

### **Substantive Amendment 5: Article IX(8)**

These proposed changes related to the need for (a) clear contingency plan that will allow a General Assembly to be held virtually in the event of global travel restrictions or force majeure (b) allow virtual attendance at a General Assemblies for participants unable to travel. These proposals were not presented previously.

**Rationale:** COVID pandemic has significantly limited ability to travel and hold large gatherings. The situation is likely to continue for some time and similar scenarios that would impact on the ability to hold an in-person meeting may occur again in the future. It therefore seems prudent to add contingency arrangements building on existing clauses. In addition, to improve membership engagement in General Assemblies, building on the experience of COVID and in line with the Goals to embrace digital transformation, allowing virtual as well as in-person attendance during face-to-face meetings would again be prudent.

#### **Key changes proposed:**

<b>Old</b>	<b>New</b>
<b>Article IX(8)- The General Assembly</b> Between regular meetings of the General Assembly, should urgent business arise requiring General Assembly action, this shall be carried out in writing, using available technology as determined by the Executive Committee. Such business must involve responses from at least fifty percent of the Chapters, and decisions would require a majority of the votes of those responding	<b>Article IX(8)- The General Assembly</b> Between regular meetings of the General Assembly should urgent business arise requiring General Assembly action or if it is not possible due to global travel restrictions or force majeure to hold a regular General Assembly in-person, discussion and decisions shall be carried out in writing or using the best available technology as determined by the Executive Committee. Quorum for such meetings will be the attendance of at least fifty percent of all Chapters in good standing. Decisions - with the exception of admission or removal of a member Chapter (Article VI), amendments to the Constitution (Article XIV) and dissolution of the ILAE (Article XV) – require a majority of the total votes cast by those Chapters in good standing.
Throughout the document replace “attending a meeting” (in reference to an official delegate being in attendance for the purposes of calculating quorum) with “in attendance”.  Define “in attendance” as “present either in person or via the best available technology as determined by the Executive Committee” <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In relation to Executive Committee it is proposed to add this definition into Article VIII(1)2</li><li>• In relation to General Assembly it is proposed to add this definition into Article IX(3)</li></ul>	