



**The 32nd General Assembly of the  
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## **IAPSS 32nd General Assembly Minutes May 23, 2020**

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## Attendance

1. Tobias Scholz (Chair)
2. Justin Patrick (Minute-taker)
3. Afaf Lamkoutar
4. Ahmet Kaan Ketboga
5. Ana Figueroa
6. Anthony Consalvo
7. Anthony Medina Rivas Plata
8. Artem Oliinyk (IAPSS Ukraine)
9. Aura Cristina Guerrero Olaya
10. Blidaru Madalin
11. Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski
12. Connor Clarke
13. Crystal Staebell
14. Dana Rentenaar (on behalf of Association Member SV Machiavelli)
15. Edgar Leandro
16. EK Finlay
17. Freddy Alpalá Cuesta
18. Funmilola Olorunfemi
19. Giulia Zampedri
20. Herbert Emmanuel Mba Aki Nze
21. J. Marcos Peña
22. Jintao Zhu
23. Joaquim Botelho
24. Julia Jakus
25. Kateryna Karunska
26. Max Steuer
27. Maxwell Ajuoga
28. Melis Kirtilli
29. Michael Gyekye
30. Mihai Chihai
31. Miles Kitts
32. Mitchell McIntosh
33. Omogbolahan Bello
34. Oscar Nazario Rocca
35. Oleksii Tkachenko (IAPSS Ukraine)
36. Oleksii Zahreba
37. Paola Navarro Villa
38. Politistes Sorbonne (Association Member)
39. Pooja Lama
40. Ranim-Madina Al-Haj-Mohamed
41. Riccardo Tadei
42. Rolf Nijmeijer
43. Rory Mondshein
44. Rose Smith
45. Rutaba Tariq

46. Shaeleigh Severino
47. Thomas N. Singbeh
48. Tolbert Ncube
49. Tomoki Matsuno
50. Zachry B. Foss-Gonzalez

*Note: The General Assembly took place from May 23, 2020 at 19:26 CEST to May 26 2020 at 2:00 CEST. The first approximately 6.5 hours were for discussions and the rest of the time was for voting. When non-procedural votes in these minutes are indicated to have passed, this means that they passed only after the voting period had elapsed on May 26, 2020.*

## **Agenda**

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  - m. IAPSS Oceania Chair
  - n. IAPSS US and Canada Chair
- 10. Other Business

## 11. Adjournment

### Minutes

#### 1. Call to order

Tobias Scholz calls the meeting to order at around 19:26 CEST and gives a brief welcome.

#### 2. Approval of the Agenda and General Assembly Board

Tobias Scholz proposes himself as the chair and Justin Patrick as the minute taker. Together, these two would form the General Assembly Board if approved. He invites those present to offer proposals to change the General Assembly agenda. There are none, so he invites a motion to approve the General Assembly Board and agenda.

The motion to approve is moved by Joaquim Botelho and seconded by Maxwel Ajuoga.

The motion passes.

Tobias states that there is representation from most if not all inhabited continents. He invites questions. He is glad that IAPSS has become a robust democratic institution and it is good that we can celebrate coming together in this time to practice our institutional democracy. Let's learn from each other, and respect each other. Some of the procedures and complicated nitty gritty shall be covered next. We will have elections via the votes on the webpage of the GA, so we will need to update the page every time there is a new vote. This may take a minute, so he hopes you are patient with him Justin. We are acting on Robert's Rules of Order. One aspect of this we just employed, since for everything you want to have mentioned, you can put forward a motion and you need someone to second it. The easiest way to do this is to use the chat function. He cannot see everyone's screen, so please mention it directly in the chat and mention your name because some of you are not using your full names so it will be easier for the minute taker. Another point is when we are moving into a bit more active discussion, IAPSS never had regulations in the past on how discussions in GAs go, realizing that we now have people from all continents represented, so it might be beneficial to not always go in the strict line of people who raise their hand but also look at a certain balance in terms of regions, which does not imply that there will be strict rules applied but in case there are people from Europe raising their hands and then people Asia, he might see if we can bring diversity into the discussion at an earlier stage and shift the contributions a bit. You also have the right to make a motion to get rid of the chair and the minutes taker; all of this is possible through motions and votes and there are a pool of tools for everyone to interact with each other. In case you know anyone who still has problems joining, just have them contact Justin who is your point of contact for any technical issues. It should also be pointed out that we want to be as least discriminatory as possible for people in different timezones, so for procedural votes, they will be closed at this general assembly, while for the other ones we will have 48 hours for motions and elections, so those in Australia whose time is 1-4am right now can vote when they wake up. Then all members will be informed by email the day after the 48 hours on the results. At the moment we have

limited access to the voting platform, so just the GA board and the website coordinator have access. We will have a report of the votes cast and will send it to the advisory board and they will confirm that we have carried it out correctly. They have to monitor to ensure we did the procedure correctly. These are some of the specific rules that need to be pointed out before we start. You have the opportunity throughout this meeting to raise points of order and information and can therefore intervene for any point we are discussing. Please note that anything that is pointing to the content to the advisory board or human resources committee, should be contacted in the instance of any discriminatory processes because those bodies are designed for this purpose.

Justin adds that the General Assembly web page has details about the General Assembly procedures.

Tobias asks everyone to have a roundtable to introduce themselves.

Everyone present takes turns speaking words of introduction.

### **3. Approval of the minutes of the December 28, 2019 Online General Assembly**

The motion to approve the minutes is moved by Justin and seconded by Caroline.

There is no discussion.

The motion passes.

### **4. Report of the IAPSS President (needs a vote to approve)**

Tobias outlines that this report is designed to provide transparency to illustrate what the Executive Committee has been doing over the course of the year. Tobias invited other executive members to add sections to the report and provide a more holistic approach discussing the different things we have implemented and recommendations for the future. The treasurer will be reporting in the next agenda point. We also have sections for the delegations committee and the human resources committee. We will have everyone within the executive committee briefly talk for a maximum of three minutes on their respective portfolios. While you were all having the chance to read the annual report, the regionalization strategy that started as a Google Document three years ago with the idea of transforming this very eurocentric organization was intended to be developed into a more federal structure that allows more checks and balances and autonomy in different pockets that cater to unique needs of political science students in specific regions. We have had a huge institutional push towards regionalization. We started in the beginning of the mandate with half the volunteers and regulations we have now. Now we are at a point where we are expanding very fast but we need to consolidate these structures and this impetus on ideas that has been an interesting but challenging experience for him and for his colleagues. The specific points you can read in here. He gives the floor to the other executive members and invites those present to ask questions.



Justin reports that the IAPSS Secretariat oversees the internal communication processes of IAPSS, including the website, internal emails, Slack, and other things, as well as policy stuff and General Assemblies like this one and the IAPSS Legal Framework. There is also a degree of advocacy that he helped to introduce. Over the course of the year, our team was able to solve over a hundred IT requests from IAPSS volunteers and we renewed partnerships with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Informal Forum of International Student Organisations (IFISO). We were able to onboard a lot of the regional team members and grow the IAPSS community. Those present can read about the details in the Secretariat section of the report.

Rose reports that there has been substantial growth in the regionalization process. She synced the ambassador program with the regionalization program and interviewed some of the first regional chairs of the association. She chaired the first Council of Regions meeting and identified the importance of having a regional affairs representative within the executive committee and she is proud to be the first Vice President for Regional Affairs. The Regional Affairs Department built, developed, and studied the system of regional chairs and recruited regional team members, some of whom she is happy to see at the current GA. Effort was also placed on fostering good relations between regional and global branches of the organization. Some regional chairs have also joined the by-weekly executive meetings. Some regions have begun drafting plans for events and projects, and the Regional Affairs Department provided feedback and guidance on these. As the Regional Affairs Department is in its first year, continuity is crucial. More specific information is available in the report.

Melis reports that over the past mandate, the Academic Department focused on improving IAPSS publications, creating new Student Research Committees, implementing the Federica Center partnership project, selecting paper presenters for the IAPSS Regional Conference in Sweden and the IAPSS World Congress, as well as choosing abstracts for IAPSS delegations to events of IPSA, ISA, and ECPR. Feedback was gathered from *Politikon* authors through an author satisfaction survey. She has only held the position since March 2020, since then, her tasks involved recruiting a new editor in chief for the A Different View blog and formulating its guidelines and authors, recruiting a new editor in chief for the ELA journal, and working with SRC coordinators to open new calls for applications, and creating a new SRC on political economy and international development, which she hopes members will be interested in.

Paola reports that the PR department made some internal and external changes. We expanded our platforms and reach as we sought to build bridges between our organization and students around the world. The department focused on making the association more accessible to everyone by establishing more platforms on different mediums.

Tobias states that Jennifer, the Vice President for Programs, was not able to be present. Her report and the committee reports are included in the President's report. He invites questions. Then we will vote to approve the report, which is not to say it is good but to say it was approved by the GA.

The motion to approve the report is moved by Justin and seconded by Max.

The motion passes.

## **5. Report of the IAPSS Treasurer (needs a vote to approve)**

### **a. Financial Statement 2019**

### **b. Draft Budget 2020-2021**

Tobias states that the treasurer is not present. Tobias suggests moving directly into voting. The financial statement closes the past year's budget and the draft budget 2020-2021 is the first allocation of the money to be spent in the next mandate. It is a legal requirement that we approve each of these documents. If we have to talk about money for the 2019 year and not 2020, we previously changed our Legal Framework to shift our fiscal year to the same as the association year so June 1 to May 31 because before it was January to December. This did not make sense to IAPSS as a democratic organization, so to make things easier we made the fiscal year and the association year the same.

The motion to approve the report is moved by Rory and seconded by Funmi.

The motion passes.

