



Proposed changes to By-Laws at the AGM 2017

Current By-law 14.1i

The Chair, who shall normally be elected to a single two-year term and may, in exceptional circumstances, be nominated by the Executive Board and confirmed by an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting to serve up to an additional one year. He/she is the legal representative of GA and in case of impediment the Chair Elect shall act in his/her stead;

Proposed change

The Chair, who shall normally be elected to a single two-year term and may, in exceptional circumstances, be nominated by the Executive Board and confirmed by an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting to serve up to an additional one year. He/she is the legal representative of GA and in case of impediment the Chair Elect shall act in his/her stead. If there is no Chair Elect in any year of the Chair's term, the Immediate Past Chair shall act in his or her stead;

Rationale

This change reflects the possibility that we may not have a Chair Elect at all times, in which case the immediate Past Chair may act for the Chair.

Current By-Law 14.1.ii

The Chair Elect who shall normally be the next Chair of GA and shall be elected to a two-year term, with provision for a term extension of up to an additional one year under the exceptional circumstances noted in 14.1.i;

Proposed change.

The Chair Elect, who shall normally be the next Chair of GA, usually serves a two-year term. A one-year term is possible, in which case the Chair Elect shall be elected to a one-year term to coincide with the second year of the incumbent Chair. There is provision for a term extension of up to an additional one year under the exceptional circumstances noted in 14.1.i.. In the year when there is no Chair Elect, an additional Delegate shall be elected for one year only. There shall be no specified designation attached to this position;

Rationale

This allows for flexibility when the Chair Elect position has not been filled for the full two years preceding the Chair's term. It allows for either a one-year term or a two-year term when individuals are prepared to commit for longer stay on the board. It also provides for keeping the board at the same number of members in a year where a Chair Elect is not serving a full two-year term.



Current By-Law 14.1.iii

The Immediate Past Chair who shall be a full voting member of the Board for the duration of his/her successor's term;

Proposed change

The Immediate Past Chair who shall be a full voting member of the Board. They shall serve for a minimum of one year, immediately following their term as Chair, or for a maximum of the duration of his/her successor Chair's term;

Rationale

Allows for flexibility for the Immediate Past Chair to leave the Board after one year.

Current By-Law 14.1.viii

One Delegate-at-Large representing International, Regional and Specialty Associations who shall be elected and may be re-elected as in article 14.1.v;

Proposed Change

One Delegate-at-Large from any of the membership categories (National, International, Regional, Specialty, Academic, Research or any new categories the Annual General Meetings may agree to create)

Rationale

Allows for maximum flexibility to serve on the board.

Current By-Law 14.2.ii

Elections for all voting offices shall be conducted at Annual General Meetings from candidates nominated by National Association Members, except for the position allocated to International, Regional and Speciality Associations, and to Academic and Research Organizations, who shall be from candidates nominated by the institutions and organizations in those membership categories.

Proposed change:

Elections for all voting offices shall be conducted at Annual General Meetings from candidates nominated by National Association Members, or as specified in by-laws from any membership category except for the position allocated to Academic and Research Organizations, who shall be a candidate nominated by the institutions and organizations in those membership categories.

Rationale

Consequential to previous proposed changes and allows for maximum flexibility in recruitment for one Delegate-at-Large position.



Current By-Law 14.2.iii

For a period of three (3) years following the most recent amendment to these Bylaws, at least one (1) member of the Board shall be nominated to represent each of the following entities: Chartered Institute of Public Relations, the Public Relations Society of America and the Canadian Public Relations Society.

Proposed Change

Repeal

Rationale

No longer required. Part of the context related to the initial establishment by-laws to ensure stability with the larger associations and founding members

Renumber 14.2 iv, v, vi to iii, iv, v.