

# SCIRA Proposal Form

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**Summary:** Addition of the Northwestern Hemisphere & Asia General Secretary to the voting members of the board.

**Affects:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Constitution | <input type="checkbox"/> | By-Laws          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Class Rules        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Deed of Gift | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rules of Conduct | <input type="checkbox"/> | NoR or SI Template |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Other        |                          |                  |                          |                    |

**Objective:** Equal and proportionate representation of all countries who are a part of SCIRA

**Proposal** (include current & proposed changed wording- changes to be shown in red): *Example: By Laws: Section 1. Racing Season*  
*The official ~~raeing~~ sailing season of this Association shall extend for the full twelve months of the year starting on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on December 31<sup>st</sup>.*

**I hereby propose this change to the constitution:**

Section 23. Board of Governors 23.1 Voting Members: The Association shall be governed in all matters except as provided herein by a Board of Governors comprised of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Chairman of the Technical Committee, the General Secretary for Europe and the General Secretary for the **South Western Hemisphere & Asia, North Western Hemisphere & Asia** the Secretary and Treasurer. All shall be voting members of the Association's Board of Governors and all elected officers of the Association shall be Senior Members of the Class.

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<sup>1</sup> Proposals can be made by the Board, Technical Committee, National Secretaries or 5 fleet captains up to 1<sup>st</sup> March.

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## **Reasons:**

Japan and the United States are two of the largest Snipe Classes in the world and have zero representation on the SCIRA International Board. Further, the current General Secretary of the Western Hemisphere and Asia has failed to uphold their duties for the following reasons:

1. We had not met as a National Secretary group officially for over 2 years to discuss upcoming votes and class issues until January 2024.
2. The current WHA General Secretary has failed to solicit bids for our major regattas in a timely manner (e.g., we still do not have a bid for the 2025 WHA championship) due to the limited communication and coordination from the current WHA General Secretary

Further, Japan and US votes are outnumbered by South American (SA) countries, any opposition to the current WHA General Secretary is outweighed by the number of SA National Secretary votes, which is disproportionate to the number of members in Japan, the US, and the respective SA countries.

The above facts in combination with a current WHA General Secretary who has a history of no communication with the National Secretaries, which they claim to represent, leads to a gross underrepresentation of Japan and US interests on the SCIRA international board. The SCIRA Int. Class should be represented by a balanced mix of views, opinions, and diverse individuals who represent our Class across the globe, not just driven by regional interests.