## **6. Report of the IAPSS Advisory Board (needs a vote to approve)**

Mihai explains that every year, the Advisory Board prepares a report on the finances and recommendations to the executive committee on how to improve the organization. The Advisory Board recognizes the work carried out by all members to the board. He has been in IAPSS since 2015 and it is good to see more volunteers on the board, as well as new partnerships and further developing existing ones. The transitions have been smooth. On the financial management side, they received the reports very timely. There is a bit of underperformance in the number of events, which is understandable. We need to invest in events when things get back to normal. Fundraising remains a challenge. We noticed a few high costs in the website and legal fees. It is important to explain to these members why these fees are higher. He commends the Federica Center project, which has been running well in this mandate. He noted a low net surplus, so he suggests moving more into the back up savings account. It is important for a plan to restart activities and a contingency plan to increase revenue in the next mandate. He recommends a strengthened consulting role for the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board should be notified on significant expenses above 500 Euros and consulted on expenses over 1000 Euros. He recommends regular consultations between the Advisory Board and the executive committee. Right now the Advisory Board is dealing with a case of expulsion. This is an ongoing process and there will be a report ready soon.

Joaquim adds that it is important to note that there has been a decline in the finances due to the membership crisis. Maybe we should strengthen digital membership by reviewing our rates and seeing if we can enlarge our base. They also caution that as this is an international association, it is important to be aware that not everyone is experiencing the pandemic in the same way. We should try to further develop digital membership and proceed with local

in-person engagement. He commends Tobias and the current executive committee. The last few months have not been easy and they have been able to steer the association in a good manner.

The motion to approve the report is moved by Rory and seconded by Zach.

Mihai asks Tobias if Advisory Board members should vote on this.

Tobias replies that as members, they can vote, but it is up to their discretion to abstain.

The motion passes.

## **7. Reports from the Regions**

Giulia, the IAPSS Europe Chair, states that the regional conference in Stockholm was organized successfully during this mandate. We have two projects, the organization of the next regional conference and a webinar. As partnerships, we had few attempts but they did not work out well and fundraising is ongoing. She hopes there will be improvements next year.

Funmi, the IAPSS Africa Chair, expresses that they have two major projects. One is in collaboration with one of the Student Research Committees to establish an IAPSS Africa blog. Another initiative is a planned event on Pan-Africanism and COVID-19. They have begun reaching out to organizations to collaborate and be speakers. The planned date is mid-June. Justin has been sending her CVs of people who have been applying to regional positions, so there will be a couple interviews set up in the near future.

Mitchell, the IAPSS Oceania Chair, states that while they had to cancel an event due to coronavirus, they were able to have a productive year and have an online event on insecurity in the Pacific. It was the first event of the region and it went well. They have multiple events planned throughout the year including on women in political science, China and the South China Sea, and the Solomon Islands and Australia's relationship. They have been trying to expand their membership base and have been collecting short posts about their team members' experiences. They have been doing book recommendations for those who may be in isolation. One podcast has been produced and the second one is on its way. They are in the process of creating a blog, which is planned to be completed within the next month. Beyond this, they have been moving towards incorporating and after this GA we hope to move towards this more firmly and to establish a bank account and establish more contact with small island nation states. We would like to offer deals on membership. We have established dialogues with organizations like the UN Youth of New Zealand and organizations in Australia, New Zealand in the South Pacific, and various students in universities in those areas. We have expanded the team to bring on new country coordinators and meetings have increased in frequency.

Rutaba, the IAPSS Asia Chair, reports that her team has been working on the seminar series that was halted due to the pandemic. The plan was to have events in Nepal, Pakistan,

India, and Indonesia. They are hoping they can resume things after the pandemic subsides, but now they are moving forward with a three part e-series, including one on the 31st of May, which is open to members of IAPSS and IPSA. We will have two more episodes in the coming months. They have been recruiting more country coordinators. With this new diversity on the team, they have been developing a strategy paper for the countries to streamline a strategy and set the structures for the upcoming mandate. The focus will involve developing plans for events. They examined problems they currently face. One is the legality; they want to incorporate it as a non-profit organization to be able to apply for funds and grants, but there has been a problem as well for people from Asia being able to pay for products on the website because it does not accept their online payment methods. So they are looking for other means to diversify the payment methods. They are working on applying for a grant for the National Endowment for Democracy and making their social media more active.

J. Marcos, the IAPSS Latin America and the Caribbean Chair, reports that they have been working with some student associations in Mexico, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic to establish more formal operational links between them and IAPSS. Their Regional Leadership Committee is not yet completed and right now is just him and the outreach coordinator for Peru. We have been planning some projects for student associations, including seminars and conferences.

Tobias reminds everyone that the chat function in Google Meet is primarily for points of order and information. He states that since the regional reports do not have to be approved, the General Assembly can move to the next item on the agenda.

There is general agreement to have a five minute break before starting with the motions.

## **8. Legal Framework Amendments and Motions**

Tobias outlines that votes will be opened individually on these motions and they will be open for 48 hours.

### **a. Motion 1: Addition of Advocacy Framework**

The motion is moved by Justin and seconded by Rose.

Justin iterates that this motion is the addition of an advocacy framework to make IAPSS a more representative organization that advocates for the interests of political science students. Over the course of this mandate, we consulted with members and we came up with some things to outline goals for political science education in terms of standards for students and goals we want to strive for to make a change in the world and help students advocate for their interests. If passed, this would be added to our guiding documents.

There are no points for discussion. The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, the motion had passed.

## **b. Motion 2: Addition of Declaration on Plagiarism**

The motion is moved by Justin and seconded by Rory.

Justin states that in 2016, the IAPSS Executive Committee created this declaration on plagiarism but we never added it to our main guiding documents. He believes it should be added because plagiarism is bad.

There are no points for discussion. The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, the motion had passed.

## **c. Motion 3: Relocation**

The motion is moved by Justin and seconded by Caroline.

Justin expresses that we have been experiencing some problems in terms of our Legal Framework because we are located in the Netherlands and there are certain things we have to follow there that don't mesh well with our democracy here in IAPSS. For example, we operate in English in IAPSS, but our statutes, the highest level of our guiding documents, have to be in Dutch, and in all the 88 countries that are part of IAPSS, only 2 have Dutch as an official language. We're advertising that we operate in one language but we're using another, so this is difficult for members outside of the Netherlands and the other country to propose amendments to the guiding documents and make decisions. At this point, translation for those members would be very expensive. In addition, every time our documents are amended, we have to pay a lawyer to notarize them, which as you can see in the financial report, was one of our highest costs last year. Other countries don't operate that way, so this motion would be a recommendation to the future executive committee in the next mandate to look into the possibility of relocating to a country where the language we operate in and the language of our guiding documents are the same.

J. Marcos states that the last item in the motion recommends to not relocate in the United States or the United Kingdom. What would be the proposed headquarters for the organization?

Tobias replies that it does not mention a specific location, but mentions the action of finding out an exact location would be part of the mandate which would be given to the Executive Committee by agreeing to this proposal.

Justin states that the recommendation about not relocating to the United States or the United Kingdom was put in there because there are some rules regarding political science journals that would make things a bit difficult if our publications were located in one of those countries if we wanted to get them indexed. He believes that Max Steuer may be able to provide some additional details.

Max indicates that it is a technical condition relating to indexing services with the publications. If our publications are located in the UK or the US, they will be sidelined and publications from other countries will be prioritized. This is the case for the Directory of Open Access Journals or the International Bibliography of Social Sciences, so basically it is a technical condition. There may be other more important considerations but as long as there is no very specific reason to relocate to these countries, from the journals' perspectives it would definitely be better that we do not relocate to these two countries.

Norm asks for details about the costs Justin mentioned in his earlier response.

Justin replies that to amend what is essentially our constitution, we had to pay a Dutch notary a few thousand Euros.

Norm asks if this is just in the Netherlands or everywhere.

Justin states that this is specific to the Netherlands.

Funmi asks where we would be looking to relocate to.

Justin answers that as was previously mentioned, we will have to do our research and figure that out. At this point, we do not have any particular one pinpointed, but we would look into it and then try to find which one has the best legal situation.

Thomas asks if a future executive committee decides on a country to relocate to, if it would then need to be approved by an ensuing GA.

Justin replies that this would most likely be the case.

Tobias states that going into other countries may come with a request to change other specific aspects of our statutes to make the statutes align with the specific legal requirements of the new country. He would like to emphasize the General Assembly's decision-making power and recommends to include one last sentence, "Be it further resolved that any substantial change to the Legal Framework that may be implemented under the grounds of the new statutes' legal requirements must be approved by the General Assembly."

Justin answers that he would interpret this as already being implicit in our guiding documents, but he would accept it as a friendly amendment. He explains that in Robert's Rules of Order, we can just integrate that into the motion.

The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, the motion had passed.

#### **d. Motion 4: Merging the Diversity and Equality Committee and the Human Resources Committee**

The motion is moved by Justin and seconded by Caroline.

Justin states that these are two different committees with very similar mandates and the intent is to bring them into one so it is easier to function and so that committee can better achieve its goals, which would be the goals of both the old committees. It would make things more efficient because we have two committees doing the same thing right now.

Caroline asks if Justin views this as a subcommittee of the Human Resources Committee or merged altogether.

Justin expresses that the intent is to have them merged altogether.

The vote opens.

Tobias explains that many of the motions put forward at the General Assembly were proposed at the last General Assembly, yet we received comments on these changes to provide them to members with more notice, so we gave 60 days before the General Assembly, so that is why it may appear to be so much on the agenda.

By the time the voting period closed, the motion had passed.

#### **e. Motion 5: Amendments to Regulation 1**

The motion is moved by Justin and seconded by Funmi.

Justin outlines that this motion is generally housekeeping things. Part of this job as Secretary General is to review the Legal Framework and update it, so a lot of this is everything from spelling and grammar to removing redundancies. As this motion has been online for 60 days, it might be good to look through it to refresh in case you read it a long time ago. Again, it calls for housekeeping things like changing the name of the Supervisory Committee to the Advisory Board, which he believes is the current name we voted to change it to before; outlining how we've added regulations and policies instead of just statutes; and clarifying what to do if someone resigns, so now it involves appointing someone in the interim until we can elect a replacement at the next General Assembly in case of a vacancy of an elected position.

Max Steuer motions to amend the motion so "organizational board" is replaced with "Global Board" in the Regulation.

Justin accepts the amendment as friendly.

Zach asks if we have a structure for special elections if an important position resigns or has been fired and we deem it too important to be appointed in interim.

Justin replies that currently we do not have that. We currently deem all executive positions as of a nature that we could function with the model of an interim, and then a by-election. The General Assemblies are held every six months, so two a year. So, if someone resigns three months in, we would hopefully have an interim appointed to serve the remaining three months until the by-election.

