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1. Introduction

The Executive Committee of the Region has reviewed the Constitution and Byelaws and has identified certain Byelaws that are outdated and others that it proposes need to be changed to be better understood. Grammatical and punctuation errors have also been corrected.

2. Key Points and Proposal

Changes to Byelaws

1. B.1.10. Move the entire Byelaw to B.1.4.1. This is a change that was overlooked when the time scales for submitting papers were adjusted at the 2009 Cavtat and 2014 Varna-Albena Conferences. It brings B.1.10 (the new B1.4.1) into alignment with the Cavtat and Varna-Albena decision:

Change the words '7 months deadline' to '4 months deadline above.' B.1.4.1. will now read as follows

B.1.4.1. Such documents should reach the Secretariat not later than 4 months prior to the scheduled date of the General Conference. They may be submitted by electronic means, telefax, electronic mail or similar services, as indicated by the Secretariat.

No proposals generated after the 4 months deadline above may be accepted for the conference work, except in cases where the delay was caused by evident external circumstances and provided this proposal is of significant importance for the Amateur Service or the Amateur-Satellite Service. The Executive Committee will take the decision whether such papers will be accepted.

2. B.1.9. Delete the entire Byelaw. This byelaw was applicable before the use of computers and the internet. Byelaw B.1.8. stipulates the distribution and availability of the Conference Papers.

3. Renumber the Byelaws in B following the deletion of B.1.9. and the moving of B.1.10.

4. Table 1. Timetable for Convening a General Conference. Insert a row – 7 Application for financial assistance must have been received by the Secretariat Byelaw B.1.20.

In the sixth row of the Months Column, change the 5 to 4. All documents qualified for inclusion in the Agenda of the General Conference must have been received by the Secretariat.

In the last row of the Months column, change the 4 to 3. Publication on the IARU Region 1 web of the Conference documents and notification by e-mail to member societies that the documents are available.

5. B.7.2. Delete the entire Byelaw. With the use of the website, RSS feed and social media, there is no requirement for a separate news bulletin to member societies.

6. Table 2: add “Nomination forms and” to the middle column of table 2 on the third conference day

7. Note to Table 2. Change the byelaw from B.1.12.1. to B.1.10.1

8. Clarify the use of proxies by adding the words “at such General Conferences” to clause A 2.5

Currently there is potential confusion between A 2.5:

A.2.5 The Member Societies are entitled to appoint delegates, proxies and observers to attend IARU Region 1 Conferences and meetings of specialised bodies. Each such Member Society has one vote.

and B 4.4 which states:

B.4.4 Member Societies may appoint another Member Society, to vote by proxy on their behalf at General Conferences only.

The intent of the Constitution is clear, but the emergence of the interim meeting over the last few conference cycles has introduced scope for confusion over use of proxies. The clear intent of the interim meeting is that decisions should be interim, pending ratification at the next conference. This underscores the intent that a General Conference is supreme decision making body of the Region, and it is in that forum that proxies are intended to be used,

Grammar and punctuation

1. The word ‘Bye-Law’ and ‘Bye-Laws’ in the document be changes to ‘Byelaw’ and ‘Byelaws.’

2. A.3.1. The second sentence *‘Its venue shall be decided by the preceding General Conference.’* to be changed to read ‘The preceding General Conference shall decide its venue.’

3. A.4.1. The second sentence; remove the comma before the first ‘and.’

4. B.1.4. Change the sentence *‘Documents for the work of the General Conference may be submitted by the Member Societies, the Executive Committee, the Specialised Bodies, the Administrative Council, the International Secretariat and the other IARU Regions.’* to read ‘The Member Societies, the Executive Committee, the Specialised Bodies, the Administrative Council, the International Secretariat and the other IARU Regions may submit documents for

the work of the General Conference.'

5. B.1.4.1. Last sentence; change '*The decision whether such papers will be accepted will be taken by the Executive Committee*' to read 'The Executive Committee will take the decision whether such papers will be accepted'

6. B.2.2. First sentence; change '*Meetings of the Executive Committee are convened by the President.*' to read 'The President convenes Meetings of the Executive Committee.'

7. B.2.4. Last sentence; add a comma after the word 'tie'

8. B.2.6. Remove the comma after the word 'Office'

9. B.3.7. Change the sentence '*The work of the short-term Committees is directed by Chairmen, who are elected by the General Conference.*' to read 'The Chairmen, who are elected by the General Conference, direct the work of the short-term Committees.'

10. B.3.9. Change the sentence 'The work of the small ad-hoc groups is conducted by Chairmen appointed by the principal body.' to read 'The Chairmen appointed by the principal body conducts the work of the small ad-hoc groups.'

11. B.3.11. Change the second sentence '*Such a proposal shall be accompanied by the opinion of the Executive Committee and, if necessary, and applicable, also by opinions of other already existing specialised bodies, interested in the subject.*' to read 'Such a proposal shall be accompanied by the opinion of the Executive Committee and, if necessary and applicable, by opinions of other already existing specialised bodies, interested in the subject.'

12. B.3.12. Change the first sentence '*Terms of Reference of the permanent specialised bodies are determined by the General Conference.*' to read 'The General Conference determines the Terms of Reference of the permanent specialised bodies.'

13. B.3.18 Change the sentence '*The work of the permanent specialised working bodies is directed by their Chairmen.*' to read 'Their Chairmen direct the work of the permanent specialised working bodies.'

14. B.3.28. Change the second sentence '*Verified expenses are reimbursed by the Treasurer each year.*' to read 'The Treasurer reimburses verified expenses each year.'

15. B.4.2. Change the second sentence '*The voting shall be done only by duly authorised delegates, present in person.*' to read 'Only duly authorised delegates, present in person, shall do the voting.'

16. B.4.11 Change the phrase 'on the basis of' to read 'based on.'

B.4.11 Decisions taken at General Conferences shall be by a simple majority of votes except that decisions regarding financial matters shall require a two-thirds majority and voting for Executive Committee appointments shall be based on the numbers of votes cast for each candidate.

17. B.4.13.3. and B.5.10. Change 'roll-call' to 'roll call'.
18. B.4.14.1. Change 'whether or not' in the second sentence to 'whether'.
19. Table 2 - Timetable for the Election of the EC, fourth row Procedure column. Remove the comma before 'and' and remove the word 'also'
20. Note to Table 2. Change the word '1st' to 'first'
21. B.5.1. Change the second sentence *'The procedures of election are conducted by the Election and Ballot Committee, hereinafter called the "EBC".'* To read 'The Election and Ballot Committee, hereinafter called the "EBC", conducts the procedures of election.'
22. B.5.3.6. Remove the apostrophes in the word 'nominees.' There are two incidents.
23. B.5.5. Add a comma after the words '200th word'
24. Remove the full stop in the occurrence of (C.2), (C.3) and (C.4)

3. Recommendation

The EC recommends that these changes be accepted and that the Region 1 Secretary is mandated to change the Region 1 Constitution and Byelaws to reflect these changes and to publish the new version.