



General Assembly 2023 *document* de l'Assemblée Générale 2023

Item 17 - I

Topic / Thème: **Statutes change proposals (Executive Committee)**
Proposition de modification des status (Comité exécutif)
Rapporteur: **Thomas Schulz, Secretary-General / Secrétaire général**
Date: **12 May 2023**

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Le comité exécutif de l'ACI propose les changements suivants (**les modifications ou nouveautés sont écrites en rouge**), regroupés par thème.

Topic I: Adapt Statutes to current circumstances – add the term «geospatial»
Thème I:

Article 1

Existing version:

The International Cartographic Association (ICA) has the following aims:

- a) Advancing the study of cartographic or geographic information (GI) science issues. In particular it is concerned with the processing, storage and analysis of source material and the design, construction, reproduction and display techniques of maps and associated forms of graphic communications. To this end, co-operation with different branches of geodetic, geographic and other scientific research disciplines is desirable.

EC recommendation:

The International Cartographic Association (ICA) has the following aims:

- a) Advancing the study of cartographic, **geospatial** or geographic information (GI) science issues. In particular it is concerned with the processing, storage and analysis of source material and the design, construction, reproduction and display techniques of maps and associated forms of graphic communications. To this end, co-operation with different branches of geodetic, geographic and other scientific research disciplines is desirable.

Article 3. National representation and membership of the Association

Existing version:

Any nation which pursues a cartographic or GI science activity can be accepted as a member nation of the ICA provided that it agrees to participate financially in supporting the Association and in collaborating actively in its scientific and technical activities.

Each nation can only be represented by one single organisation, which should preferably be the national society or committee for cartography or GI science or a national mapping agency/authority. Thus, a member nation is represented by a national member organisation such as one of these.

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EC recommendation:

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Each nation can only be represented by one single organisation, which should preferably be the national society or committee for cartography, **geospatial** or GI science or a national mapping agency/authority. Thus, a member nation is represented by a national member organisation such as one of these.

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Article 5. Activities and reports

Existing version:

The task of each national member organisation is to facilitate and co-ordinate, within in its nation, the study and development of the different aspects of cartography and GI science. Every member nation or affiliate member, either individually or in conjunction with one or more of the other member nations or other affiliate members, can submit motions (see Article 10) to the Association which are appropriate to the Association for discussion. Each national member organisation agrees to send a report to each General Assembly on the cartographic and GI science activities in the country during the previous four years.

EC recommendation:

The task of each national member organisation is to facilitate and co-ordinate, within in its nation, the study and development of the different aspects of cartography, **geospatial** and GI science. Every member nation or affiliate member, either individually or in conjunction with one or more of the other member nations or other affiliate members, can submit motions (see Article 10) to the Association which are appropriate to the Association for discussion.

Each national member organisation agrees to send a report to each General Assembly on the cartographic, **geospatial** and GI science activities in the country during the previous four years.

Article 24. Commissions, Working Groups and Task Forces

Existing version:

The General Assembly of Delegates may establish commissions for the execution of important cartographic and GI science tasks. The tenure of office of a Commission is limited to the period between two General Assemblies, but may be extended for another period by a vote at a General Assembly of Delegates.

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EC recommendation:

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Article 27. Publications

Existing version:

All publications of the Association require the approval of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will arrange for the publication of a bulletin or newsletter concerning the activities of the Association and its member nations, and facilitate the publication of papers on cartography and GI science.

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EC recommendation:

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Article 30. Dissolution of Association

Existing version:

A decision to dissolve the Association is only valid with the consent of at least two-thirds of the member nations.

In the case of dissolution, the funds of the Association will be placed, by the General Assembly of Delegates or the Executive Committee, at the disposal of one or several international scientific organisations, whose aims are closely related to cartography or GI science.

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By-law 5. Dissolution of Association

Existing version:

- a) For the purpose of affiliation as described in Article 3 the following categories shall apply:
- (1) (International) Educational establishments
 - (2) National cartographic or GI science societies other than the national member organisation
 - (3) National scientific organisations and technical organisations
These include academic, research or technical institutes or other scientific or technical bodies, governmental or autonomous, that are users of cartographic data and are demonstrably devoted to the discipline of cartography and GI science to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.
 - (4) Nationally operating private firms / companies
These include such organisations that are engaged in the development, production or manufacture of cartographic or allied equipment or products and are committed to supporting the interests of the discipline of cartography and GI science to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.
 - (5) Internationally operating private firms / companies
These include such organisations that are engaged in the development, production or manufacture of cartographic or allied equipment or products and are committed to supporting the interests of the discipline of cartography and GI science to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.
 - (6) UN bodies.

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These include such organisations that are engaged in the development, production or manufacture of cartographic or allied equipment or products and are committed to supporting the interests of the discipline of cartography, **geospatial** and GI science to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.
 - (5) Internationally operating private firms / companies
These include such organisations that are engaged in the development, production or manufacture of cartographic or allied equipment or products and are committed to

supporting the interests of the discipline of cartography, **geospatial** and GI science to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.
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EC justification:

It is important that the ICA keep pace with new terms that expand the core fields of cartography and GIScience. The term «geospatial» gained prominence with significant attention to location information propelled by technology and data developments. To keep pace with advances on geospatial, the EC recommends adding the reference to «geospatial» in all articles where appropriate.

Remarks by the ICA Statutes Committee:

Fully supported.



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Item 17 - II

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Topic II: Adopt a more current and precise definition of membership – «national member» and «country» to be replaced by «member state» in all articles

Thème II:

Article 1

Existing version:

The International Cartographic Association (ICA) has the following aims:

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- b) Initiating, fostering and co-ordinating research in cartography and GI science, involving the co-operation between different nations, the exchange of ideas and documents, the furtherance of education and training in cartography and GI science, and encouraging the dissemination of cartographic and GI science knowledge.

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EC recommendation:

The International Cartographic Association (ICA) has the following aims:

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- b) Initiating, fostering and co-ordinating research in cartography and GI science, involving the co-operation between different **member states**~~nations~~, the exchange of ideas and documents, the furtherance of education and training in cartography and GI science, and encouraging the dissemination of cartographic and GI science knowledge.