The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, the motion had passed.

#### **f. Motion 6: Amendments to Regulation 2**

The motion is moved by Justin and seconded by Thomas.

Tobias states that for years there was no one with English as their first language in the IAPSS Executive Committee, so we are very happy that Justin brought in these changes to the regulations and made so many suggestions to help us improve our Legal Framework.

Justin explains that there are more grammar and wording amendments but there is also something in particular to take note of. The treasurer currently has veto power and in practice this has stopped things from moving forward where money was not the end goal. Examples of things vetoed involved, including more members in the organization by offering cheaper membership fees to students in countries where the current membership fee was a bit too much. There was also a situation where the treasurer took an extended period of leave and no one could make decisions on the finances or work in the interim during the absence, so we were kind of paralyzed for about a month and a half or two months. This motion would change it so instead of a veto, it would just be a majority vote of all executive members.

The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, the motion had passed.

#### **g. Motion 7: Amendments to Regulation 3**

The motion is moved by Justin and seconded by Caroline.

Justin states that this involves more housekeeping amendments in terms of working and making the General Assembly more efficient. At the May 2019 General Assembly, members voted to use Robert's Rules of Order to make the process more streamlined and so it is something we can refer to instead of having to build a process ourselves. This motion would remove redundancies and things that conflict with Robert's Rules of Order. We voted to make this change before but did not change all of the guiding documents to align with it. It also covers online voting and making sure there are notice requirements for putting



documents online, and making sure the Supervisory Committee name is updated to the Advisory Board.

The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, the motion had passed.

#### **h. Motion 8: Amendments to Regulation 4**

The motion is moved by Justin and seconded by Oscar.

Justin iterates that these are more similar housekeeping amendments that apply to meetings of the IAPSS volunteers and other similar meetings. It proposes very similar improvements to procedures as the previous motion, but he encourages everyone to take a look.

Max states that this motion is the one that refers to the General Assembly and the previous one is for internal meetings of IAPSS volunteers.

Justin apologizes and clarifies that Regulation 3 pertains to internal meetings of the executive committee and volunteers, and Regulation 4 pertains to the General Assembly.

The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, the motion had passed.

#### **i. Motion 9: Regional Autonomy**

The motion is moved by Rose and seconded by Marcos.

Rose states that this motion represents reflections she had with the regional chairs and working closely with Justin when it comes to the Legal Framework. Right now, the executive committee has to approve every member of the regional teams. Now, we are giving the chairs a bit more leeway here because they are going to be elected at this General Assembly, so they can appoint and dismiss team members, and dismissed team members can appeal to the executive committee, so there is still a way where people who feel wrongfully dismissed can appeal. It will also give the regions a bit more independence, as given that the IAPSS Asia and IAPSS Oceania Chairs mentioned that they want the regional chapters to be more official bodies. This would allow the regional chapters to get grants and partner with regional institutions. This is one step forward in developing more robust regional chapters.

Funmi asks if she can have a copy of the regional autonomy motion. She also wants to mention that there is a little confusion amongst her team because she was appointed in March and is running in an election in May. She wants to get the document so she can read it and answer her questions on her own.

Rose states that Tobias has sent the motions package so Funmi should be able to see the motion and all the other ones. She is not sure she understands Funmi's question about running.

Funmi explains that she was elected in March and is running for the same position in May. It kind of put a damper on her effort because she has not announced to anyone that she is running and is not sure if she should go all out in her position in case people disagree with her decisions and vote her out. Also, members of her team are wondering if they would have to run too.

Rose clarifies that only the regional chairs are elected. This was always the vision but it is the first time it is being implemented. She understands how it would damper Funmi's spirit considering she has worked in the position and will be voted on but she believes that being the current chair would boost Funmi's candidacy and we just wanted to really make the chair positions more official and recognized by the entire association through the General Assembly and elections.

Funmi states that for the next mandate there will just be an election.

Rose states that the chairs will be elected and they will appoint their regional team members.

Max motions to amend the motion to remove "team" from section 8 of the Regulation to make the terminology consistent.

Rose accepts the amendment as friendly.

Rory asks how establishing memorandums of understanding with local organizations will be affected by the motion.

Rose states that ideally the regions will be able to enter into their own partnerships as long as they follow the guidelines IAPSS has. For example, partnering with an oil company could create a lot of issues when partnering with an international association for political science students. The whole point here is for the process to be faster and for the regional chairs to take control of the region and do what they think is best without having to wait for the executive committee to vote on things. Of course there has to be open communication between the regions and the executive committee so that we work as a global body, but at the same time this is intended to take out the red tape that non-autonomy of the regions would bring.

Rory asks that if regions were to find organizations with a similar scope, like the Young Professionals in Foreign Policy chapters all over the world or a local United Nations Association and they host mutual events, what would the process be like to get event approval for the regional chairs if they wanted to collaborate on those events or event if they list themselves as a co-sponsor?

Rose states that if they are incorporated and independent, the regions would be able to decide autonomously unless it goes against the IAPSS Legal Framework or guidelines of IAPSS Global. If it is in line with what IAPSS stands for, the procedure would be essentially none. This is a dream we have to the regions and obviously it would take a lot of time and effort, and there is going to be a lot of work between the regions and the executive committee to ensure that the pilot of the first autonomous region would be a success, but this is just laying out the groundwork for autonomy. In terms of more specific things, she would not be able to answer at the moment, but this would be to open the doors to regional autonomy.

Thomas asks which powers are delegated to the regional chairs with the autonomy decision.

Rose states that the biggest change is that regional chairs will be elected and will be able to appoint their team members. Further powers of autonomy would move forward as autonomy moves forward.

Oleksii Z. states that given that it takes 48 hours for motions to be approved along with the elections, will points in this motion affect the elections. For example, one clause states that if there are less than five IAPSS members present from an IAPSS region at a General Assembly, the election for the regional chair would be carried out by the entire General Assembly. Would that impact the current election?

Rose invites Justin to respond.

Justin states that currently what we have is that we have a special ballot for this election where you choose which region you identify with and then you elect your regional chair. This is to ensure that the students from Oceania elect the Oceania Chair and so on and so forth for the different continents. If the regions incorporate, they could potentially create their own structure, which we would have to work out in the future but we haven't gotten to that point yet. So, right now, it's a special ballot where students in each region elect their respective regional chair.

Oleksii Z. asks if this motion would therefore only affect the next election and not the current one.

Tobias expresses that this is the case.

The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, the motion had passed.

#### **j. Motion 10: Amendments to the Code of Conduct**

The motion is moved by Justin and seconded by Rutaba.

Justin expresses that this motion outlines housekeeping changes like fixing the spelling and wording. It would also make sure that the two committees merged earlier would be merged here as well.

Max states that it says Human Resources Committee instead of the Human Resources, Diversity, and Equality Committee and suggests changing it to the new name.

Justin accepts this as a friendly amendment.

The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, the motion had passed.

### **k. Motion 11: Association Membership**

The motion is moved by Justin and seconded by Tolbert.

Justin states that those present should read this motion carefully, as it calls for a significant change. It outlines a new form of association membership. For a bit of context, in May 2019, the General Assembly voted to figure out a new structure for association membership but they did not outline a specific structure, so this motion proposes one. The key things to identify here is that it would enable membership fees to be lowered from their current rate for cases in certain countries where the regular fee would be too much. It would allow when an association becomes a member, instead of a flat rate, they would pay a fee per member. The intent with this would be if there is an association with 20 members and an association with 1000 members, it would ensure that the bigger one has a more proportionate vote in decisions, so essentially in the past it was one vote for each association, and to make matters worse, each association had the same vote as someone who bought an individual membership. The numbers didn't add up in terms of the weight of each vote because some people attending General Assemblies, even right now, represent an entire country or an entire campus of political science students, so we want to make sure it is more proportionate, to make sure the individual members of each association all have IAPSS memberships, and to allow for lower membership fees to be negotiated. So, in passing this motion, the General Assembly would be allowing a lower rate to be negotiated. In response to a question in the chat about which organizations, in addition to our continental/regional chairs, we have IAPSS Ukraine represented here, we have the Politistes Sorbonne from Paris, and the Machiavelli Student Association from the Netherlands.

Joaquim states that he thinks this is an important move for the future. It is important that we establish here a membership system that will allow us to increase our membership and offer memberships at a reduced rate. As we are all currently at home, we should use this to our benefit.

Dana asks how these membership fees will be decided. The Machiavelli Student Association has 1,500 members, but imagine a scenario where not all 1,500 would not want to be

members of IAPSS. Would it be possible to determine that only a portion of these 1500 would become members of IAPSS?

Justin iterates that he believes that in the context of the motion, this would be permissible and we would figure it out on a case by case basis and would identify your association as having 500 members in the context of IAPSS, and we would make the 500 IAPSS members.

Max asks about why the membership rate that can be negotiated goes to as low as 0 Euros.

Justin replies that the negotiation range is from 0 to 15 Euros to account for different currencies that have different values than the Euros that IAPSS usually operates under, as major currency fluctuations would affect students' ability to pay membership fees. In addition, there may be a crisis in a certain area, and IAPSS may decide to give students their democratic rights in the organization even if they are unable to pay.

Dana asks if this means an association paying no membership fees would only be accepted in the case of extenuating circumstances and not for any other reason?

Justin states that this would be his interpretation, but just in case, we should include an amendment to specify this more clearly in the text. If someone would be interested in drafting this in the text, he would include it as a friendly amendment. It would be along the lines of IAPSS will only consider an association membership with no membership fee in terms of the fee per member in extenuating circumstances including a crisis in the association's country, region, or campus.

Tobias asks if Dana would be interested in drafting the clause.

Dana states that the example Justin proposed would be sufficient, as it is recorded in the minutes.

Funmi states that in considering these documents, she consulted with some student bodies, and she wants to make a case for Africa. In her school where she lectures, there are a lot of students who are very passionate about political science but cannot afford the membership fees. She understands that money has to be made, but she would advocate a lower rate for Africa.

Tobias states that the Secretariat is always supporting everyone in putting out motions, so if you or in collaboration with some colleagues after his GA would like to submit motions, the Secretariat is there to help with drafting such motions.

