



Proposal of Amendments to the Constitution

1) **Amendment to clarify the term of accounting between General Assemblies**

7.3. Actual

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Every time it meets, the General Assembly shall ratify the “mission budget”, in which the financial statements of the solar years between one General Assembly and the next are merged.

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Every time it meets, the General Assembly shall ratify the accounts for the period between one General Assembly and the next against the mission budget set at the previous General Assembly.

2) **Amendment to clarify the date of the payment of the member fees before the congress**

Article 7.4 - Actual

Membership fees, which are determined by the General Assembly, are due on 1st January of each year and must be sent to the Treasurer. Members more than six (6) months in arrears lose the right to vote in the General Assembly.

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3) **Amendment to clarify the replacement of the EC members absent permanently or temporarily (and to give equal opportunities to the networks)**

Actual

10.1.4 Any member who cannot attend a meeting of the Executive Committee can be replaced only by a permanent deputy nominated by his or her centre for the duration of his or her term of office. The Secretary General must be notified of the deputy’s name as soon as possible after the General Assembly.

10.3.2 Each member of the Executive Committee possesses one vote, which he or she may use in person, unless delegated to his or her permanent deputy.

Proposed

10.1.4 Any member who cannot attend a meeting of the Executive Committee can be replaced only by a permanent deputy nominated by his or her centre **or network** for the duration of his or her term of office. The Secretary General must be notified of the deputy's name as soon as possible after the General Assembly. **This permanent deputy is able to exercise a proxy vote on behalf of the existing Executive Committee member for the duration of the meeting, in order to let him or her participate fully.**

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4) Amendment to clarify the voting by proxy

Rationale: The actual article is not clear and in order to not be misunderstood, it is better to clarify if **a Centre can give the proxy to a Network (or vice versa).**

Actual

9.2.2 Voting by proxy is permitted, and the proxy must be given in writing.

- o A centre or network wishing to transfer its proxy must do so in writing.
- o A delegation from a national centre or a network can hold proxy for only one other national centre or network.
- o A national centre or network with full membership can hold proxy for any full or corresponding member.
- o A national centre or network with corresponding membership can hold proxy only for a national centre or network with corresponding membership.

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- o A delegation from a national centre or a network can hold proxy for only one other member (whether national centre or network).**
- o A full member (whether national centre or network) can hold proxy for any full or corresponding member (whether national centre or network).**
- o A corresponding member (whether national centre or network) can hold proxy only for another corresponding member (whether national centre or network).**

5) Amendment to standardise the use of the term ASSITEJ Artistic Gathering throughout the Constitution

Actual

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AND Actual

9.6.1 All bids for hosting Global Gatherings and World Congresses should be presented to the Secretary General three (3) months prior to the next General Assembly, for assessment by the Executive Committee. The Secretary General will receive bids for up to and including the next four (4) year period to ensure that there will be

sufficient time for preparation of the Meeting/Gathering in the year following the next World Congress.

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AND Actual

9.6.2 If no applications for the 4th year are received and voted upon by the General Assembly at the World Congress, the Executive Committee reserves the right to call for early applications one year prior to the World Congress which will be selected by the General Assembly through a special meeting using online voting or video conferencing. Should a Quorum for this meeting not be achieved, then the General Assembly gives the right to the Executive Committee to decide on the host for this Global Gathering.

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And Actual

10.3.8 The Executive Committee will give guidance to parties submitting bids for Gatherings/the World Congress, in order to give them the opportunity to strengthen their bids prior to the next General Assembly. The Executive Committee has the right to not take into consideration any proposals which do not meet the requirements described in the bid document.

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AND Definitions:

An ASSITEJ International Meeting/Artistic Gathering is an international event where the Executive Committee is present and where all members of ASSITEJ are invited to attend, on a non-compulsory basis. It is primarily an artistic meeting of the organisation and occurs between World Congresses - Art. 9.3.2

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6) Amendment to clarify the co-option of members to the Executive Committee, the appointment of Counsellors and the role of permanent deputies

10.1.3 Actual

The Executive Committee has the right to co-opt persons as members of the Executive Committee. The Executive

Committee also has the right to appoint Counsellors for the period of its mandate, who may attend, without voting rights, meetings of the Executive Committee during their time in office.

Proposed

10.1.3 The Executive Committee has the right to co-opt persons as members of the Executive Committee. These persons will have full voting rights.

10.1.4 The Executive Committee also has the right to appoint Counsellors for the period of its mandate, who may attend, without voting rights, meetings of the Executive Committee during their time in office. Counsellors may come from a country already represented on the Executive Committee.

Renumbering

10.1.4 becomes 10.1.5

7) Amendment to clarify the auditing of the accounting

Actual

10.3.12 The Executive Committee is entitled to request an external Audit of the accountings of the Association should this be required.

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10.3.12 The Executive Committee is required to audit the accountings of the Association. This can take place through an Internal audit from a recognized member of the Association. The Executive Committee is also entitled to request an external Audit of the accountings of the Association should this be required.

8) Additions to Article 12 – Languages

Additional clauses

12.3 If the seat of the association is held in a country where English is not the language of communication, all essential official documentation will be translated into the language of the seat, as required by the laws of that country.

12.4 The Association will make every effort to be inclusive of non-English speakers in all communication and activities, wherever possible.

9) Amendment to guarantee to the networks the same opportunity to stand for election as to the National Centres:

Rationale: At present if a network member is proposed to stand for the EC, they are not able to stand if they come from the country of a national centre, which is proposing a candidate. This puts network members at a disadvantage.

- They have to propose a candidate from a country, which will not put up a national centre candidate.
- They don't know before the due date for candidate proposals, which countries are putting forward candidates, and they are therefore having to scramble to find someone else, who may not necessarily be the best candidate for the job.
- Having a network representative on the Executive Committee is an advantage to understanding the networks and to ensuring their involvement in the organisation.
- At the same time we want to ensure geographical and linguistic representation and want to avoid any domination by a single country or region.
- In our proposal we try to give the networks equal opportunity while also ensuring that voting members of the General Assembly are not *obliged* to vote for a network member, and may give all of their votes to

national centre candidates, according to which persons they consider to be the most appropriate candidates for election.

The EC thus proposes the following changes to the constitution to deal with this issue:

Article 9.8.4 - Actual

The General Assembly shall elect the members of the Executive Committee as representatives of centres or networks with full membership. A centre or network with full membership may have only one representative on the Executive Committee. Where a centre and a network nominate candidates from the same country, the candidate of the national centre takes preference and may stand for election. Each full member, on its own behalf, should send to the Secretary General, in writing, the name of its candidate three months before the date of the meeting of the General Assembly in order to circulate nominations to the members of ASSITEJ.

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Additional clauses - Proposed

9.8.5 Each elected Executive Committee member must come from a different country, with the exception of two members only, provided that one has been proposed by a national centre and one by a network.

9.8.6 In this case two candidates from the same country may be admitted, provided that both make the minimum number of votes (50% of the voting members).

9.8.7. The number of network positions in the Executive Committee cannot exceed the number calculated as a proportional number of network members voting as opposed to national centre members voting.

Renumbering:

9.8.5 will become 9.8.8

9.8.6 will become 9.8.9