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Article 3. National representation and membership of the Association

Existing version:

Any nation which pursues a cartographic or GI science activity can be accepted as a member nation of the ICA provided that it agrees to participate financially in supporting the Association and in collaborating actively in its scientific and technical activities. Each nation can only be represented by one single organisation, which should preferably be the national society or committee for cartography or GI science or a national mapping agency/authority. Thus, a member nation is represented by a national member organisation such as one of these. Furthermore, the ICA can accept requests for affiliated membership from international or national scientific, technical or other organisations made for the purpose of collaborating in its activities, and without compromising the principle of single representation of each nation in the official functioning of the Association or affecting the methods of voting as described in Articles 4, 26 and By-Law 5. 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, except voting, upon the approval from the Executive Committee in the interim period.

EC recommendation:

Article 3. ~~National~~ **Member state** representation and membership of the Association

Any ~~state~~ **member state** nation which pursues a cartographic or GI science activity can be accepted as a member ~~state~~ **member state** nation of the ICA provided that it agrees to participate financially in supporting the Association and in collaborating actively in its scientific and technical activities. Each ~~member state~~ **member state** nation can only be represented by one single organisation, which should preferably be the national society or committee for cartography or GI science or a national mapping agency/authority. Thus, a member ~~state~~ **member state** nation is represented by a ~~national~~ **member state** organisation such as one of these. Furthermore, the ICA can accept requests for affiliated membership from international ~~regional or local~~ **regional or local** national scientific, technical or other organisations made for the purpose of collaborating in its activities, and without compromising the principle of single representation of each ~~member state~~ **member state** nation in the official functioning of the Association or affecting the methods of voting as described in Articles 4, 26 and By-Law 5. Application to become a ~~member state~~ **member state** nation or an 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, except voting, upon the approval from the Executive Committee in the interim period.

Article 4. Delegates and voting rights

Existing version:

Every member nation has the right to one vote in the General Assembly of Delegates. For this purpose, each member nation is represented at the General Assemblies of the

Association by a principal delegate and by a deputy, who may vote in the absence of the principal delegate. However, at the request of the Executive Committee, the General Assembly may withdraw the right to vote from member nations which have not paid their contribution for the previous three years.

EC recommendation:

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EC recommendation:

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Article 7. Composition of the General Assembly of Delegates

Existing version:

The General Assembly of Delegates is formed from the principal delegates of each national member organisation and their deputies, who are able to attend, and the members of the Executive Committee.

If the Executive Committee so permits, additional delegates may attend the General Assembly of Delegates as observers.

A member nation, which is represented on the Executive Committee, can nominate that committee member as its principal delegate with the right to vote.

Normally, the President of the Association will preside at the General Assembly.

EC recommendation:

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Article 9. Meetings of the General Assembly of Delegates

Existing version:

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In special circumstances, with the agreement of the Executive Committee, the President has the right to call an Extraordinary General Assembly. The President is also obliged to do so if one third of the member nations demand it.

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EC recommendation:

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Article 10. Agenda

Existing version:

The agenda of every General Assembly of Delegates is decided upon by the Executive Committee. It will be communicated to the representative of each member nation three months before the General Assembly of Delegates takes place.

In order to make this feasible, national member organisations, who want to bring an issue to the agenda, must propose a motion on that issue in writing to the Secretary General and Treasurer at least five months before the date of the General Assembly. See also By-Law 8.

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EC recommendation:

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Article 11. Voting

Existing version:

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Voting by proxy will not be permitted and no delegate shall represent or vote for any other member nation.

Voting by correspondence will be permitted only in accordance with Articles 28 and 30.

EC recommendation:

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Article 13. Election of the Executive Committee

Existing version:

No member nation may have more than one representative on the Executive Committee.

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In the event of a vacancy arising in the Executive Committee in the period between two General Assemblies, the Executive Committee, after consultation with the member nation which the person represented, will appoint a replacement from the same member nation to serve until the next General Assembly at which a new Executive Committee is elected. If a vacancy arises in the Presidency, an Acting President will be elected by the Executive Committee. The Secretary General and Treasurer shall organise the election as soon as possible following the vacancy.

EC recommendation:

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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.

EC recommendation:

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

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Article 22. International Cartographic Conferences

Existing version:

International Cartographic Conferences (ICC) may be called by the Executive Committee independently of the regular General Assemblies of Delegates, but preferably they should, if possible, be co-ordinated with them regarding time and location (see Article 9). The General Assembly of Delegates entrusts, to one of the member nations, the organisation of an ICC. The host nation shall decide the programme subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

EC recommendation:

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Article 25. Invitation of additional persons as observers

Existing version:

The President of the Association is entitled to invite to General Assemblies, International Cartographic Conferences, Symposia or Joint Meetings, suitable additional persons as observers or guests, including persons who are not from a member nation of the ICA.

EC recommendation:

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EC recommendation:

A decision to dissolve the Association is only valid with the consent of at least two-thirds of the member ~~states~~nations.

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By-law 1

Existing version:

a) 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.

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c) Each member nation shall select the category into which it wishes to be classed. The Executive Committee may refuse a specification if the category chosen is believed to be inappropriate.

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EC recommendation:

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d) Each member ~~state~~nation shall select the category into which it wishes to be classed. The Executive Committee may refuse a specification if the category chosen is believed to be inappropriate.

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By-law 4

Existing version:

The President shall appoint a Committee for the Selection of Award Recipients after each General Assembly to serve until the next General Assembly. The Committee shall consist of five representatives, each from a different member nation. No more than two representatives can hold concurrent membership of the Executive Committee.

EC recommendation:

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By-law 5

Existing version:

- a) For the purpose of affiliation as described in Article 3 the following categories shall apply:
- (1) (International) Educational establishments
 - (2) National cartographic or GI science societies other than the national member organisation
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- b) Application for affiliation in category (a) (2) must be submitted to the Executive Committee with a letter of support from the member nation.

EC recommendation:

- a) For the purpose of affiliation as described in Article 3 the following categories shall apply:
- (1) (International) Educational establishments
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- b) Application for affiliation in category (a) (2) must be submitted to the Executive Committee with a letter of support from the member ~~state~~^{nation}.

By-law 6

Existing version:

ICA member nations and affiliates shall be entitled to the following services:

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Upon request, the ICA may assist in sponsoring conferences, seminars and symposia in member nations or in conjunction with affiliates. Assistance may consist of:

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EC recommendation:

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By-law 7

Existing version:

All national and affiliate members may propose representatives for each commission for consideration by the chairperson of that commission.