Michael states that to build off of Funmi's point and to reiterate for those who had trouble hearing, when you go through the proposed amendment, IAPSS would be able to negotiate specific rates with specific associations, so he understands that special attention can be given to Africa to extend IAPSS memberships there.

Justin replies that in the context of the text of this motion, it would include anywhere from 0 to 15 Euros, so we can try to find something that is a bit more manageable, so there is a bit of flexibility there. In terms of the other currencies of countries in Africa, we can make the fees affordable. Part of the intent of this motion was to try to find a way for everyone to participate.

The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, the motion had passed.

#### I. Motion 12: Remuneration and Reimbursement

The motion is moved by Piet and seconded by Caroline.

As Piet is not present and had submitted in advance of the meeting in accordance with the rules outlined in the IAPSS Legal Framework, Tobias defers to Justin to explain the motion.

Justin states that Piet talked to him about the motion and the intention is to enable a possibility where those who do work for IAPSS can be paid in accordance with the laws of the country we're incorporated in. This is because we've noticed that a lot of people cannot afford to volunteer for IAPSS because in their countries they may have factors like high tuition fees or other schools fees, so they may have to work, go to school, and to add volunteering for 10 or 20 hours a week for IAPSS is a bit much. The idea is to start a process to enable IAPSS to one day in the future provide, though he is unsure if we will be able to currently afford it, compensation for students who do work for our organization. There are also clauses to clarify reimbursements in the event where IAPSS volunteers have to travel to do IAPSS work, they would be able to be reimbursed all or in part for as much as we can from the organization. This does not mean we are going to pay everyone big salaries, as for a bit of context everyone in IAPSS is a volunteer, but maybe one day we will be able to increase our revenue so we will be able to provide support to the people who dedicate their work to the organization.

The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, the motion had passed.

#### m. Motion 13: Dispute Resolution Process

The motion is moved by J. Marcos and seconded by Rutaba.

J. Marcos states that as you all know, IAPSS is a growing organization, and as we grow, we have more members and officers, and more people in management, and he believes that we need to have a process to address any possible dispute that does not involve a hierarchical dispute resolution process so something outside the hierarchy can take it into consideration so any potential conflicts of interest can be avoided.

Mihai thanks Marcos for putting this motion forward and agrees that we need a body to look into these issues. He believes we need to discuss this more because it may give too much power to the Advisory Board and take away power from the executive committee, so we may need some more discussion on how this can work in practice.

J. Marcos replies that he believes that it gives more powers to the Advisory Board and does not take away powers from the Executive Committee because the Executive Committee may make a decision that is challenged by one of IAPSS' members or IAPSS' officers, so we cannot put it in the hands of the Executive Committee to decide whether their actions are right, so we need an outside entity to settle these disputes.

Max thanks Marcos for this proposal. He supports both the idea of having a dispute resolution process and having a discussion to consider this more thoroughly. Many of the other motions went through an extensive review process before hand and he acknowledges Justin and the Executive Committee for after the previous General Assembly opening up the space for extensive deliberations on how to improve the regulations, and in his personal view it has been a good step forward in deliberative decision-making and democracy. It is very important that members can move motions as well, but these motions may not go through such an extensive internal discussion because there is not as much time to become familiar with them. This is why a dispute resolution mechanism design, which is very complicated for an organization, offers a great opportunity to have more internal discussion first and then bring it back at some point. This is his personal take on the matter not because he is against the mechanism or the idea in any way but because there are a number of technical organizational points in the document and he wants to take more time to go through them and would welcome an opportunity to have a more thorough discussion. He supports the idea of the motion and of members at large moving motions but also the need for more discussion on its technical aspects.

J. Marcos agrees with Max but he does not understand postponing the vote on the motion.

Tobias clarifies that he can withdraw the motion or keep it on the floor to be voted on despite the chance that there may be opposition.

J. Marcos withdraws the motion.

#### **n. Motion 14: Applying for Consultative Status with ECOSOC**

Moved by J. Marcos and seconded by Caroline.

J. Marcos believes that applying for consultative status on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations would be a huge step forward for IAPSS and allow us to get involved in the United Nations and allow us to get stronger international cooperations connections with a lot of NGOs there. The process to apply for this is really simple: we submit a profile, including some documents and a questionnaire, and then the ECOSOC committee of non-governmental organizations gives an opinion on our status, but he believes the General

Assembly has to vote on this because an IAPSS department needs to be in charge of this process.

Justin states that this is a great motion and he thinks we should pass it.

The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, the motion had passed.

#### **o. Motion 15: Further Regional Autonomy**

The motion is moved by Mitchell and seconded by Funmi.

Mitchell states that this motion furthers several motions regarding regional autonomy. It has a lot in common with motion 11 on association membership. The key difference is that it allows regional chairs to alter some elements of it, in particular the price, although there is still some opportunity for the Executive Committee to disallow such changes, it allows the regions to begin making changes themselves without having to go through the Executive Committee at each point. In addition, it elaborates further on the ability of regions to form partnerships and the procedures that need to be followed in terms of creating regional bank accounts by working alongside the treasurer and in collaboration with the global team, and it has clauses of the allocation of membership fees within the region. It will stand as a standard 50/50 split with half of the membership funds going to the region and half going to IAPSS Global, but this may be changed depending on decisions of the treasurer, IAPSS Global, and the regional chairs. He noticed that as the last section of his motion is similar to another motion, he moves a friendly amendment to remove the last section, specifically the last be it further resolved clause.

The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, the motion had passed.

### **9. Elections – (candidate presentations, questions, and voting)**

Tobias explains that this section will involve candidate presentations for each of the positions. After those candidates have presented for a position, we will open the vote and the vote will be open for 48 hours.

#### **a. President**

Justin states that he has written a platform document, which is included along with this CV on the website, and he recommends that those present read it, as they go into a bit more detail. The main things he believes IAPSS needs to do to improve itself in the future is to increase its global representation. IAPSS was founded in Europe in 1998 and historically it has had most of its paying members from that part of the world and we need to figure out how to get other campuses involved as well as other campuses within Europe itself. This is



because we recently discovered that IAPSS is in a membership crisis. Although IAPSS is the only organization that represents political science students on a global scale, a lot of the students it represents are not able to participate in its democratic process because the fees are too high, because they don't have the time to be able to volunteer, and other factors, so we need to try to make IAPSS more inclusive so students from every country are able to participate and be involved. We need to make sure that the regions keep developing so they are able to have events in more areas of the world and provide better opportunities to political science students. Another thing he helped to start is an initiative with other student organizations to create a Global Student Government for all students of all subjects, which hasn't existed for about 20 years now. There was one, but it collapsed, so the plan would be to advocate for creating a new one and to keep moving that forward, because IAPSS is currently taking a leading role in that initiative. In the platform document, he has gone into things in a bit of detail, so you can look at his recommendations for the various aspects of the president's portfolio, and as we're at the 3 minute point, he thanks those present for listening to him.

Edgar congratulates Justin on his candidacy. He would like to know Justin's strategy to increase the long term relationship between the members across the globe.

Justin replies that this is an important question and one that we will need to consider every day going forward in the next mandate. First, we need to map out all the different political science student associations in the world, and we're going to have to try to contact them and establish a dialogue to learn what's going on in their part of the world, and then try to figure out an agreement. Every school is different, every country is different, and every continent has a different situation, so we need to take that into account, and as we just passed amendments to allow for different fluctuations in membership fees, and if we need to lower membership fees for some campuses, then we need to do that. Every political science student should be able to vote in IAPSS elections and every political science student should be able to run for IAPSS positions. As he has mentioned, it historically has been students in Europe and they have had a lot of representation here. He is not sure exactly, but if he was elected, he would probably be the first president from Canada to be in this role, but doesn't want it to stop there. Next year, it would be nice if someone from another country who hasn't had an IAPSS president there come forward, and we need to make sure that we keep diversifying the leadership of IAPSS as well as the membership so we have all continents represented and also looking at the intersectionality of things like race, gender, economic status, and other ethnographic factors.

Oleksii Z. states that the fact we have Justin's candidacy is a great indicator of progress in IAPSS as IAPSS is expanding and especially the federalization process and improving our regional affairs and now the candidacies are not just coming from Europe, but from other parts of the world, it's a good indicator that things are going in the right directions and he believes that Justin will continue to move it in the same direction, so it's awesome that it's happening.

Thomas asks about Justin's plans to increase IAPSS' financial capacity.

Justin answers that this is another great question because as we're talking about things like membership discounts, we have to develop IAPSS' financial capacities as Thomas mentioned to ensure that we can provide better support to its students around the world. He thinks IAPSS is in great need of diversifying its revenue streams. In his platform, he mentions a number of ideas for this. In particular, we need to think about grants, partnerships, and sponsorships with other organizations, be they student organizations, non-profits, or other entities that may be able to help us. One of the ideas behind encouraging the regions to become their own non-profits would be that they could apply for grants applicable to their specific region or countries. In addition, we need to explore ways we can generate revenue from our other infrastructure like our social media accounts and our YouTube account that we have been trying to develop over the course of this year, and there is potential given the growth rate of the past year, we can get to a point where in the future we may be able to gain a little bit of revenue from people just viewing the videos that Tobias did with professors, we have IAPSS Asia and IAPSS Oceania doing podcasts and creating content from that. Another idea is developing IAPSS merchandise, so for those who can afford it, we can sell things like t-shirts with the IAPSS logo on it so students can be proud to be part of this organization and wear the merchandise on their campuses and encourage their fellow students to join IAPSS as well. The other idea behind relocating to a different region would help reduce costs, as could making changes to the way events are conducted so IAPSS can get a bit more revenue that it can dedicate to other aspects of the organization. That was a bit of a topical answer but the platform document goes into things in a bit more detail.

Max states that because of the discussion that has arisen in the previous motions, there is a push toward discounted memberships, which of course has a lot of rationale, but from what he understands from the previous motions, and he is still trying to get through them, it would go only towards regions or associations, but he would like to highlight that there are also academic affiliates according to one of those regulations, which involves students who are not affiliated to the regions nor to an association. Hence, he wonders, and he thanks Justin for his impressive agenda as it is really complex, but just based on what has recently emerged, how Justin would try to address this gap that might emerge if these motions get approved, as academic affiliates not having the possibility to get their membership fees reviewed in case they are not affiliated to a certain region or a certain association could be seen as a type of discrimination. So, he wonders if Justin has any thoughts on this matter.

