

SCIRA Proposal Form

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Summary: Wording changes to Constitution - Sections 24 and 25

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: To make the text more consistent

Proposal

Section 24. *General Secretaries*

Current

The General Secretaries designated in Section 23 shall be elected every two years to take office on even numbered years at a meeting of National Secretaries called by the outgoing General Secretary either in presence or online. The chairman of these meetings shall be the current Hemisphere General Secretary, or if he/she is not present, the National Secretary by him designated. Designated representatives may represent Secretaries not present from their countries who may vote for them but otherwise, proxy voting shall not be allowed.

Amend to

The General Secretaries designated in Section 23 shall be elected ~~every two years to take office on even numbered years~~ at a meeting of National Secretaries called by the outgoing General Secretary either in presence or online. The chairman of these meetings shall be the current Hemisphere General Secretary, or if he/she is not present, the National Secretary **by him/her** designated. Designated representatives may represent Secretaries not present from their countries who may vote for them but otherwise, proxy voting shall not be allowed.

Reasons: Date and term have been moved to Section 25

Section 25. *Election of Officers*

Current

The Board of Governors shall have the sole power to nominate and elect the Officers of the Association for the ensuing term, such election to take place as soon as feasible after the general meeting held according to Section 23.3.

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

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By August first of each year, the Commodore shall appoint a Nominating Committee for the nomination of members for office. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, or the Executive Director, shall promptly notify each voting member of the Board of Governors of said appointments and shall call for nominations to be received by October first. Nominations of the Nominating Committee may be supplemented by nominations by any member of the Board of Governors. If more than one name is placed in nomination for a given position, all names shall be shown on the ballot. The Executive Director shall mail, fax or e-mail ballots to each voting member by November first. They shall be completed and returned to the Executive Director by December first. Officers shall be elected as follows or until their successors are duly elected. Commodore will be elected for a 2-year term and cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms. Vice Commodore will be elected for a 2-year term and cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms. Chairman of the International Rules Committee will serve a 4-year term and cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms. The Treasurer will serve a 4-year term, re-electable only once consecutively. The General Secretaries shall be elected every two years to take office on even-numbered years as of January 1st.

Amend to

Section 25. Election of *Board Officers and voting members*

The Board of Governors shall have the sole power to nominate and elect the Officers **and the Board Members** of the Association for the ensuing term, such election to take place ~~as soon as feasible~~ **by December 1st** after the general meeting held according to Section 23.3.

By August first of each year, the Commodore shall appoint a Nominating Committee for the nomination of members for office. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, or the Executive Director, shall promptly notify each voting member of the Board of Governors of said appointments and shall call for nominations to be received by October first. Nominations of the Nominating Committee may be supplemented by nominations by any member of the Board of Governors. If more than one name is placed in nomination for a given position, all names shall be shown on the ballot. The Executive Director shall mail, fax or e-mail ballots to each voting member by November first. They shall be completed and returned to the Executive Director by **November 21st**. ~~December first.~~

Officers **and Board Members** shall be elected as follows **to take office as of January 1st** or until their successors are duly elected. Commodore will be elected for a 2-year term **to take office on odd numbered years** and cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms, Vice Commodore will be elected for a 2-year term **to take office on odd numbered years** and cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms. Chairman of the ~~International Rules~~ **Technical** Committee will serve a 4-year term **to take office on even numbered years** and cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms. The Treasurer will serve a 4-year term **to take office on odd numbered years**, re-electable only once consecutively. **The Secretary will serve 2 years to take office on odd numbered years, with the possibility to be reelected, but cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms.** The General Secretaries shall be elected **according to Section 24.** every two years to take office on even-numbered years. as of January 1st.

Reasons:

According to Section 22, Officers are limited to the Commodore, the Vice Commodore and the Executive Director. The Board also elects other Board Members.

In case the World Championship is not sailed for any reasons, the election of the Officers can take place without the risk to violate the Constitution (as happened in 2022)

The Rules Committee doesn't exist anymore

The Officers' term and office election have been better specified

The Secretary term has been moved from Section 23

According to the extended term of the Board members in 2022, the positions of Treasurer, Chairman of the TC and Chief Measurer will expire in 2025 to maintain the usual alternate election schedule:

Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer: odd numbered years

General Secretaries, Chairman of the TC and Chief Measurer: even numbered years