EC recommendation:

All ~~member states~~ ~~nations~~ and affiliate members may propose representatives for each commission for consideration by the chairperson of that commission.

By-law 8

Existing version:

Nominations for President, Secretary General and Treasurer, and Vice-President of the Executive Committee, and nominations of chairpersons of commissions, duly proposed by their respective member nations, must be received by the Secretary General at least five months prior to the date determined for the General Assembly of Delegates. Such nominations must be accompanied by an indication in writing from the candidate that he/she is willing to serve, supported by a brief CV.

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EC recommendation:

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By-law 9

Existing version:

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

EC recommendation:

In order to ensure that the commission is fulfilling their approved terms of reference, the Executive Committee, as a last resort, may take appropriate action: recommend that the nominating ~~member state~~ ~~country~~ replace the commission chairperson; refuse access to funding; remove them from the listings of current commissions; and remove ICA endorsement for their activities.

EC justification:

There were inconsistencies in reference to identifying a member of the ICA throughout the statutes and by-laws. Words like country, nation, national member and others were used interchangeably and led to confusion and inaccuracies. Furthermore, some terms are not clearly defined internationally and leave room for interpretation, e.g. «nation». Aligning with the way the United Nations refers to its members as «Member State» was recommended by the EC to improve clarity.

Remarks by the ICA Statutes Committee:

Fully supported. The best terminology appropriate to ICA amongst the notions of «country», «nation» and «state» was discussed. The EC and Statutes Committee agrees on «member state» as the best and most appropriate term for use within ICA, according to the use in other Associations and the United Nations.



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Item 17 - III

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Topic III: Adapt Statutes to current circumstances – replacing the reference to the 1958 ICSU declaration by the current ISC Statutes on non-discrimination

Thème III:

Article 1

Existing version:

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The ICA subscribes to the 1958 declaration of the 8th General Assembly of the International Council for Science (ICSU) concerning non-discrimination on the basis of politics, nationality, religion, race or gender.

EC recommendation:

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The ICA subscribes to the ~~1958 declaration of the 8th General Assembly of the International Council for Science (ICSU) concerning non-discrimination on the basis of politics, nationality, religion, race or gender.~~ **Principles of Freedom and Responsibility in Science of the International Science Council, which «promotes equitable opportunities for access to science and its benefits, and opposes discrimination based on such factors as ethnic origin, religion, citizenship, language, political or other opinion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or age.» (Art. 7 of the ISC Statutes)**

EC justification:

In July 2018, the International Council for Science merged with the International Social Science Council to form the International Science Council (ISC). As a result, the ISC has adopted new statutes. This modification reflects also the current ISC position on non-discrimination in which the ICA is a member organisation.

Remarks by the ICA Statutes Committee:

Fully supported. With amendments to the wording.



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Topic IV: ICA membership – fulfilment of obligations, respect and support of the ICA objectives and principles

Thème IV:

Article 3. National representation and membership of the Association

Existing version:

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EC recommendation:

Any nation which pursues a cartographic or GI science activity can be accepted as a member nation of the ICA provided that it agrees to participate financially in supporting the Association, ~~and in collaborating~~ **collaborates** actively in its scientific and technical activities, **and fully accepts and supports in all its activities the ICA aims and codes of conduct as specified in Article 1 and other corresponding ICA guidelines.** Each nation can only be represented by one single organisation, which should preferably be the national society or committee for cartography or GI science or a national mapping agency/authority. Thus, a member nation is represented by a national member organisation such as one of these. Furthermore, the ICA can accept requests for affiliated membership from international or national scientific, technical or other organisations made for the purpose of collaborating in its activities, and without compromising the principle of single representation of each nation in the official functioning of the Association or affecting the methods of voting as described in Articles 4, 26 and By-Law 5. 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, except voting, upon the approval from the Executive Committee in the interim period.

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EC recommendation:

Every member nation has the right to one vote in the General Assembly of Delegates. For this purpose, each member nation is represented at the General Assemblies of the Association by a principal delegate and by a deputy, who may vote in the absence of the principal delegate. However, at the request of the Executive Committee, the General Assembly may withdraw the right to vote from member nations ~~which have not paid their contribution for the previous three years~~ **who have failed to fulfill one or all of its obligations in accordance with its membership in the Association as given in Article 3.**

Article 8. Authority of the General Assembly of Delegates

Existing version:

The General Assembly of Delegates

- decides on the policy and Statutes and By-Laws of the Association.

- ratifies the membership of new members, which have been considered and approved by the Executive Committee.
- elects the President, the Secretary General and Treasurer, the Vice-Presidents and two auditors.
- receives the reports of the Executive Committee and the Commissions and Working Groups for the previous period of office.
- decides on the budget and the resources available for the following (four-year) period.
- determines the programme of activities in general and decides, in principle, on planned activities or meetings, including the next meeting of the General Assembly.
- establishes Commissions, elects the chairpersons of Commissions and approves the terms of reference, subject to the provisions of Article 24.

EC recommendation:

The General Assembly of Delegates

- decides on the policy and Statutes and By-Laws of the Association.
- ratifies the membership of new members, which have been considered and approved by the Executive Committee.
- **may exclude from membership any member which has failed to fulfill one or all of its obligations or for which affiliation with the Association is not in accordance with the aims and principles of the Association as given in Article 1 and 3.**
- elects the President, the Secretary General and Treasurer, the Vice-Presidents and two auditors.
- receives the reports of the Executive Committee and the Commissions and Working Groups for the previous period of office.
- decides on the budget and the resources available for the following (four-year) period.
- determines the programme of activities in general and decides, in principle, on planned activities or meetings, including the next meeting of the General Assembly.
- establishes Commissions, elects the chairpersons of Commissions and approves the terms of reference, subject to the provisions of Article 24.

EC justification:

The ICA statutes have no provision for relinquishing membership other than for arrears in paying dues. Other international professional societies have statute provisions that authorise the Association to take action on any member that does not abide by the organisation's aims or code of conduct. The proposed language addresses this omission and allows for the General Assembly to take necessary steps. In addition, it clarifies the process if a member actively wants to leave ICA, even if they have paid their dues to date. This was not previously specified.

Remarks by the ICA Statutes Committee:

Fully supported. With amendments to the suggested wording.