Justin asks for clarification on what Max means by academic affiliates because it might have a different definition in different areas of the world.

Max replies that it refers to the way it is defined in the regulations, so to those who conduct specific academic projects as individual members of IAPSS, for instance members of the editorial teams or members of the student research committees who are not affiliated to a particular region, so the motion on the regions would not apply to them.

Justin states that this could apply to the reimbursement motion too, because a lot of these academic affiliate students do work for IAPSS in terms of the context of our Legal Framework, so we need to pave the way to increase the amount of reimbursements and

possibly compensation for these individuals. In the past there was one kind of push with the Federica project to provide a little bit of that but we need to expand it across the board to all academic affiliates, and if another motion is needed for that, we definitely need to put one forward at the next General Assembly. A big question here is how we can get our revenue up to be able to accommodate for that and figure out if we need new agreements or partnerships. In terms of the next mandate, the short answer would be that we need to figure that out in more detail as well and we need to make sure those members also have ample opportunities to participate in the organization.

Norm states that in terms of revenue generation, partnerships would help create synergy within the groups that could lead to revenue increases. If he is elected treasurer, he would like to focus on those issues and collaborate with big groups and try to monetize our efforts into some kind of revenue producing engine. He likes the structure of Justin's ideas and would like to collaborate and contribute to that level of thinking.

Tobias reads a question in the chat that Rory asked about how Justin will help facilitate relocation.

Justin replies that if the motion passes, we will have to look at all the potential countries that allow us to make all of our guiding documents in the same language that IAPSS operates in and from that list we need to narrow it down further to figure out which one would be best to incorporate in. We have to look at factors like would we have to pay any taxes or file any forms every year, or if there are high legal fees associated with incorporating in that area like with the current amendment situation we currently have. Then either at the next General Assembly or the one after once we have done the research for 6 months to a year, we would propose a specific country for the organization and a detailed process for transitioning from one location to another. We would have to take into account that since we currently have a partnership with a university in the Netherlands that is our main base of operations, how would that partnership change as well as do we need a partnership with another university in the country that we would be moving to in this hypothetical situation. So, the short answer to that would be a lot of research and then a solid proposal.

The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, Justin Patrick was elected IAPSS President.

## **b. Secretary General**

Tobias states that we have one application here submitted by Arushi Prasad. He does not see Arushi online and asks if there is anyone to speak on Arushi's behalf.

Justin states that Arushi said in advance that she would not be able to attend. It might be a timezone issue or another commitment. He encourages everyone to read the documents she prepared and he thinks she would be a great candidate for the position.

The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, Arushi Prasad was elected IAPSS Secretary General.

Tobias calls a 9 minute break.

### **c. Treasurer**

Tobias states that both candidates will present and then there will be time for questions.

Caroline states that as she is running for two positions, she is happy to dedicate her time to either if she is elected. She loves Justin's plan and that we now made the financial model to follow the fiscal year. As per Justin's initiative and Norm's comment as well, increasing revenue to make IAPSS more inclusive and cover the costs for members would be a very smart move to increase our following and our bandwidth. She thinks an unutilized resource right now since we are an international association of political science students is using our alumni network because community outreach through those alumni networks could reveal many potential donors and sponsors, connections which can help us cover costs for participation in the World Congress or funding for the World Congress. She invites those present to read her CV and platform online in detail, but some things she would like to highlight is that she worked closely for the Senior Vice-President of Internal Audit and Risk Management of her company, and she managed several accounts there. She also overviews the risk management portion of the company, which has a lot of do with compliance and sourcing cost-effective programs and payments and looking into the best cost-effective options for those accounts and how to manage them. That said, she would like to look into the issue that was brought up about legal costs being one of the highest financial costs this past year, so she would like to look into the option of pro bono legal options. She knows at least from the Ivy League network as a Harvard graduate, they offer pro bono legal advice and take on legal cases and they may be able to consult us on that for free, so that would be one way to save money there. It's part of her role as the Chief Partnership and Innovation Officer for the Youth Sustainability and Development Conference that will be occurring in 2021 and reaching a pan-African summit in July; in that role, she prepares the partnerships and sponsorships internationally, so she is utilizing the Harvard alumni network, but she is also in charge of securing partnerships and donors for the conference in order to provide funding for projects after the conference, which is the whole basis, but also she is making sure that our bases are covered with travel to the conference and hotel accommodations specifically for the conference as well, so in that way, she likes to view everything holistically and make sure that all the bases are covered and any financial structure program she is a part of. She thinks that level of organization and professionalism would make her a strong candidate for this role, so basically utilizing the alumni networks of this group, plus her knowledge of finance and accounting as well as her ability to communicate clearly and the transparency to the board.

Norm commends Caroline on her resume and is happy to be competing in the same category as her. As far as the revenue and IAPSS as a whole, he thinks that the mindsets of Caroline and Justin are the proper mindset for these types of groups because with the global trend of everything that's happening, it seems like we're dealing with a crisis in a prosperous

time, and during a prosperous time we're really going to vertically integrate, especially here in America. He knows there are organizations and groups, and Caroline mentioned the Ivy League, which is a great area of focus for people that collaborate on ideas and things that we're doing as an organization. We could better communicate with them. As for his career, he has a financial background, so he has been in Wall Street and the top networks, and he recently worked with an inner city program, so he kind of has a range between the high network area and the inner city area where it's more about community outreach and being a listener to the community. This range can be a benefit because it would enable him to deal with different types of groups. This has been a highlight of his career, whether it has been basketball or Wall Street, or engaging with communities. Throughout his professional career, he always found it necessary to collaborate with people, whether it's higher ups, economists, or even the dean of a school; this is important, especially if you're part of an organization. In terms of accolades, he manages a basketball team, which is very hard in terms of funding. In terms of sponsorships, a good first step is getting the message out there. We need to make sure the issues we're working on are highlighted as important and that we're receiving value for our effort. We can do that with the groups we're communicating with; we can make sure those things are highlighted so our efforts are engaged and valued, and that's what we should focus on in the treasury role. For an organization that is working on a lot of critical things around the world, a lot of big organizations don't have the time to evaluate things to the extent that we will be. We will need someone who can connect with the whole world and bring in big organizations. He is happy to be present and encourages those present to view his platform statement on the IAPSS website. He believes IAPSS is at a pivotal moment; with everything going on in the world, this may be one of the most important IAPSS committees that we assemble. He loves to work and always likes to communicate, so his line will be open to every member and the financial administration department should be collaborating with everyone.

Tobias directs Caroline to answer the first question posed to her by Anthony about the recent nature of her certifications.

Caroline replies that this is the case and she was certified after working last March, but at the same time, she has been involved in the non-profit and international realm for over two years now including with the United Nations Association and partnerships she made through that. So, while the YSDC pan-African summit is a project that originated this year, last year she was also co-organizer and managed a 2 million dollar budget with funding from the Government of Ecuador to secure a program to secure hotels to secure funding, to organize a conference on gender equality and corporate social responsibility. She has had an international reach already with those partnerships, so for the African conference, we have reached 10 nations willing to commit sponsorships within two weeks when she was elected to that position. Within two months, we were able to utilize that budget successfully, even to the point where we secured Michelle Obama as our keynote speaker, but sadly the conference was delayed because of COVID. That said, she feels more than capable to carry out this role due to her qualifications, collaborative mentality, multilateral mentality, and basic transparency and communication skills with the board and our partners and sponsors. She is also very innovative and up to date on the best strategies to recruit donors and sponsors, hence why she would say utilizing the alumni networks would be a smart move, especially

for Justin's plan as president. In response to Anthony's follow up question, everything was set and then in April we had to postpone the conference, so everything is still on hold, and the sponsors and the Ecuadorian government are still committed. We are altering the contracts as we speak and it will take place in the following year as soon as the quarantine lifts in Ecuador.

J. Marcos asks Caroline to expand on her internal audit experience.

Caroline states that she is a democrat and is multilateral and does not care what ideology anyone is, a preface she wants to add before saying she works at Fox. She was promoted to the audit team because of her math background from Harvard University, as well as advancing in the role of administrative assistant prior. Her work there constitutes keeping the books using QuickBooks, making sure the accounting is in place and that the direct bills and expenses are paid on time. If our external auditors are questioning the records and ask for proof of the purchases made by our company, she has to work with the Senior Vice-President to provide the documentation for them, so her role is also keeping tabs on those executives and making sure that they submit their documentation on time, but also there is a global sourcing component wherein her role is to find the best rates across all the vendors that her company uses, whether it is lights, American Express expense reports, travel, car service, and other components that go into running the company, as well as our investors. We want to make sure that all of that money is being used appropriately but also being managed wisely, so we want to make sure that no one is investing more than they need to and we constantly have to set up monitor systems so she is in charge of tracking the monthly progress of each component and works with the Senior Vice-President to ensure it gets distributed to investors and employees at the company. Her team works with the legal team, so she is familiar with the jargon and the process, and the accounting that takes place within that where she would apply it to IAPSS is basically making sure our resources are being utilized in a way that best serves our membership and also that it is advertised to our sponsors and donors in a way that lets them know their money is being used wisely. This would ensure that those investing in IAPSS can be confident that their money is managed wisely and that there is very little risk.

Edgar asks Caroline how she keeps her work organized and how she will communicate complex financial information and make sure it is understood.

Caroline replies that she has experience working as a tutor and in the education sector, so part of her job has been simplifying complex ideas to students, so in a similar way she can make financial information clear to investors and members. In terms of staying organized, she has managed to do this using calendars, dealing with deadlines in advance. For example, she finalized her application for this position a week in advance. She has not had a problem with this so far.

Norm responds to a question Rory posted in the chat about how his experience would support him in the position. He states that his Wall Street experience is more than just research and paperwork. In a group like this, our main function as political science students is to research and study. Our biggest contributors are our team members. The next steps will

involve finding partners and establishing partnerships. We need to find people participating in real world events and Wall Street is a very good example for that. It is a noble market that gets a bad stigma. Some of the best things ever facilitated in the world came from the global markets. A person with a good understanding of that is a responsible chairperson who wants to make things better. Wall Street experience is good for leadership and not being clouded by emotions.

