

## CONSTITUTION

### *Title IV. The Council*

#### *Article 11*

The Council shall be composed of two classes of members:

- A) *Representatives designated by the collective members of the association* in such a number as may be determined by the Executive Committee, provided that no collective member shall be entitled to more than three representatives on the Council; in case there should be two or more collective members from a country, the total number of representatives of such collective members on the Council shall not exceed three. Each collective member shall be entitled to designate alternates to represent it at any meeting of the Council.
- B) *Individual members proposed by the president and ratified by the Executive Committee.* The individual members, whose total number may not exceed 30% of the number of representatives of collective members, are selected from the following categories:
  - a) individual and associate members of the IPSA from countries or regions where there is no collective member;
  - b) chairpersons and secretaries of IPSA research committees and study groups or their representatives;
  - c) boards of editors of IPSA official publications.

The members of national associations which are more than two years in arrears with their fees are ineligible to sit on the Council unless a successful appeal is made to the Executive Committee.

#### *Article 12*

The Council shall normally meet in regular session once every three years at such time and place as may be designated by the Executive Committee.

#### *Article 13*

Half the members of the Council constitutes a quorum.

#### *Article 14*

A special session of the Council shall be convened by the Secretary General upon request of two thirds of the collective members of the Association. The Secretary General shall give reasonable notice of the date, place and object of any special session.

#### *Article 15*

The Council shall determine the policy of the Association, approve the accounts, and review the financial prospects of the Association for the succeeding three years.

#### *Article 16*

Each member of the Council shall have one vote.

#### *Article 17*

The Council shall elect the President of the association, who shall hold office until his or her successor is elected at the next regular session of the Council. Should the President die, or resign, the vacancy shall be filled by the first vice-President.

The Executive Committee nominates a candidate or candidates for presidential elections one year before the election. Other candidates may be proposed during the Council meeting.

*Article 18*

Three months before the opening of each regular session of the Council, the Secretary General shall communicate to each member of the Council the date, place, and provisional agenda of the session. The provisional agenda shall include:

- a) the report of the Secretary General on the work of the Association since the last session of the Council;
- b) the accounts of the Association for the preceding three years;
- c) a statement of the financial prospects of the Association for the succeeding three years;
- d) items proposed by the Executive Committee;
- e) items proposed by any collective member;
- f) election of the President of the Association;
- g) election of the Executive Committee for the succeeding three years.

*Article 19*

The Council, subject to the provisions of article 16, may adopt its own rules of procedure.