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Item 17 - V

Topic / Thème: **Statutes change proposals (Executive Committee)**
Proposition de modification des status (Comité exécutif)
Rapporteur: **Thomas Schulz, Secretary-General / Secrétaire général**
Date: **12 May 2023**

The ICA Executive Committee suggests the following changes (**new or modified text is written in red**), grouped by theme.

Le comité exécutif de l'ACI propose les changements suivants (**les modifications ou nouveautés sont écrites en rouge**), regroupés par thème.

Topic V: ICA membership – specify the process for termination of membership (currently not regulated)

Thème V:

Article 8. Authority of the General Assembly of Delegates

Existing version:

The General Assembly of Delegates

- decides on the policy and Statutes and By-Laws of the Association.
- ratifies the membership of new members, which have been considered and approved by the Executive Committee.
- elects the President, the Secretary General and Treasurer, the Vice-Presidents and two auditors.
- receives the reports of the Executive Committee and the Commissions and Working Groups for the previous period of office.
- decides on the budget and the resources available for the following (four-year) period.
- determines the programme of activities in general and decides, in principle, on planned activities or meetings, including the next meeting of the General Assembly.
- establishes Commissions, elects the chairpersons of Commissions and approves the terms of reference, subject to the provisions of Article 24.

EC recommendation:

The General Assembly of Delegates

- decides on the policy and Statutes and By-Laws of the Association.
- ratifies the membership of new members, which have been considered and approved by the Executive Committee.
- **ratifies the suspension or termination of an existing membership, which have been considered and approved by the Executive Committee.**
- elects the President, the Secretary General and Treasurer, the Vice-Presidents and two auditors.
- receives the reports of the Executive Committee and the Commissions and Working Groups for the previous period of office.
- decides on the budget and the resources available for the following (four-year) period.
- determines the programme of activities in general and decides, in principle, on planned activities or meetings, including the next meeting of the General Assembly.
- establishes Commissions, elects the chairpersons of Commissions and approves the terms of reference, subject to the provisions of Article 24.

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.

EC recommendation:

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

If a member state or affiliate member wishes to leave ICA, the membership fee for the year in which it expresses its intention to leave the Association is due. The final decision is taken by the General Assembly, according to Art. 8.

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 ~~fail or refuse to pay~~ **refuse to pay** until the following General Assembly, they will cease to form part of the Association by a decision taken by the General Assembly of Delegates.

If an affiliate member organisation has not paid its subscription for three consecutive years, they will cease to form part of the Association by a decision taken by the General Assembly of Delegates.

EC justification:

The procedure for suspending or terminating membership is not specified in the statutes. This omission can lead to inconsistent interpretation for invoking a suspension or termination. The EC proposes language to clearly state the procedures for consistency and clarity.

Remarks by the ICA Statutes Committee:

Fully supported. With amendments to the suggested wording.



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Item 17 - VI

Topic / Thème: **Statutes change proposals (Executive Committee)**
Proposition de modification des status (Comité exécutif)
Rapporteur: **Thomas Schulz, Secretary-General / Secrétaire général**
Date: **12 May 2023**

The ICA Executive Committee suggests the following changes (**new or modified text is written in red**), grouped by theme.

Le comité exécutif de l'ACI propose les changements suivants (**les modifications ou nouveautés sont écrites en rouge**), regroupés par thème.

Topic VI: Adapt Statutes to current procedures – the General Assembly **Thème VI:**

Article 8. Authority of the General Assembly of Delegates

Existing version:

The General Assembly of Delegates

- decides on the policy and Statutes and By-Laws of the Association.
- ratifies the membership of new members, which have been considered and approved by the Executive Committee.
- elects the President, the Secretary General and Treasurer, the Vice-Presidents and two auditors.
- receives the reports of the Executive Committee and the Commissions and Working Groups for the previous period of office.
- decides on the budget and the resources available for the following (four-year) period.
- determines the programme of activities in general and decides, in principle, on planned activities or meetings, including the next meeting of the General Assembly.
- establishes Commissions, elects the chairpersons of Commissions and approves the terms of reference, subject to the provisions of Article 24.

EC recommendation:

The General Assembly of Delegates

- **ratifies the minutes of the previous General Assembly.**

- decides on the ~~policy and Statutes, and By-Laws~~ **and policies** of the Association.
- ratifies the membership of new members, which have been considered and approved by the Executive Committee.
- elects the President, the Secretary General and Treasurer, the Vice-Presidents and two auditors.
- receives the reports of the Executive Committee and the Commissions and Working Groups for the previous period of office.
- decides on the budget and the resources available for the following (four-year) period.
- determines the programme of activities in general and decides, in principle, on planned activities or meetings, including the next meeting of the General Assembly.
- establishes Commissions, elects the chairpersons of Commissions and approves the terms of reference, subject to the provisions of Article 24.

Article 8. Execution of activities

Existing version:

According to Articles 1, 5, 8 and 14 the Association organises different types of activities in order to achieve its aims. The details of such activities are to be decided by the Executive Committee. However, major events should be endorsed by the General Assembly of Delegates.

EC recommendation:

According to Articles 1, 5, 8 and 14 the Association organises different types of activities in order to achieve its aims. The details of such activities are to be decided by the Executive Committee. ~~However, major events should be endorsed by the General Assembly of Delegates.~~

EC justification:

Ratifying the minutes of the previous General Assembly is a responsibility of the General Assembly, which is now proposed for inclusion in the Statutes.

Governance within the ICA is based not only on the ICA Statutes and By-Laws, but also by policies determined and set by the General Assembly. The responsibility of setting a policy for the ICA is proposed by the EC for inclusion in the Statutes.

Remarks by the ICA Statutes Committee:

Fully supported.



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Item 17 - VII

Topic / Thème: **Statutes change proposals (Executive Committee)**
Proposition de modification des status (Comité exécutif)
Rapporteur: **Thomas Schulz, Secretary-General / Secrétaire général**
Date: **12 May 2023**

The ICA Executive Committee suggests the following changes (**new or modified text is written in red**), grouped by theme.

Le comité exécutif de l'ACI propose les changements suivants (**les modifications ou nouveautés sont écrites en rouge**), regroupés par thème.

Topic VII: Organisational aspects – extraordinary General Assembly (currently not clearly regulated)

Thème VII:

Article 9. Meetings of the General Assembly of Delegates

Existing version:

The General Assembly of Delegates will normally meet every four years.