Rory asks a follow up question on how he thinks the 2008 financial crisis was a time of great prosperity and what he did while working on Wall Street during the 2008 financial crisis.

Norm replies that it was a challenging time and stepping up in the face of adversity, which is something he wants to highlight. He was convincing people to get back in because that was a time when people got hurt. His background and history of being an athlete inspired him, as did his family members who were affected by 9/11. All those combined propelled him to care about next steps. As far as a leadership position as treasurer, there will be times like that. He has experience managing a basketball team, which is very difficult. He is proud that his first year team went to the playoffs. He believes his Wall Street experience shows real world practice that will be very beneficial for IAPSS.

Oleksii Z. asks Caroline that since a lot of her experiences are ongoing and her position at Fox is full-time, would she have enough time to dedicate to the position of treasurer that requires 20 hours a week.

Caroline responds that she does have enough time, as she values the organization and will make it a priority. Some of her current activities end at the end of the summer, so she will have even more time. She does not apply for things that she would not be able to dedicate the time to. She analyzes things before jumping for them and puts a lot of thought into presenting her candidacy. She also replies to Rory's question in the chat addressed to both candidates about increasing IAPSS revenue, with her ideas including strengthening alumni networks both from IAPSS and in universities, using Ivy League networks for pro bono legal help to reduce legal costs, and getting big donors and investors to contribute. We can use video recordings from past World Congresses to create promotional videos. To Justin's question in the chat about which organizations she would want to partner with, she recommends the United Nations Association of the United States of America because she and Rory are involved in it and it does a lot of the same work that IAPSS does. A UN Youth Envoy involved in another organization she volunteers for would be another potential option. The Harvard Alumni network could help, as could the World Health Organization due to what's going on. In response to Rose's question in the chat about how she would support the regionalization process as treasurer, she would work with the regional chairs to create promotional videos, doing webinars, increasing social media presence and Facebook Live. We need a system in place that allows people to interact with someone during quarantine. Even a new members' orientation would be something to look into.

Norm's ideas for revenue production involve educating external stakeholders about what IAPSS does rather than sell and impulse. We need constant contact and need to communicate with people. Online and digital content is an area of focus and the range given

IAPSS' global membership. We need to make sure we're cost effective and efficient. The more we show people what we do and who we are as an organization, educating and showing people is the best way to funding. In Wall Street, they don't care as much about the money we're making than about the problem we're solving.

Rory asks what Norm would do to promote socially responsible investing and partnerships and which organizations he would want to reach out to.

Norm recommends the big banking firms, as they are always open to ideas. It is possible for IAPSS to engage these kinds of actors. Having the right members and staff, we could communicate with big firms.

Caroline asks how Norm would go about partnering with these organizations.

Norm states that he would collaborate with the IAPSS President to reach out to organizations like Goldman Sachs and find out who their marketing people are and the events they're holding and participate and introduce ourselves. Once people know who we are, they will ask us questions about how they can contribute. We kind of have to be a little Hollywood and engage with people outside our industry.

Caroline asks Norm how he would deal with the risk of insider trading. As he works on Wall Street, how would he prevent that and ensure there is no conflict of interest? She also has connections to Goldman Sachs, McKinsey, and NASDAQ, but she has to ensure that doesn't now conflict with work and IAPSS. She has a framework on how she would deal with that, but she would like to know Norm's strategy.

Norm replies that they have philanthropy efforts that are outside of banking. These are things we have to explore and we will have to learn about what to focus on. The banking sector and trading isn't the only thing Wall Street could do, and there are other areas we can reach out to. Norm responds to Justin's question in the chat about whether he would partner with Goldman Sachs or Lockheed Martin and said he would unless IAPSS has rules preventing it. In response to Anthony's question about if he could facilitate meetings with Wall Street, Norm states that it's a process that we would have to go out on the floor and do. The only way for us to find out is if we do it. He's located in New York so there are a lot of options there and he does not have a problem with communicating. He did that a lot with basketball and as a first year organization we have contacts with the NBA and a big organization in Hollywood. He looks forward to seeing what we can do as far as Wall Street is concerned and he believes that the big players want to hear about the little players. If we present our case well and show them what we work on, no matter the group we talk to, they will resonate with what we do and that's what we're going to do best. Fiscal responsibility will highlight what we do and that is what he wants to focus on as treasurer.

Thomas asks Norm if he thinks partnering with Wall Street would compromise IAPSS' interests.



Norm replies that it is a matter of perspective. There are organizations like us that are passionate about what we do and they don't care about how much money they make, but are trying to facilitate a tool that is being presented to us and trying to make society better. If we find those types of people and members, as a group we'll be okay and as a society we're going to be okay, and that's our job. It would be our job to ensure Wall Street does not compromise any of our positions to ensure we create the right partnerships. Another area that Wall Street does very well in is individuals and human spirit. Wall Street is an example of when human capital gets together and works together on the same project and delivers, and that is what he sees in the stock market and IAPSS can learn from this as an organization to propel itself forward.

Rory asks Norm that since he stated that someone would have to take responsibility to not let Wall Street compromise IAPSS' position, if he was elected treasurer, would that person be him.

Norm answers that it would be him taking that responsibility. He likes to collaborate, even if he has to make final decisions alone. He would consult with other IAPSS team members if necessary before making a significant decision. Working together is important no matter which organization one is a part of. That is something that Wall demonstrates the most.

Rory follows up by asking if Norm would uphold the values of IAPSS as treasurer, because it is not up to someone else to ensure the investments are ethical partnerships. There is also collaboration, but the treasurer's role is key in these matters.

Norm expresses that he would. He believes that the perception that there would be a compliance issue is stigmatization and a mindset. The more relationships one opens up and the more projects one works on will all the more alleviate those fears.

Tobias states that it seems the General Assembly has received a good indication of what the candidates stand for and recommends that the question period end here.

Caroline states that both candidates have raised important issues and invites anyone with more questions in the next 48 hours to contact her.

Tobias remarks that the last time that IAPSS had competitive elections was four years ago, but invites Max or Mihai to correct him if needed.

The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski was elected IAPSS Treasurer.

#### **d. Vice President for Academic Affairs**

Melis states that as her CV indicates, she is from Turkey and studied at Leiden University. She will be starting her master's at Oxford University in the fall. She has been involved in

IAPSS since 2018, which is the year when she became the Student Research Committees Coordinator. In the following year, she became the Student Research Committees Director, a position which allowed her to expand the Student Research Committees and learn a lot about how the Academic Department functions and work closely with many IAPSS members. She learned about the diverse interests of members that have been enlarging over the past years and played a key role in establishing seven new Student Research Committees, including some with a regional focus. In March 2020, she was appointed as interim Vice-President for Academic Affairs and led the Academic Department in accomplishing many new tasks, which are described in detail in her documents on the website. For the next mandate, she wants to provide IAPSS' blog, *A Different View*, with a more inclusive outlook to accept papers from all IAPSS members, a new editorial board, and volunteer reviewers recruited from the IAPSS membership. IAPSS is looking to develop its YouTube channel and increase the chance of gaining revenue from YouTube, and our Academic Department has already been contributing to this project, but the various departments still have a lot to offer, as they can provide discussions on contemporary topics through our delegations, publications, and events, as well as providing a platform for members to showcase their research. Finally, since Politikon has moved to its own website and uses an Open Journal System, there is a need to increase revenue through fundraising projects over the next mandate. It will also be important to index Politikon and ELA. She also hopes to prioritize members' suggestions and increase engagement. She invites questions now or via email.

Max states that as editor-in-chief of Politikon he has enjoyed the cooperation in the Academic Department since Melis' appointment. He asks how she envisions the future of meetings both within the Academic Department and between departments and department members and the regions and the other groups and organizations that exist in IAPSS.

Melis replies that as Student Research Committees Coordinator, she gained experience that will help when coordinating these kinds of meetings. She has also been involved in the Academic Department but what she realized in the past two months is that there is a problem with connecting members between branches, so her vision for these meetings is that she wants to make sure there is a one to one connection with all the branches and all the heads of the branches. After that, she wants to make sure that there is a tradition of these meetings, so presumably we can have meetings in October and December once every two months, so like Executive Committee meetings, everyone is prepared. She also hopes to meet with the SRCs individually and their members directly to learn their perspectives on the situation and including Politikon to meet with the editors-in-chief to hear what they want to say and pass it on to the other branches of the Academic Department. In terms of meetings in between departments, IAPSS has been inviting all the members to its Executive Committee meetings in the past year, but we should be more welcoming to members and include them in these kinds of meetings, invite them to put forward motions and get involved in our conversations.

Mihai asks about Melis' plan for delegations to external conferences and if she wants to expand them to other organizations like the American Political Science Association or if she has other plans in regards to this.

Melis responds that IAPSS does not have a direct link to these organizations but it is a great way to move forward our networks and increase our delegations. At the same time, it is a bit problematic with our funds right now, so we may face challenges reimbursing delegates if we were to increase the number of delegations. This could apply to regional conferences and other subject-specific conferences as well.

The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, Melis Kirtilli was elected IAPSS Vice President for Academic Affairs.

#### **e. Vice President for Regional Affairs**

Michael states that he wants to continue the regionalization efforts that have been started by the past administration. He wants to use the IAPSS regionalization process to boost IAPSS membership and ensure that IAPSS is present in all corners of the globe, on as many campuses as possible, and accessible to as many political science students as possible. He wants to help alleviate the logistical and other challenges that prevent students around the world from participating and ensure they have the resources to address those challenges. He wants to help make the regions autonomous so they can broaden the scope of their activities. He hopes that by working together with his colleagues, he can help bring IAPSS to every corner of the world through the regionalization process.

Justin asks if Michael can talk about all the work he did this mandate to orient the regional team members and build up those regional teams so they can be where they are today.

