The ICA Executive Committee (EC) suggests the following changes (new or modified text is written in red):

Motions by the EC:
Statutes Article 28: In order for a motion to be accepted, an absolute majority of the voting member nations of the Association is necessary, voting in person or by correspondence.

Article 3: National representation and membership of the Association

Existing version:
Application to become a member nation or affiliate member shall be made by letter to the Secretary General and Treasurer and may be approved by the Executive Committee subject to ratification at the next General Assembly of Delegates.

Executive Committee’s recommendation:
Application to become a member nation or affiliate member shall be made by letter to the Secretary General and Treasurer and may be approved by the Executive Committee subject to ratification at the next General Assembly of Delegates. Such new member may exercise their rights of membership upon the approval from the Executive Committee in the interim period.

Executive Committee’s justification:
- The Article is amended to provide clarity on the rights of new members approved by the Executive Committee prior to the next General Assembly, where such membership is ratified by the General Assembly. Ratification by the General Assembly is still required for the membership.

The Statutes Committee remarks:
The Committee agrees.
**Article 6: Official organisations of the Association are**

**Existing text:**
- the General Assembly of Delegates (see Articles 7 – 11)
- the Executive Committee (see Articles 12 – 14)
- the Office of the Secretary General and Treasurer (or Secretariat) (see Article 16)
- Commissions and Working Groups (see Article 24)
- the Publication Committee (see Article 27)
- the Statutes and By-Laws Committee (see Article 28)
- the Selection of Award Recipients Committee (see By-Law 4)
- the ICA Fund for Supporting Cartography and Geographic Information Committee

**Change to:**
- the General Assembly of Delegates (see Articles 7 – 11)
- the Executive Committee (see Articles 12 – 14)
- the Office of the Secretary General and Treasurer (or Secretariat) (see Article 16)
- Commissions and Working Groups (see Article 24)
- the Publication Committee (see Article 27)
- the Statutes and By-Laws Committee (see Article 28)
- the Selection of Award Recipients Committee (see By-Law 4)
- the ICA Scholarships Committee

**Executive Committee’s justification:**
- The ICA Fund has been replaced with the ICA Scholarships that are now awarded.

**The Statutes Committee remarks:**
The Committee agrees.

**Article 11: Voting**

**Existing version:**
Decisions at the General Assembly shall be taken by a show of hands and by a simple majority vote, of those delegates present, who have the right to vote.

**Executive Committee’s recommendation:**
The quorum for a vote in the General Assembly shall be one-third of the members eligible to vote. Decisions at the General Assembly shall be taken by a show of hands and by a simple majority vote, of those delegates present, who have the right to vote.

**Executive Committee’s justification:**
- The quorum for the General Assembly is currently not specified in the Statutes. One-third of members is deemed to be appropriate as a quorum, taking into account the number of members eligible to vote usually being present at a General Assembly.

**The Statutes Committee remarks:**
The Committee suggested this proposal which was accepted by the Executive Committee.
**Article 13: Election of the Executive Committee**

**Existing version:**
They can be re-elected, but with the following restrictions:
- the President may not serve for three consecutive terms.
- the Vice-Presidents and the Secretary General and Treasurer may not serve for three consecutive terms.

**Executive Committee’s recommendation:**
They can be re-elected, but with the following restrictions:
- The President, the Vice-Presidents and the Secretary General and Treasurer may not serve for more than two consecutive terms. They may, however, stand for election for a different position on the Executive Committee at any time.

**Executive Committee’s justification:**
- The maximum term of office remains the same as is current but now permits a person leaving the Executive Committee after the maximum of two consecutive terms to stand for election in a different position on the Executive Committee. In this way the Association can benefit from the experience and service of a person for a longer period.

**The Statutes Committee remarks:**
The Committee agrees.

**Article 14: Authority of the Executive Committee**

**Existing version:**
It prepares guidelines and rules for the formation and operation of Commissions and Working Groups, including their functioning and reporting, and the managing of funds allocated for their support. It examines and, if necessary, modifies proposed terms of reference, in discussion with the proposed Commission chairpersons before presentation to the General Assembly for decision.