At each General Assembly the time and place of the next meeting will be decided or, if this is impractical, the decision will be made by the Executive Committee.

In special circumstances, with the agreement of the Executive Committee, the President has the right to call an Extraordinary General Assembly. The President is also obliged to do so if one third of the member nations demand it.

As a rule, the General Assembly will be held in conjunction with an International Cartographic Conference (ICC).

EC recommendation:

The General Assembly of Delegates will normally meet every four years.

At each General Assembly the time and place of the next meeting will be decided or, if this is impractical, the decision will be made by the Executive Committee.

In special circumstances, with the agreement of the Executive Committee, the President has the right to call an Extraordinary General Assembly. The President is also obliged to do so if one third of the member nations demand it.

As a rule, the General Assembly will be held in conjunction with an International Cartographic Conference (ICC).

Extraordinary General Assemblies may also be held in conjunction with Regional Cartographic or other conferences. The President takes the final decision on the location.

Article 10. Agenda

Existing version:

The agenda of every General Assembly of Delegates is decided upon by the Executive Committee. It will be communicated to the representative of each member nation three months before the General Assembly of Delegates takes place.

In order to make this feasible, national member organisations, who want to bring an issue to the agenda, must propose a motion on that issue in writing to the Secretary General and Treasurer at least five months before the date of the General Assembly. See also By-Law 8. Motions not listed on the agenda cannot be brought to that Assembly for a decision. However, the President is entitled to accept such motions, but for discussion only.

EC recommendation:

The agenda of every General Assembly of Delegates is decided upon by the Executive Committee. **In the case of an ordinary General Assembly, it** will be communicated to the representative of each member nation three months before the General Assembly of Delegates takes place. **For an Extraordinary General Assembly a deadline of one month applies.**

In order to make this feasible, national member organisations, who want to bring an issue to the agenda **of an ordinary General Assembly**, must propose a motion on that issue in writing to the Secretary General and Treasurer at least five months before the date of the General Assembly. See also By-Law 8.

Motions not listed on the agenda cannot be brought to that Assembly for a decision. However, the President is entitled to accept such motions, but for discussion only.

EC justification:

For an Extraordinary General Assembly, turn out by representatives of a Member State is more likely when aligned with an ICC or another regional cartographic or related conference. More latitude in aligning an Extraordinary General Assembly with an existing event increases attendance for the special meeting.

An Extraordinary General Assembly is called for a special purpose such as one or more very important timely decisions to be decided by the body or a special topic that needs attention prior to the timing of the next General Assembly. As these are limited special issues with impending timing, less advance time is offered or needed to prepare for a very limited agenda.

Remarks by the ICA Statutes Committee:

Fully supported. With amendments to the wording.



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Item 17 - VIII

Topic / Thème: **Statutes change proposals (Executive Committee)**
Proposition de modification des status (Comité exécutif)
Rapporteur: **Thomas Schulz, Secretary-General / Secrétaire général**
Date: **12 May 2023**

The ICA Executive Committee suggests the following changes (**new or modified text is written in red**), grouped by theme.

Le comité exécutif de l'ACI propose les changements suivants (**les modifications ou nouveautés sont écrites en rouge**), regroupés par thème.

Topic VIII: Functioning of ICA in the digital era – update phrases with analogue or outdated processes and events, accelerate processes between General Assemblies

Thème VIII:

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. Such new member may exercise their rights of membership, except voting, upon the approval from the Executive Committee in the interim period.

EC recommendation:

...

Application to become a member nation or affiliate member shall be made by **writing** ~~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, except voting, upon the approval from the Executive Committee in the interim period.

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.

However, if at least two delegates, or the Executive Committee, make a request, the vote shall be taken by ballot. Should there be an equal division of vote, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

Voting by proxy will not be permitted and no delegate shall represent or vote for any other member nation.

Voting by correspondence will be permitted only in accordance with Articles 28 and 30.

EC recommendation:

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.

However, if at least two delegates, or the Executive Committee, make a request, the vote shall be taken by ballot. Should there be an equal division of vote, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

Voting by proxy will not be permitted and no delegate shall represent or vote for any other member nation.

~~Voting by correspondence will be permitted only in accordance with Articles 28 and 30.~~

Article 28. Changes in the statutes

Existing version:

Motions concerning changes in the Statutes must be received in writing by the Executive Committee at least five months before the General Assembly of Delegates.

Provided this is done, the Executive Committee must present to the General Assembly any motion for changes in Statutes and include the motion on the agenda for the General Assembly (see also Article 10).

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.

For votes on changes to the Statutes, a member nation, not represented at a General Assembly, may forward its vote to the President of the Association by letter. For such a vote to be valid it must be received by the Secretary General ten days before the motion is presented to the General Assembly of Delegates.

Changes in Statutes are effective immediately after the General Assembly at which they are adopted.

EC recommendation:

Motions concerning changes in the Statutes must be received in writing by the Executive Committee at least five months before the General Assembly of Delegates.

Provided this is done, the Executive Committee must present to the General Assembly any motion for changes in Statutes and include the motion on the agenda for the General Assembly (see also Article 10).

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.~~

~~For votes on changes to the Statutes, a member nation, not represented at a General Assembly, may forward its vote to the President of the Association by letter. For such a vote to be valid it must be received by the Secretary General ten days before the motion is presented to the General Assembly of Delegates.~~

Changes in Statutes are effective immediately after ~~the General Assembly at which~~ they are adopted.

Article 29. By-laws

Existing version:

Within the framework of these Statutes, the General Assembly of Delegates shall have the power to adopt By-Laws. These may be adopted, modified or rescinded by a simple majority of votes expressed by the principle delegates attending the General Assembly.

Changes in By-Laws take effect immediately after the General Assembly at which they are adopted.

EC recommendation:

Within the framework of these Statutes, the General Assembly of Delegates shall have the power to adopt By-Laws. These may be adopted, modified or rescinded by a simple majority of votes expressed by the principale delegates attending the General Assembly.

Changes in By-Laws take effect immediately after ~~the General Assembly at which~~ they are adopted.

EC justification:

Article 3: Allows for communicating based on current norms and for facilitating to become an ICA member.

Article 11 on voting: Allows other, more modern methods of voting beyond a physical show of hands or written voting forms.

