

Summary of Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws

Background

- The Executive Committee is empowered by the Constitution (Article VIII-8) to establish Bylaws as necessary to achieve the objectives of the ILAE subject to their not being in conflict with the Constitution and to their ratification by the General Assembly.
- In April 2020 revisions to the By-Laws were agreed by the Executive Committee and posted on the ILAE website
- However, some of the proposed revisions are dependent on the adoption of amendments to the Constitution (as discussed under agenda item 20). These are highlighted in yellow in the attached document **ITEM 20b: Proposed revisions to the By-Laws with amendments highlighted.**
- Subsequent to the April 2020 revisions, further amendments are now proposed. These are highlighted in pink with explanatory remarks and/or original text included as comments. Those proposed new amendments considered to be substantive are highlighted in blue and further discussed below.

Actions requested of Executive Committee

- Executive Committee to discuss and approve (a) all substantive changes described below (b) review the other proposed new amendments highlighted in pink in the text in Item 21b.

New proposed substantive amendments for discussion

Article II(2)H: Represent ILAE with other associations or entities as assigned by the President or Executive Committee

Proposed: To move this function to the Vice President as new Article II(4)C

Rationale: Secretary General's focus is on internal business, Vice President's role is more external

Article II(2)I: Receive, process and maintain the reports of Organizational Entities, submitting such reports to the Publication Council for review and possible submission to a ILAE Journal in line with the Publication Policy

Proposed: To replace "Receive, process and maintain the reports of Commission and Task Forces, submitting such reports to the Publication Task Force for review, with subsequent recommendation to the Executive Committee for approval for submission to Epilepsia, EpilepsiaOpen or EpilepticDisorders;" with the above text.

Rationale: To align with practice of Publications Council and revised publication policies.

Article V(G) – Sections

Rationale: New article proposed in line with previous Executive Committee meeting discussions and current practice with YES.

Proposed new text:

G. Sections

- **Role and Responsibilities:** These organizational entities will bring together professionals with similar areas of expertise or with similar career development needs. Each Section will develop its own specific terms of reference with a clear a scope of work. The terms of reference for the establishment of a Section will be approved by the Executive Committee. The activities of the Section will in compliance with the ILAE Constitution and By-Laws, bound by the Guiding Principles outlined in Strategy 2030 and contribute to the one or more of the Strategic Goals.
- **Composition and Terms:** The participants in a Section will either be professional Chapter members or Individual International Affiliates. The Chair of the Section will be appointed through a consensus process developed by the Section following consultation with the ILAE President. Liaisons to other relevant organizational entities are encouraged. A Management Committee Liaison is appointed by the ILAE President.
- **Reporting structure:** The Sections report directly to the Executive Committee.

Article IX(2): Regional Congresses or similar meetings shall be held regularly and, where possible, every two years

Proposed: Replace “Such Regional events will be in the year between two International Congresses of the ILAE, the Regional Divisions of the ILAE will organize Regional Congresses with the support of the ILAE” with above text

Rationale: Better reflect the new ways of working and scheduling

Article XI:

(4) Regional boards should coordinate local educational activities in alignment with the ILAE educational curricula (underlined proposed as an addition)

(5) Regional boards should run their congresses and other events in coordination with the Congress Council and, as needed, with support from ILAE Secretariat Ltd. (Proposed replacement of previous text: “Regional boards should run their congresses under the direction of the International Director of Meetings)

Rationale: Above text proposed to align with discussions on Congress Council and outcome of discussions during the Congress Council and Education Council agenda items on Day 1

Article XIII – Individual International Affiliation

Rationale: New Article and sub-paragraphs added in line with previous Executive Committee discussions and outcomes of working group on individual membership

New text proposed:

Article XIII

1. Individual International Affiliation is open to any professional whose work (full or part time, current or previous) is or was focused on advancing ILAE's vision of a world where no life is limited by epilepsy.
2. Affiliation dues for Individual International Affiliation are set by the Executive Committee and reviewed on an annual basis.
3. Applications to join ILAE as an Individual International Affiliate will be reviewed by the Membership Committee on a quarterly basis and submitted to the Executive Committee for endorsement.
4. Individual International Affiliation for professionals is available:
 - A. To individual professionals working or residing predominately in a country where no Chapter exists, the individual may join ILAE as an Individual International Affiliate
 - B. To individual professionals is working or residing predominately in a country where a Chapter does exist who wish to enhance their engagement with ILAE at international level. The individual must first be a member of their national Chapter before applying for additional engagement with ILAE through Individual International Affiliation. The individual must maintain in good standing their membership of their national Chapter throughout the time they also hold Individual International Affiliation.
5. The Individual International Affiliate may:
 - A. Participate and contribute to the activities of any Topic-Orientated Commission, Taskforce or Section should the individual have the necessary skills and experience in line with Article V of the By-Laws
 - B. Participate in ILAE courses and ILAE congresses at a discounted rate.
6. An Individual International Affiliate, in their capacity as an Individual International Affiliate:
 - A. Is not permitted to vote at the General Assembly.
 - B. May only attend the General Assembly as an observer during open sessions and only speak during a General Assembly if special approval is given by the Presiding Officer as per Article IX(7) of the Constitution
 - C. May not stand for an elected position on the Executive Committee solely based on Individual International Affiliation. Membership of, and support by, a Chapter is required for elected positions in accordance with the Article I of the By-Laws