

For the attention of all IPA members
Amendments submitted regarding proposition for constitutional change

The following amendments to the proposition to approve the adoption of the draft IPA Constitution have been received

The amendments relate to the 'DRAFT Revised Constitution 2010'

Proposer: Manne af Klintberg, Chair IPA Sweden

Seconder: Nic Nilsson, Secretary IPA Sweden

Received: 24 May 2010

All paid up IPA members, except benefactor members, are entitled to vote.
Please see voting instructions below.

Background:

IPA SWEDEN sees some serious problems arising from the DRAFT revised constitution 2010

Problem 1. The Draft revised constitution will create two power centres – the Council , operating independently and without presence of the Board and being responsible for Policy and Finance (including Membership subscriptions) - the Board with duty to carry out the decisions of the Council in detail..

Problem 2. The proposal that the Council should be convened by the Second Vice-President (clause 14) diminishes the importance of Council.. Only the President should convene the Council. Otherwise the Council will have to elect its chair person , who in fact would have more power than the President of the Board.

Problem 3. The proposal regarding the right to vote in Council (Clause 9. National representation) diminishes the power and rights of the representatives of the branches. Why should representatives of a group of members who are not able to form a branch have that right? This right should be abolished

A new constitution should look forward to the way we want IPA to develop?

IPA SWEDEN would like IPA to become a world wide association with members in most countries.

IPA should work to form National branches in as many countries as possible. The real work of IPA has to be done in the different countries by these branches. Council has to facilitate the national work by branches exchanging ideas and information in Council and cooperating to increase the number of branches and so to pave the way at international level

The Council of representatives will represent the members more closely than a Board elected only once every three years by the congress.

Proposed amendments

Relevant text of the 'DRAFT Revised Constitution 2010'	Proposed changes of the 'DRAFT Revised Constitution 2010'	Do you approve this amendment? (Please delete as appropriate)
<p>14. The Council of Representatives (the Council) (a) The Council of Representatives shall be composed of the National Representatives (see Clause 9 a (v) and 9 b (ii)) and the Second Vice-President who shall convene the Council. (b) The Council of Representatives shall meet in person at the Triennial Conference. (c) Other meetings shall be convened as necessary in person or by using other means. (d) All members of the Council shall have one vote.</p>	<p>14. The Council of Representatives (Council) (a) The Council shall be composed of the National Representatives (clause 9 a(v) and the Executive Board (clause 12)</p>	<p>Yes No</p>
	<p>(b) The Council shall meet in person at least once a year</p>	<p>Yes No</p>
	<p>(c) as it stands</p>	<p style="background-color: #cccccc;"></p>
	<p>(d) Each member of the Council shall have one vote</p>	<p>Yes No</p>
<p>11. Management The Association shall be managed by an international Board of Directors and Council of Representatives. The Board will be elected by members of the Association and accountable to them for the good governance of the Association. In addition to the responsibilities and authority set out in Clause 13, its members shall be deemed to have delegated to it such general responsibilities and authority as may be necessary to implement the</p>	<p>11. Management. The Association shall be managed by a Council of Representatives and its Executive Board. The Executive Board will be elected by members of the Association at the General Meeting and accountable to them for the good governance of the Association.</p>	<p>Yes No</p>

<p>purpose and objective of the Association set out in Clause 2 and Clause 4, and to promote and manage its affairs. The Council shall be composed of the National Representatives and the Second Vice-President.</p>		
<p>12. The Board of Directors (a) The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Association. (b) The Officers, namely President, Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Officer, Communications Officer and Development Officer, shall be elected on a poll of the members of the Association and the results of the poll shall be declared at the General Meeting. (c) The elected officers shall hold office until the next General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election. (d) The Board shall meet at least once per year in person. (e) Other meetings shall be convened in person or by using other means. (f) The duties of the Board shall be: (i) to promote the purpose and objectives of the Association; (ii) to maintain a headquarters and an up-to-date register of members; (iii) to work in conjunction with the Council. (g) The Board shall be responsible to the Association.</p>	<p>12. The Executive Board (former The Board of Directors) (b)shall be elected at the General Meeting from nominations presented by the Council</p>	<p>Yes No</p>

<p>16. General Meetings</p> <p>(a) The Association shall hold a General Meeting every three years.</p> <p>(b) The business of the General Meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the Standing Orders.</p> <p>(c) The business of the General Meeting shall be:</p> <p>(i) To receive apologies for absence, approve the minutes of the previous meeting and deal with any matters arising.</p> <p>(ii) To receive and adopt reports and financial statements from the President and Officers of the Association for the period since the last General Meeting.</p> <p>(iii) To receive the results of the election for the Board of Directors.</p> <p>(iv) To appoint as Honorary Members for Life, persons who have made an outstanding contribution to the work of the Association.</p> <p>(v) To appoint a committee of five members of the Association to invite and receive nominations for election of the Officers of the Association and to arrange the polls.</p> <p>(vi) To decide on any proposition or motion that may be submitted etc</p>	<p>16. General Meetings</p> <p>(a) The Association shall hold a General Meeting every three years</p> <p>(b) - (c)</p> <p>(i)-(ii)</p>	
	<p>(iii) To elect the Officers of the Council (Executive Board) from nominations presented by the Council and following the procedures agreed by Council.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p>
	<p>(iv) as it stands</p>	
	<p>(v) abolished</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p>
	<p>(vi) – (ix) as it stands</p>	
	<p>And to make the final necessary adjustments to the Constitution and Standing Orders to reflect any amendment approved above</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p>

Proposer: Manne af Klintberg, Chair IPA Sweden

Seconded: Nic Nilsson, Secretary IPA Sweden

Received: 24 May 2010
Members can vote in person at the
IPA Special General Meeting
16.00 on 30th September 2010
Värmlands Museum, Karlstad, Sweden

Postal Voting: for members NOT attending in person, nor submitting proxy
votes

Deadline for Votes to be received by the IPA Secretary:
17 September 2010

Please use the table above to clearly indicate whether you approve or do not approve of each amendment i.e. clearly delete YES or NO

The table above must be accompanied by this page fully completed.

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Print full name.....

Signature.....

Category of IPA membership (Individual or Group).....

Name/title of the Group.....

Your Official Position/Authorising Person in the Group

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Your own or your Group's address.....

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e-mail:

Date:

Notes

1. The original proposition and accompanying information can be found on the website www.ipaworld.org .
2. You or your organisation must be registered as a paid-up member of IPA to be entitled to vote.
3. If you are voting on behalf of a Group membership you must be officially authorised to act on behalf of that Group.
4. Group membership votes can be used only once – either by post, or by proxy, or in person at the SGM.
5. If you require any further information or guidance on voting please contact the IPA Secretary (see below)

Send completed and signed forms to arrive by 17th of September 2010 to:
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