



International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 2017 General Conference – Landshut, Germany



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1. Introduction

Constitution and related changes are proposed to modernise the Region 1 General Conference

2. Background

The current Region 1 Bye-Laws has detailed clauses relating to preparation for the General Conference. However, the timescales currently associated with the various stages largely relate to before the introduction of electronic means for these, even though some were updated in 2008 [1].

Item	Months	Bye Law
Calling Notice from EC	12	B 1.1
MS declare number of participants to Secretariat	9	B1.2
Financial assistance requests	7	B1.22
Attendance forms from Secretariat	6	B1.2.1
Submission of Paper by MS	5	B1.4.1 and B1.10
Return of Final Attendance forms by MS	4	B1.2.1
Distribution of Conference documents by Secretariat	4	B1.8
Additional Distribution of Conference documents	3	B1.9
EC Elections - Candidate CVs	3	B5
Payment deadline to satisfy credentials (inc C2)	0-1	B6.7.1, 6.7.2
Proxies	0 (24 hrs)	B4.6

For submission of papers, Member Societies need their own time to prepare and approve their inputs. This means the material will have its origins dating to several months before the Conference, given that their own process has to meet the five-month submission deadline. This prevents relevant and recent developments being easily handled.

We do not see why need for Member Societies four months to fully consider papers from others

We also question whether it needs a full month or two for the Secretariat to re-distribute papers.

It is also not transparent to have very late proxies, nor efficient or disciplined to have very late payments. In these cases, firmer deadlines would be preferable

3. Key Points and Proposals

- Shorten the timescales for papers so they can be nearer to the Conference time
- Harden the deadlines for proxies, payments and financial assistance requests
- It is not clear what precedent this sets for Interim Meetings such as Vienna

4. Recommendations

Whilst subject to discussion at the Conference, we nominally propose that the Byelaws be amended on the following basis: -

Papers

- Papers submission at 3 - 4 months before (not 5)
- Paper distribution within 2 - 4 weeks (effectively 2-3 months before)

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- Membership Payments 1 - 2 months beforehand (otherwise no voting rights)
- Member Society attendance published well beforehand
- Proxies agreed 1-month beforehand (not the day before!)
- Update/clarify the equivalent for major Interim Meetings such as the Vienna

5. Footnote

- [1] At the 2008 Region 1 Cavtat Conference, Paper CT08_C3_19 addressed some timescales and was approved as recommendation *CT08_C3_Rec 03*. However, it was not fully implemented.