Michael replies that with the regional teams, they were able to establish six leadership regional committees and provide training on partnerships, training, and other skills, and empowered the teams to have events virtually. Some things could not be done due to COVID, but in the next mandate, he hopes to take the regionalization agenda closer to universities and develop IAPSS' presence on the ground. He also hopes to establish a database of network members so we can handle outreach to students across the world. These were some of the things we did this past mandate and that he wants to expand on in the next mandate.

Thomas asks what his vision is for efforts in regional chairs and the challenges.

Michael responds that challenges include when making the regions autonomous, we will have to encounter different legal regimes to register the regions. We will have to examine how we manage regional finances. Regions will have to have a share of their income of memberships, so we will have to figure out how it will be spent. We will have to figure out how to move away from virtual events and transition students back to physical events on campuses. He wants to help students overcome financial constraints to memberships and develop innovative funding arrangements. He wants to help improve access to IAPSS events, including holding events on a rotational basis in each region so students from all

regions have easier access. He wants students to use IAPSS to address social and academic challenges, like for example in the developing world, he realized that there is difficulty surrounding academic access and world renowned speakers for lectures and other development programs. He hopes to work with regional chairs to see how we can use our resources and connections to give students access to things like journals, and career development and academic opportunities.

The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, Michael Gyekye was elected IAPSS Vice President for Regional Affairs.

#### **f. Vice President for Programs**

Tobias states that we do not have any candidates for this position, which implies that it will remain vacant unless there is no motion for a candidacy.

Rory asks how long potential candidates have to put their name forward.

Tobias states that we are opening the agenda points but are not closing them until the voting period closes. He emphasizes that in past years, while the General Assembly is the body that should vote for someone, there is a possibility to recruit interim Executive Committee members. He asks Justin to elaborate on this.

Justin states that we will have to probably appoint someone to serve in the interim. That call would go out early in the mandate, so on June 1st. He invites the person Rory has in mind to apply to serve in the interim and then run in the by-election at the next General Assembly in about six months. That might be the best way to go about it procedurally.

Rory asks how long this period lasts because there would be a question of whether we can find someone for the position or if it has been advertised correctly. There are a lot of new members joining recently thanks to the work of so many great people on this call, and maybe they need some time to familiarize themselves with the organization, so she wants to know how long the interim position would last and what opportunities they would have if they want to run in the future.

Justin states that the interim position would last for about six months but they could then run for the same executive committee position because they would be an IAPSS member as well. They could hypothetically serve in the interim until the next General Assembly and then run and be elected.

Rory states that there were some people that could not make the General Assembly. It is a question of do we want this to be vacant or not, or if there is someone who has been involved with IAPSS for a while who hasn't had the opportunity to declare their candidacy. She can look into that if it is what's preferred.

No one expresses opposition to Rory looking for individuals to potentially serve in the interim.

#### **g. Vice President for Public Relations**

Caroline states that during this time we should focus on collaboration, bridging ideological barriers, and increasing participation in our programs. In our messaging, we should be discouraging populism and nationalism and should be promoting multilateralism that will sync with the message of the organization and the partnerships we are striving to appeal to, which includes our current following and expanding our network. She has large connections through the United Nations, the World Bank Group, and other connections are evident on her resume. She would be happy to use these connections to promote IAPSS messaging and create creative content. She is the Chief Innovation Officer of the Youth Developing Sustainability Conference, which includes a pan-African summit in July 2021. Her role is securing partnerships and international media outlets, including working with the UN Youth Envoy. Also, there has been work done after her graduation on building social media accounts for two internationally-reaching organizations across various platforms from the ground up and have implemented successful marketing strategies to create creative content for those institutions as well. We are a generation of technology and entrepreneurship and thereby create synergy through public and private partnerships as emphasized earlier to incentivize multilateralism and globalization as Justin said, so we have to make our organization more relevant to political science students and potential partners and donors to increase media outreach. Video campaigns are very successful and would be good for our social media accounts by visually demonstrating IAPSS' activities and the urgency of issues IAPSS advocates for that compel action and engagement. She would provide a social media and video platform that political science can use for discussions. She would develop orientation videos for the regional and global activities to inform volunteers and members about what we are about and promoting our initiatives and our signature event, the World Congress. Altogether, she is approachable, transparent, has the expertise needed to execute the role successfully, and would be able to implement multiple membership engagement platforms and partners engagement initiatives.

Paola states that she is the current Head of the Public Relations Department and the current Vice-President for Public Relations since being elected at the by-election last December. She has been part of IAPSS since 2018. One priority of the last mandate was establishing and fortifying our connections internally and externally, and expanding our platforms to make IAPSS more accessible and approachable to members and other students around the world. During said mandate, she coordinated and participated in pretty much all IAPSS' efforts to expand its social media presence to other platforms, including expanding our YouTube presence, which we have seen grow quite a lot in the last few months. We want to expand the content and resources we can provide to our members. Internally, it has been important that we foster an environment of collaboration and communication between IAPSS Global and the regions; this was a goal of hers at the last General Assembly, and within and outside the association, she has had the opportunity to talk to students looking to get involved. The working of the department's team has been affected by the pandemic, but this situation has also given us opportunities to plan strategies and map out new content and ideas. These last

few weeks, the PR department started working on ideas for the new mandate and ways to continue the projects we already have. She has been a part of all of these processes and has helped coordinate them. She has thoroughly enjoyed working with the PR team, knows the workings of it, and we have a wonderful team. There are still some positions that are still vacant that she is very excited for in the new mandate, especially if the Advocacy Framework motion passes. It is very important to her that we take a stand when needed and work toward making a palpable difference. Working with the team has been an enriching experience and it would be her pleasure to continue working with everyone.

Tobias states that there have been some questions in the chat that have been answered already.

Thomas remarks that IAPSS has been very poor in informing members about study trips and other programs. He asks Paola how the candidates intend to improve that especially for those who are not present on the Facebook platform?

Paola states that we are developing special opportunities email newsletters and regional email newsletters that can help inform members who are not on social media and give them more precise information. We have expanded our social media platforms and have been thinking about adding a small news section on the website so everyone can access that information.

J. Marcos asks that the PR department coordinates global and regional social media presences and asks candidates what their plans are to make the institution more multilingual, because some chairs may want to communicate in regional languages. He asks if they are in favour, and if so, what their plan would be to implement it.

Caroline states that she is fluent in Polish, English, and Spanish, and if needed, she could deliver speeches and communications in those, but we can reach out to our networks and recruit volunteers to help IAPSS communicate in multiple languages. That would be a great way to not only boost regional participation, but would be one way to promote regional membership. Regional chairs could promote to small businesses and nonprofits in the areas, which if elected she would help with. We should strive to cover the basic UN languages and if there are other languages spoken in the region that should be added, she could have that discussion with the regional chairs. Reaching other multilingual communities would incentivize joining our organization and agreeing with our mission.

Paola states that since our official language is English, we have to generally stick to that, but she and J. Marcos have had this conversation in the past about Latin America and the Caribbean. We came to the conclusion that posting and providing information in other languages like in Spanish, Portuguese, and French was important since those are the main languages there. She would be concerned about other areas where there are many languages spoken in a single country. We could choose the most spoken ones. She is in favour of speaking as many languages as possible, but she believes that for the global side and the main part, we should try to keep to English because that is the language that we can

all understand each other in. It is very important to reach students who are not as proficient in English or who speak something completely different.

Anthony asks about candidates' past IAPSS experience.

Caroline was recruited to join IAPSS through connections in the United Nations Association due to her marketing experience and communications roles. This is her first year in IAPSS but she believes her background in similar roles speaks for itself and encourages members to read her documents on the website or contact her.

Paola replies that she joined in 2018 as a social media coordinator and was in that position for a while. She then became deputy head of the PR Department and interim VP for PR. A list of things she has done spans a couple years but some things over the past year involve providing workshops for regional coordinators, promoting and coordinating strategies for events and academic content, as well as the postponing of the 2020 World Congress.

Thomas asks how candidates can keep their personal biases separate from IAPSS.

Caroline replies that when she writes reports and other content, she fact checks everything to make sure it is accurate. She does not want to misrepresent the mission of IAPSS. She would make sure the framework for messaging is what the president and executive committee want. She would make sure the messaging is correct so it cannot be misconstrued. There will be inevitable backlash from people who disagree, but that's life and she would make content that is valuable to the communities in which IAPSS is present.

Paola states that fake news bothers her. At IAPSS, we are careful about sharing things that are iffy or are about unknown sources and are backed by the facts. It is something we are very conscious of. We have had in the past people posting things in the comments on the posts that are not correct or not in line with our values. So, we have had to deal with those and get rid of those as soon as possible. We do not allow that kind of content on our platforms and our website. We have a strict policy against that.

The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, Paola Navarro Villa was elected IAPSS Vice President for Public Relations.

#### **h. Advisory Board Members (3)**

Tobias states that while we have had three Advisory Board members in the past, it is not explicit in our Legal Framework from his understanding. He recommends having the election for these positions with an all of the above option. He asks Justin for input.

Justin replies that adding an all of the above option would be feasible.

There is general agreement to add an 'all of the above' option.

Giulia states that she joined IAPSS in summer 2018. She joined as a student ambassador and then became the IAPSS Europe Chair. She has seen the regionalization project develop. Before, Tobias talked about how the regionalization project started from a Google Document. She was one of the first people to read through it, which can give an insight of how long she has been involved. She will always be active and will always try to do her best. In her position in the Advisory Board, she wants to ensure that IAPSS stays a place where students come together, have fun, and that it creates opportunities for scholars. She wants to make sure that this is done in a responsible, ethical, and sustainable way. She wants to make sure that everyone is heard and that no one is treated unfairly. This will be at the top of her agenda.

Joaquim states that he is a political science student in Lisbon. He has written a letter before for his platform statement that is still relevant today. He has been a board member since December 2019 and with the pandemic, there was not much room to develop any further action, which is why he believes the principles he ran on previously are still relevant today. One of the biggest things the Advisory Board needs to do in the next mandate is to have a discussion regarding the expansions and other points of Justin's project. He wants to know how this will be operationalized and implemented. Everyone seems to be talking about the Alumni Network, and he would like to talk about the proposal that was made to reduce membership costs and to have this regional network really locally welcoming new members to not only try and build on the partnership but to have local partnerships built by local students. Lastly, IPSA's World Congress will be held in Lisbon and he will be happy to meet some people from IAPSS there, but he would also like to emphasize that it should be something we should build on; we already have a panel but maybe we should build on our capacity to organize things and mediate something else in that timeframe. This could help us save money because their infrastructure is already set up.