**Executive Committee’s recommendation:**
It prepares guidelines and rules for the formation and operation of Commissions and Working Groups, including their functioning and reporting, and the managing of funds allocated for their support. It examines and, if necessary, modifies proposed terms of reference, in discussion with the proposed Commission chairpersons before presentation to the General Assembly for decision. It monitors the work of the Commissions against the approved terms of reference, and may take corrective action against defaulting or inactive Commissions in the interest of the Association.

**Executive Committee’s justification:**
- Gives the Executive Committee the authority to manage the performance of Commissions – see also By-law 9.

**The Statutes Committee remarks:**
The Committee agrees.
**Article 19: Use of funds**

**Existing version:**
The income of the Association is to be devoted to paying for:
- the cost of administration.
- travel costs within the limits decided by the President and / or the Secretary General and Treasurer.
- the remuneration of any paid staff in the office of the Secretary General and Treasurer.
- any purchase designed to achieve the general purposes of the Association as approved by the General Assembly.
- scholarships, travel awards and other contributions from the ICA Fund for Supporting Cartography and Geographic Information.

**Executive Committee’s recommendation:**
The income of the Association is to be devoted to paying for:
- the cost of administration.
- travel costs within the limits decided by the President and / or the Secretary General and Treasurer.
- the remuneration of any paid staff in the office of the Secretary General and Treasurer.
- any purchase designed to achieve the general purposes of the Association as approved by the General Assembly.
- ICA scholarship.

**Executive Committee’s justification:**
- To align with the change from the ICA Fund and to the ICA Scholarship (terminology update).

**The Statutes Committee remarks:**
The Committee agrees.

**Article 24: Commissions, Working Groups and Task Forces**

**Existing version:**
Commissions and Working Groups are required to present reports of their work to each General Assembly of Delegates.

**Executive Committee’s recommendation:**
Commissions and Working Groups are required to present reports of their work at least annually to the Executive Committee and to each General Assembly of delegates.

**Executive Committee’s justification:**
- Requires Commissions and Work Groups to report progress to the Executive Committee to enable the Executive Committee to manage the performance in accordance with Article 14.

**The Statutes Committee remarks:**
The Committee agrees.
**Article 28: Changes in the statutes**

**Existing version:**
The Executive Committee may itself propose motions for changes in the Statutes and the adoption, modification or rescinding of By-Laws to be included on the agenda for the General Assembly of Delegates. The Executive Committee may establish a Committee on Statutes and By-Laws for advice.
In order for a motion to be accepted, an absolute majority of the voting member nations of the Association is necessary, voting in person or by correspondence.

**Executive Committee’s recommendation:**
The Executive Committee may itself propose motions for changes in the Statutes and the adoption, modification or rescinding of By-Laws to be included on the agenda for the General Assembly of Delegates. **The Executive Committee may submit proposed changes to the Statutes and By-Laws Committee for advice.**
In order for a motion for a change to the Statutes to be accepted, an absolute majority of the voting members present (in person or by correspondence) is required.

**Executive Committee's justification:**
- The Statutes and By-Laws Committee is established by Article 6 and so a correction is made to Article 28 to align with Article 6. The quorum for changing the Statutes is aligned to the quorum for the General Assembly. The procedure for voting on the changes is clarified for members present or any members voting by correspondence.

**The Statutes Committee remarks:**
The Committee agrees.
### Motions by the EC:

**By-laws:** These may be adopted, modified or rescinded by a simple majority of votes expressed by the principal delegates attending the General Assembly.

#### By-Law 7

**Existing version:**
All national and affiliate members may propose one representative for each commission for consideration by the chairperson of that commission.

**Executive Committee’s recommendation:**
All national and affiliate members may propose representatives for each commission for consideration by the chairperson of that commission.

**Executive Committee’s justification:**
- Removes the restriction of members having only one representative in a Commission.

**The Statues Committee remarks:**
The Committee agrees.

#### By-Law 9

**Existing version:**
In order to ensure that the commission is performing according to the approved terms of reference, the Executive Committee may recommend that the nominating country replace the commission chairperson prior to the next General Assembly.

**Executive Committee’s recommendation:**
In order to ensure that the commission is fulfilling their approved terms of reference, the Executive Committee may take appropriate action such as: recommend that the nominating country replace the commission chairperson; refuse access to funding; remove them from the listings of current commissions; remove ICA endorsement for their activities.

**Executive Committee’s justification:**
- Gives the Executive Committee the authority to manage the performance of Commissions.

**The Statues Committee remarks:**
The Committee agrees.