members. The Editorial Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the success of the WAO Journal and the WAO Website.

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Explanation: Clarification; to allow societies with differing structures the ability to apply for membership.

From:

4.2 Election of Member Societies, Regional Organization Members or Affiliate Organization Members. Application and election to membership shall be by the following procedure:
(a) Formal application to the Secretary-General by the presiding Officer and Secretary of the applicant society.

To:

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(a) Formal application to the Secretary-General by **the a** presiding Officer **and or** Secretary of the applicant society.

Explanation: To allow the Secretariat, or another officer the ability to send notification of the results of the election of member societies.

From:

4.2 Election of Member Societies, Regional Organization Members or Affiliate Organization Members. Application and election to membership shall be by the following procedure:
(d) If the applicant society is considered eligible for election to membership, it will be subject to an affirmative vote of a simple majority of the House of Delegates (Section 9.6 and 9.8). The Secretary-General shall send a written notification of the outcome of the election to the applicant society.

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