
20TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

26/3/2015

Present: Jesse Vullingsh, Esther Baar, Henriette Hoogervorst, Dante Grua

Agenda

1. Opening
Jesse opens the GA and thanks everybody for attending.
2. Sequential ordering of the agenda
There are no objections to the agenda.
3. Voting procedure
Jesse explains the voting procedure: abstaining on a ballot is counted as voting against in the vote count because it means you are against the motion as proposed, not the motion in general.
4. Policy manual changes
 - a. Board composition (4.1)
Jesse shows the proposed change to the policy manual concerning the board composition. It states as follows: ***The Board shall consist of at least three and at most seven members in accordance with Article 6.1 of the Statutes.*** Last 2 GA's a motion was passed to allow for this same change in the statutes so the policy manual is updated in accordance with those.
The results
In favor: 21
Against: 0
Abstaining: 0
Jesse
 - i. Amount of board members
As stated in the statutes, the GA determines the amount of board members in the AUCSA. Jesse explains that the workload has significantly increased over the past years and that it is no longer doable with 5 board members; changing to 7 would be too drastic of a change to make like this so the board proposed that the next AUCSA board consists of 6 members. The new position will be a CAO. The GA approves the new amount of board members.
 - b. Voting procedure (11.3.e)
Jesse shows the proposed addition to the policy manual concerning voting during board meetings. It states as follows: ***In the event that a board voting results in a tie, because there is an even number of board members, the issue will be put to a second vote in the next meeting. In case the second vote also results in a tie, a GA will be called for and the GA will decide on the issue.*** He further explains that the extra time will hopefully give the board members a chance to change their mind/gain new insight into the situation, and that for an issue to go to a GA this will have to be controversial enough that it should have gone there anyway.

The results

In favor: 18

Against: 1

Abstaining: 4

c. Elections procedure (6.6 and 7.6)

- i. The first change is regarding the interviews conducted during the elections timeline. The change in article 6.6 is as follows: *After receiving the application, the Election Committee should notify the applicant. Following this written application, the Election Committee will conduct interviews with all candidates that applied in order to make a well-informed and fair decision about the proposed board.*

Q1: Lia: Why did you make this change?

A1: Jesse points out that the board felt that there was room for improvement in the elections procedure and that an interview is a very important part where the candidates can be evaluated and assessed.

The results

In favor: 23

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

- ii. The second change concerns the advice the elections committee gives during the elections GA. Jesse points out that in the past this didn't have to be motivated and so lost some of its purpose, that is, to give well-informed and useful advice regarding the proposed board. Therefore, the change in article 7.6 is as follows: *The Proposal of the Election Committee will be made public during the GA, after the speeches of the candidates. The Elections Committee will motivate their reasons for proposing this particular board composition based primarily on, but not limited to, board dynamic and individual qualities.*

The results

In favor: 23

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

5. AOBs

6. Closing

Jesse closes the agenda and thanks everybody for attending.

Proxies

Esther Baar – Jan Willem Bruggeman, Francesca Brennan