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### Item 11

Topic: **Statutes change proposals (New Zealand Cartographic Society)**

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The **New Zealand Cartographic Society**, the national member of the ICA representing New Zealand suggests the following changes (**new or modified text is written in red**):

#### **Article 20. Payment of subscriptions**

##### Existing version:

Each national member organisation and affiliate member is responsible for paying the annual subscription.

If a national member organisation has not paid its subscription for three consecutive years, the Executive Committee may decide that it shall be given observer status until payment is made. If they refuse to pay they will cease to form part of the Association by a decision taken by the General Assembly of Delegates.

The Executive Committee can institute individual membership of ICA. This will be introduced at a later date and regulated by the By-Laws.

##### NZL recommendation:

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##### NZL justification:

- The paragraph concerns membership, not payment, hence it should be considered for inclusion in Article 3. National representation and membership of the Association.
- The paragraph refers to a future plan, hence there is no need to include it in the Statutes until individual membership is introduced.
- As a principle, only the General Assembly can ratify membership of the ICA (Article 3). It is therefore against the practice of the Association to allow the Executive Committee to 'institute' membership.

Executive Committee's justification:

- The EC supports the NZL recommendation.

The Statutes Committee remarks:

- Supported. The motivation is rational.

**Voting procedure:**

**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.**

## Motions:

### By-Law 1

#### Existing version:

- Each member nation subscription to the ICA shall be expressed in subscription units. All adhering member nations are divided into categories, numbered I to VI, and will pay annually the number of subscription units specified in that category.
- The categories and subscription units shall be as follows:
- Category I: 1 subscription unit
- Category II: 2 subscription units
- Category III: 3 subscription units
- Category IV: 4 subscription units
- Category V: 6 subscription units
- Category VI: 8 subscription units
- Category VII: 10 subscription units

#### NZL recommendation:

- Each member nation subscription to the ICA shall be expressed in subscription units. All adhering member nations are divided into categories, **numbered I to VII**, and will pay annually the number of subscription units specified in that category.
- The categories and subscription units shall be as follows:
- Category I: 1 subscription unit
- Category II: 2 subscription units
- Category III: 3 subscription units
- Category IV: 4 subscription units
- Category V: 6 subscription units
- Category VI: 8 subscription units
- Category VII: 10 subscription units

#### NZL justification:

- There are seven (I to VII) categories of subscription units.

#### Executive Committee's justification:

- The EC supports the NZL recommendation.

#### The Statues Committee remarks:

- Supported. This is a minor correction.

## Voting procedure:

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