Article 28: The EC recommends a flexible approach, open to any future technologies and voting forms, for voting by eliminating references to voting in person or by correspondence. A delegate must be present to vote which could also be remote if agreed to by the General Assembly. As stated in the remarks section below by the ICA Statutes Committee, the EC left the options more open for decision by the General Assembly and the Executive Committee, in order not to change the definition too often in relation to current practices.

Article 29: At the point where a change to a statute is accepted by the General Assembly, the change goes into effect immediately. This allows (not but forces) the ICA to respond more quickly to urgent motions and to implement decisions quickly when necessary – instead of waiting for the next General Assembly in only 4 years’ time.

Remarks by the ICA Statutes Committee:

Fully supported. With amendments to the wording. The Statutes Committee went further and proposed to specify the future organisation and participation in the General as either «virtual or in-person». The EC did not follow this proposal and suggests a more generic and less strict formulation which leaves it open for future generations to organise the General Assembly in a way which is adequate to the then existing circumstances – without changing the Statutes in this point all the time.



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Item 17 - IX

Topic / Thème: **Statutes change proposals (Executive Committee)**
Proposition de modification des status (Comité exécutif)
Rapporteur: **Thomas Schulz, Secretary-General / Secrétaire général**
Date: **12 May 2023**

The ICA Executive Committee suggests the following changes (**new or modified text is written in red**), grouped by theme.

Le comité exécutif de l'ACI propose les changements suivants (**les modifications ou nouveautés sont écrites en rouge**), regroupés par thème.

Topic IX: Election of the Executive Committee – text updates and clarifications for a better understanding of procedures

Thème IX:

Article 13. Election of the Executive Committee

Existing version:

No member nation may have more than one representative on the Executive Committee. The President, the Vice-Presidents and the Secretary General and Treasurer shall be elected by the General Assembly of Delegates and shall hold office until the end of the following General Assembly.

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.

In the event of a vacancy arising in the Executive Committee in the period between two General Assemblies, the Executive Committee, after consultation with the member nation which the person represented, will appoint a replacement from the same member nation to serve until the next General Assembly at which a new Executive Committee is elected. If a vacancy arises in the Presidency, an Acting President will be elected by the Executive

Committee. The Secretary General and Treasurer shall organise the election as soon as possible following the vacancy.

EC recommendation:

No member nation may have more than one representative on the Executive Committee. The President, the Vice-Presidents and the Secretary General and Treasurer shall be elected by the General Assembly of Delegates and shall hold office until the end of the following General Assembly.

They can be re-elected, but ~~with the following restrictions:~~

- ~~the President~~ may not serve for three consecutive terms **in the same position.**
- ~~the Vice-Presidents and the Secretary General and Treasurer may not serve for three consecutive terms.~~

In the event of a vacancy arising in the Executive Committee in the period between two General Assemblies, the Executive Committee, after consultation with the member nation which the person represented, will appoint a replacement from the same member nation to serve until the next General Assembly at which a new Executive Committee is elected. If a vacancy arises in the Presidency **or in the Position of the Secretary General and Treasurer**, an Acting President **or an Acting Secretary General and Treasurer** will be elected by the Executive Committee. The Secretary General and Treasurer **or the President** shall organise the election as soon as possible following the vacancy.

EC justification:

Wording changes are recommended to simplify the conditions of re-election and add a vacancy replacement procedure for the Secretary General and Treasurer, similar to that of President (which is currently not specified).

Remarks by the ICA Statutes Committee:

Fully supported.



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Item 17 - X

Topic / Thème: **Statutes change proposals (Executive Committee)**
Proposition de modification des status (Comité exécutif)
Rapporteur: **Thomas Schulz, Secretary-General / Secrétaire général**
Date: **12 May 2023**

The ICA Executive Committee suggests the following changes (**new or modified text is written in red**), grouped by theme.

Le comité exécutif de l'ACI propose les changements suivants (**les modifications ou nouveautés sont écrites en rouge**), regroupés par thème.

Topic X: Adapt Statutes to current procedures – documentation realised by the EC
Thème X:

Article 14. Authority of the Executive Committee

Existing version:

The Executive Committee is responsible for the general functioning of the Association and represents it wherever necessary.

A quorum of half the members of the Executive Committee, plus one, is required to validate decisions of the Committee. It prepares and organises the General Assembly of Delegates, oversees the International Cartographic Conferences and other meetings, and compiles reports on them. It may form Working Groups.

...

EC recommendation:

The Executive Committee is responsible for the general functioning of the Association and represents it wherever necessary.

A quorum of half the members of the Executive Committee, plus one, is required to validate decisions of the Committee. It prepares, ~~and~~ organises **and documents** the General Assembly of Delegates, **and it** oversees the International Cartographic Conferences and other meetings, ~~and compiles reports on them~~. It may form Working Groups.

...

EC justification:

Proposed wording adds existing responsibility of the EC and removes a task that is not a responsibility of the EC. Rather, and already a practice, organisers of the ICC and other meetings are responsible for compiling reports.

Remarks by the ICA Statutes Committee:

Fully supported.



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Item 17 - XI

Topic / Thème: **Statutes change proposals (Executive Committee)**
Proposition de modification des status (Comité exécutif)
Rapporteur: **Thomas Schulz, Secretary-General / Secrétaire général**
Date: **12 May 2023**

The ICA Executive Committee suggests the following changes (**new or modified text is written in red**), grouped by theme.

Le comité exécutif de l'ACI propose les changements suivants (**les modifications ou nouveautés sont écrites en rouge**), regroupés par thème.

Topic XI: The Domicile of ICA – proposal: Switzerland **Thème XI:**

Article 15. Domicile of the Association

Existing version:

The domicile of the Association is determined by the General Assembly.

EC recommendation:

The domicile of the Association is **Switzerland** ~~determined by the General Assembly.~~

EC justification:

Necessary clarification for ICA bank, Tax authorities and many member states. The ICA lost its banking arrangement in the Netherlands in 2020 – without pre-warning. Having the domicile, the banking function and the ICA Office in the same country is preferred and required by government laws in many countries. Without stating this clearly in the Statutes, the ICA is at risk of losing their bank account and tax status in Switzerland – without having any alternative. Currently, there is no proof of our domicile in any official document (neither in the Statutes, nor in the minutes of any General Assembly, as the GA never voted on this).

Banks, Authorities, but also an increasing number of members today demand an explicit mentioning of the location an address of the office and domicile of the Association, as for example membership payments cannot be made without these.

Remarks by the ICA Statutes Committee:

Fully supported.



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Item 17 - XII

Topic / Thème: **Statutes change proposals (Executive Committee)**
Proposition de modification des status (Comité exécutif)
Rapporteur: **Thomas Schulz, Secretary-General / Secrétaire général**
Date: **12 May 2023**

The ICA Executive Committee suggests the following changes (**new or modified text is written in red**), grouped by theme.

Le comité exécutif de l'ACI propose les changements suivants (**les modifications ou nouveautés sont écrites en rouge**), regroupés par thème.

Topic XII: The ICA Office/Secretariat – formal clarification and consistent language/wording for a better understanding of its meaning and functioning

Thème XII:

Article 16. Secretariat

Existing version:

A secretariat may be installed, either at the meeting place of the General Assembly of Delegates or at the domicile of the President or of the Secretary General and Treasurer. Such a secretariat may have paid employees, whose salaries are to be determined by the Secretary General and Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee.

EC recommendation:

Article 16. Secretariat Office

An **office secretariat** may be installed, either at the **domicile of the Association** meeting place of the General Assembly of Delegates or at the domicile of the President or of the Secretary General and Treasurer. **It reports to the Secretary General.**

Such an **office secretariat** may have paid employees, whose salaries are to be determined by the Secretary General and Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee.

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.
- ICA Scholarships.

EC 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 ~~for~~ the Secretary General and Treasurer.
- the remuneration of any paid staff in the **ICA** 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 Scholarships.

EC justification:

Article 16: Establishing an office with a location and address is a minimum requirement for increasingly complex international banking laws and company regulations which affect more and more membership payments (which can otherwise not be executed). During this last term, the ICA was in jeopardy of having no bank to conduct the fiducial responsibilities by the Secretary General and Treasurer on behalf of the ICA. With a documented domicile, an office location for the Association, that does not constantly change, and a banking arrangement in the same domicile collectively helps to assure sound arrangements to conduct the financial business of the ICA. Other Association have taken similar steps and long established offices at certain places.

Article 19: Wording changes on use of funds aligns with changes proposed for Article 16.

Remarks by the ICA Statutes Committee:

Fully supported.



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Item 17 - XIII

Topic / Thème: **Statutes change proposals (Executive Committee)**
Proposition de modification des status (Comité exécutif)
Rapporteur: **Thomas Schulz, Secretary-General / Secrétaire général**
Date: **12 May 2023**

The ICA Executive Committee suggests the following changes (**new or modified text is written in red**), grouped by theme.

Le comité exécutif de l'ACI propose les changements suivants (**les modifications ou nouveautés sont écrites en rouge**), regroupés par thème.

Topic XIII: Votes on Statutes changes – formal clarification and consistent language/wording for a better understanding of its meaning and procedures
Thème XIII:

Article 16. Changes in the statutes

Existing version:

...

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.

...

EC recommendation:

...

In order for a motion to be accepted, an absolute majority of the **voting expressed by the principal delegates attending the General Assembly** ~~member nations~~ of the Association is necessary, ~~voting in person or by correspondence.~~

...

EC justification:

Wording simplifies and better explains what is required for passage of a change to the statutes while taking into account the process of voting. No material change to existing practice and regulation.

Remarks by the ICA Statutes Committee:

Fully supported. The EC adopted the wording suggested by the Statutes Committee.



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Item 17 - XIV

Topic / Thème: **Statutes change proposals (Executive Committee)**
Proposition de modification des status (Comité exécutif)
Rapporteur: **Thomas Schulz, Secretary-General / Secrétaire général**
Date: **12 May 2023**

The ICA Executive Committee suggests the following changes (**new or modified text is written in red**), grouped by theme.

Le comité exécutif de l'ACI propose les changements suivants (**les modifications ou nouveautés sont écrites en rouge**), regroupés par thème.

Topic XIV: ICA membership categories – allow long-time members to suggest and ask the Executive Committee for a re-classification of their membership category

Thème XIV:

By-law 1

Existing version:

...

- c) Each member nation shall select the category into which it wishes to be classed. The Executive Committee may refuse a specification if the category chosen is believed to be inappropriate.

...

EC recommendation:

...

- c) Each member nation shall **propose** select the category into which it wishes to be classed **when joining the Association**. The Executive Committee may refuse a **proposal** specification if the category chosen is believed to be inappropriate. **Any member state can ask the Executive Committee to change its category, if new circumstances require.**

...

EC justification:

As circumstances change, a mechanism is needed to re-evaluate the unit category based on a request to the Executive Committee.

Remarks by the ICA Statutes Committee:

Fully supported.



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Item 17 - XV

Topic / Thème: **Statutes change proposals (Executive Committee)**
Proposition de modification des status (Comité exécutif)
Rapporteur: **Thomas Schulz, Secretary-General / Secrétaire général**
Date: **12 May 2023**

The ICA Executive Committee suggests the following changes (**new or modified text is written in red**), grouped by theme.

Le comité exécutif de l'ACI propose les changements suivants (**les modifications ou nouveautés sont écrites en rouge**), regroupés par thème.

Topic XV: ICA affiliate membership – clear table with all membership categories and consistent language/wording for a better understanding of its structure (currently not easy to understand)

Thème XV:

By-law 1

Existing version:

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- e) The subscription for Affiliate members, as defined in By-law 5(a), is set as a minimum of one subscription unit for categories (1) and (2), a minimum for two subscription units for category (3) and (4) and a minimum of ten subscription units for category (5). There is no subscription fee payable for category (6) Affiliate members.

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EC recommendation:

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- e) The subscription for Affiliate members, as defined in By-law 5(a), is set as **follows:**
- **Category 1: 1 subscription unit**
 - **Category 2: 1 subscription unit**
 - **Category 3: 2 subscription units**

- Category 4: 2 subscription units
- Category 5: 10 subscription units
- Category 6: no fee payable

~~a minimum of one subscription unit for categories (1) and (2), a minimum for two subscription units for category (3) and (4) and a minimum of ten subscription units for category (5). There is no subscription fee payable for category (6) Affiliate members.~~

The above listed subscription units represent the minimum fee for each category. Each affiliate member may pay additional subscription units if it wishes to do so.

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EC justification:

Requested by many members and potential members, this change creates clarity and allows easy reading of the membership categories for affiliate members – analogous to the outline of the categories for member states.

Remarks by the ICA Statutes Committee:

Fully supported.



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Item 17 - XVI

Topic / Thème: **Statutes change proposals (Executive Committee)**
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Rapporteur: **Thomas Schulz, Secretary-General / Secrétaire général**
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Topic XVI: ICA membership subscription units – formal clarification and consistent language/wording for a better understanding

Thème XVI:

By-law 2

Existing version:

The annual subscription is determined to be € 250 per unit until further notice.

EC recommendation:

The annual subscription is ~~determined to be € 250 per unit until further notice.~~

EC justification:

Recommended statement is definitive and clear. Necessary clarification for ICA bank and Tax authorities. Without stating this clearly in the Statutes, the ICA is at risk of losing their bank account and tax status in Switzerland (similar to other countries).

The adjustment does not lead to any material changes compare to the previous regulation and practice. The General Assembly may continue to adjust the contribution at any time when meeting.



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Item 17 - XVII

Topic / Thème: **Statutes change proposals (Executive Committee)**
Proposition de modification des status (Comité exécutif)
Rapporteur: **Thomas Schulz, Secretary-General / Secrétaire général**
Date: **12 May 2023**

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Topic XVII: Adapt Statutes to current procedures – formal clarification and consistent language/wording according to the handling of affiliate membership categories in practice
Thème XVII:

By-law 5

Existing version:

- a) For the purpose of affiliation as described in Article 3 the following categories shall apply:
- (1) (International) Educational establishments
 - (2) National cartographic or GI science societies other than the national member organisation
 - (3) National scientific organisations and technical organisations
These include academic, research or technical institutes or other scientific or technical bodies, governmental or autonomous, that are users of cartographic data and are demonstrably devoted to the discipline of cartography and GI science to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.
 - (4) Nationally operating private firms / companies
These include such organisations that are engaged in the development, production or manufacture of cartographic or allied equipment or products and are committed to supporting the interests of the discipline of cartography and GI science to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.

(5) Internationally operating private firms / companies

These include such organisations that are engaged in the development, production or manufacture of cartographic or allied equipment or products and are committed to supporting the interests of the discipline of cartography and GI science to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.

(6) UN bodies.

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EC recommendation:

a) For the purpose of affiliation as described in Article 3 the following categories shall apply:

(1) ~~(International)~~ Educational establishments

(2) National cartographic or GI science societies other than the national member organisation

(3) ~~National~~ Scientific organisations and technical organisations

These include academic, research or technical institutes or other scientific or technical bodies, governmental or autonomous, ~~that are users of cartographic data and are demonstrably devoted to the discipline of cartography and GI science to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.~~

(4) Nationally operating private firms / companies

These include such organisations that are engaged in the development, production or manufacture of cartographic or allied equipment or products ~~and are committed to supporting the interests of the discipline of cartography and GI science to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.~~

(5) Internationally operating private firms / companies

These include such organisations that are engaged in the development, production or manufacture of cartographic or allied equipment or products ~~and are committed to supporting the interests of the discipline of cartography and GI science to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.~~

(6) UN bodies.

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EC justification:

The proposed EC recommendations expand the potential number of affiliate members related to the fields of interest for the Association.

Furthermore, for better readability, it removes repeated passages that are already regulated in Article 1 and Article 3 (activities of the members).

Remarks by the ICA Statutes Committee:

Fully supported.

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Fully supported.



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Item 17 - XVIII

Topic / Thème: **Statutes change proposals (Executive Committee)**
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Rapporteur: **Thomas Schulz, Secretary-General / Secrétaire général**
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The ICA Executive Committee suggests the following changes (**new or modified text is written in red**), grouped by theme.

Le comité exécutif de l'ACI propose les changements suivants (**les modifications ou nouveautés sont écrites en rouge**), regroupés par thème.

Topic XVIII: Adapt Statutes to current circumstances – new, updated list of membership benefits

Thème XVIII:

By-law 6

Existing version:

ICA member nations and affiliates shall be entitled to the following services:

- Invitation to all ICA International Cartographic Conferences.
- Access to a list of all ICA publications.
- Free copies of National Reports presented to ICA General Assemblies.
- Access to the published collection of presented conference papers when made available.
- Training courses, from time to time, as the need is demonstrated and finance is available.
- Preferential treatment in exhibitions of ICA.
- Access and contributing to ICA News.
- Access and contributing to the ICA website.
- Full access to the full range of instruments of ICA.

Upon request, the ICA may assist in sponsoring conferences, seminars and symposia in member nations or in conjunction with affiliates. Assistance may consist of:

- a financial contribution conditional on due recognition being given to the ICA and / or

- support of a member of the Executive Committee of ICA to attend and participate in the meeting.

EC recommendation:

ICA member nations and affiliates shall be entitled to the following services:

- **Access to a unique network of professionals and institutions in Cartography, Geospatial and GI Science.**
- Invitation to all ICA International Cartographic Conferences.
- Access to ~~a list of all~~ ICA publications.
- ~~Free copies of National~~ **Access to all** Reports presented to ICA General Assemblies.
- Access to the published collection of presented conference papers when made available.
- ~~Training courses, from time to time, as the need is demonstrated and finance is available~~ **Access to educational information published by ICA.**
- ~~Preferential treatment in exhibitions of ICA~~ **Contributing to exhibitions and participating in competitions organised by ICA.**
- **Access to the ICA Scholarship programme.**
- Access and contributing to **all official ICA communication channels** ~~ICA News.~~
- ~~Access and contributing to the ICA website.~~
- ~~Full access to the full range of instruments of ICA.~~

Upon request, the ICA may **support** ~~assist in sponsoring~~ conferences, seminars and symposia in member nations or in conjunction with affiliates. ~~Assistance may consist of:~~

- ~~a financial contribution conditional on due recognition being given to the ICA and / or~~
- ~~support of a member of the Executive Committee of ICA to attend and participate in the meeting.~~

EC justification:

The proposed changes and additions are necessary to improve outreach, communication and encouragement to acquire new members. In addition, the existing benefits are adapted to current formats and offers.

Remarks by the ICA Statutes Committee:

Fully supported.