Mihai states that he has been involved in IAPSS since 2015 as the Delegations Coordinator, which he served in until 2018 when he became the Head of the Academic Department, and then for the past mandate, he has been a member of the Advisory Board. He would like to continue for another mandate to put his experience and background to use in the organization. He is glad that more people are interested in the Advisory Board, as at the start of the mandate it was just him and then after Joaquim was elected in December, there has been a lot more interaction and with more people it is more engaging and we can achieve a lot more. He would like to move the Advisory Board's jurisdiction beyond the financial oversight and mediating role that it has to make it a more institutionalized process of consulting with more excom members and the board. Just to have regular interactions and people coming to the Advisory Board. He would also like the Advisory Board to provide consultations and advice in establishing new partnerships. The experience of the people in the Advisory Board could provide a lot of support for this. He also sees the Advisory Board to assist with developing the Alumni Network and keeping it close. He used to live in Brussels and at an event he met someone previously on the board, so he approached him and talked to him about IAPSS. Now this former board member, Thomas, has a good career in public affairs and Mihai thinks it would be good for these people to still be in touch with IAPSS. Of



course they need to want this but he believes many people in IAPSS previously want to stay connected to the organization.

Rose states that she is currently the Vice President for Regional Affairs and has been in IAPSS for quite some time, starting as a member and then an ambassador and then membership campaign coordinator and then her current position. In this journey from membership to the Executive Committee, she has truly learned a lot and wants to remain in IAPSS although she cannot give as much time as she used to. She thus believes that serving on the Advisory Board would be the best option for her. She has attended IAPSS events from the 2016 World Congress to the 2019 World Congress in Madrid, so she has met a lot of people who are present at the current General Assembly. Three concepts she has learned that are important are active leadership, collaborative efforts, and tenacious leaders. As a member of the Advisory Board, she would like to promote these as well as the existing clauses in the Legal Framework. By providing advice or being there during Executive Committee meetings or being involved in the Slack channels, she would like to campaign for these three things. She wants to be an active member of the association as an Advisory Board member. As she has been working on the regionalization initiative from the start, she would also like to see the fruits she has sown in the Regional Leadership Committees and with Michael her current deputy, as this is very close to her heart and she would like to be there for each region.

Max asks the current Advisory Board members how they have invested the time into the work of the Advisory Board, as it says five hours per week and there are obvious tasks associated with it. He would especially like to hear Joaquim who presented the same platform statement as the one he submitted for his previous candidacy.

Joaquim replies that the premise of his previous candidacy still stands today. Given that his mandate only started in early January and the whole organizational model was constrained by the pandemic, so not much to advise on and to try to build from. In that sense, the most difficult and sensitive question this last mandate is about a member who has been expelled from the association and he and Mihai are dealing with his appeal and are in the process of investigating and he would not like to talk about the details of the case at the General Assembly.

Mihai adds that it is good to have more members in the Advisory Board because it will stimulate cooperation and a lot more involvement. Probably the most important challenge over this mandate was the expulsion decision, which we need to review and do our due diligence in this process to finalize this procedure. They are hoping to do it before this mandate ends but it takes time to double check and fact check everything, so it is an important process that we need to carry on.

Tobias states that something important that has not been outlined before and that people in the next mandate need to specify is that the Advisory Board also has the role of auditing the association and this role is something that we wish to grow stronger, yet this mandate will be a bridging function into the future and the Advisory Board would possibly announce that two or three of its members should do the auditing process of the previous mandate so both

these functions are possible within the scope of the voting and this has been something Mihai and Joaquim have taken out for the past mandate.

The vote opens.

By the time the voting period closed, Giulia Zampedri, Mihai Chihai, and Rose Smith were elected as members of the Advisory Board.

### **i. IAPSS Africa Chair**

Tobias clarifies that the votes for the regional chairs will be one ballot for the simple reason that those present will need to pick their region to vote for their respective chair. In the past on the IAPSS Board, there have been different interpretations allowed, so if you studied and lived in a different region than the one you are from, we do not stop you from choosing this region instead. Voting will only be possible after all the rounds of presentations and discussions. Funmi is the sole candidate for IAPSS Africa.

Funmi states that she has a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in political science and specializing in international relations. A lot of focus for IAPSS in the past has been on Europe, and it is the desire for a worldwide organization representing political science students all over the world to develop the regionalization process. Because of the Eurocentric nature of IAPSS, it is scarcely known on the African continent though there is a lot of interest. She wants to engage in a membership drive to recruit members in Africa. This is already in the pipeline and she has already been in contact with associations in Africa to develop partnerships. She is also in contact with a number of professional associations, which she would like to partner with as well to see what we can do together. Because the African region is very vast, her team may have difficulties reaching everyone, so she wants to recruit country coordinators in as many countries as possible so we can have a structure across every country in Africa. She has served as IAPSS Africa Chair in 2020 and in 2016 she founded a community that provides information and assistance to Africans who want to study abroad. For this community she established a network of smart minds to provide guidance for African students, which has been a great success. In 2018, she was appointed to a position in an NGO that seeks to enhance electoral integrity in Nigeria, so she has been involved in a couple of elections and has assisted in dangerous zones where past elections have resulted in violence. If elected, she will bring in a wealth of experience that she has with political science in Africa and who is connected to a lot of relevant networks and organizations.

Thomas states that Africa has five regions: North, South, East, West, and Central. He asks how Funmi will build a network of African students across these five regions, and how she intends to fundraise for IAPSS Africa.

Funmi replies that the current initiative to recruit country coordinators will help build a continental network. Each country coordinator will have networks that they can leverage to improve the membership drive in Africa. For fundraising, she plans to apply for funds that IAPSS Africa is eligible for and she and her team are thinking of other ways to raise funds.

After all regional chair presentations and questions concluded, the voting period opened.

By the time the voting period concluded, Fumni Olorunfemi was elected IAPSS Africa Chair.

#### **j. IAPSS Asia Chair**

Tobias states that we have two candidates, Dr. Meenakshi Bansal and Rutaba Tariq. As Dr. Meenakshi is not present, he invites those present to view their documents on the website.

Rutaba states that she has been serving as the IAPSS Asia Chair for the past 4-5 months. In the past three years, she has been involved in a lot of youth projects that have helped her build project management and team building skills, which she thinks are relevant for chairing a region. One position that has helped her build experience has been as a country coordinator for OIC's youth forum, which has required her to oversee multiple youth clubs and train young people on their diplomacy and negotiating skills. She has experience organizing workshops, discussions, events, and conferences, which have given her a wealth of experience that she wants to continue using through the IAPSS Asia platform. Since becoming IAPSS Asia Chair, she developed the team from 3-4 people to 12-13 people and we have more representation from different countries, including a country coordinator from Pakistan, Nepal, China, Japan, and Malaysia. She and her team have pushed forward the idea of diversifying IAPSS Asia in line with IAPSS Global's vision. She envisions the IAPSS Asia team continuing to grow going forward. She also initiated new projects, including a seminar series that was halted due to the pandemic, but we hope to go back to it once the quarantine is lifted. Another project is the e-discussion series currently happening, the first of which is on May 31st. Furthermore, she and her team have developed strategic documents and internal procedures such as a liaison kit, which is a guideline document on how to go about partnerships within different institutions within Asia, as well as other documents like databases for the outreach function, as well as a database from all of our networks, so whether we come across an individual, institution, or agency, we fed it into the database for future reference. These databases will be able to help future RLCs. Sustainability is a major part of the work we do in IAPSS Asia. In terms of visions for the future, she would like to develop IAPSS Asia's public relations capacities so it is more well known in the region, create local networks and partnerships to leverage for our events and projects, and develop IAPSS Asia as its own entity that organizes its own projects. She also wants to create value for IAPSS Asia members through the implementation of all IAPSS Asia projects. She wants to continue efforts to register IAPSS Asia as an NGO to improve its functionality to apply for additional funds of grants and more easily operate in Asia. She is interested in developing small scale projects to increase Asia memberships.

After all regional chair presentations and questions concluded, the voting period opened.

By the time the voting period concluded, Rutaba Tariq was elected IAPSS Asia Chair.

#### **k. IAPSS Europe Chair**

Tobias states that Bassem Chakroun is the only candidate. He states that Justin has more information.

Justin replies that Bassem gave prior notice that he was not able to be present. He is the current business development coordinator of IAPSS and has served over the course of this mandate and possibly before. Justin encourages those present to read Bassem's documents on the website.

After all regional chair presentations and questions concluded, the voting period opened.

By the time the voting period concluded, Bassem Chakroun was elected IAPSS Europe Chair.

### **I. IAPSS Latin America and the Caribbean Chair**

J. Marcos, the only candidate, states that he has been in this position since February. He has been trying to get more Latin American and Caribbean student organizations involved in IAPSS, as these organizations have historically contributed to enacting many political changes in the region, including in Chile and the Dominican Republic. He is aware of a number of student organizations and universities in Peru, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, and Mexico that would be good to reach out to. He has been trying to develop capacities to post on social media in more than one language to be more representative of our population in the region. They had a social media coordinator from Brazil who quit so now it is just him and the outreach coordinator. For the hiring process, they will prioritize applicants from Argentina, Colombia, Chile, and Mexico because these organizations have the largest political science student populations in the region so they can help us get more connections. They also want to create more country coordinator positions.

After all regional chair presentations and questions concluded, the voting period opened.

By the time the voting period concluded, J. Marcos Peña was elected IAPSS Latin America and the Caribbean Chair.

### **m. IAPSS Oceania Chair**

Mitchell, the sole candidate, states that he wants to build a team that is both cohesive and effective, develop an IAPSS presence in Oceania to make people aware that we exist, and to ensure that when he and other team members move on, that there are enough dedicated students to continue on the work so we don't backslide. He wants to introduce new country coordinators and offer student groups bulk memberships, as this will help political science students become aware of our organization and be more likely to get involved.

After all regional chair presentations and questions concluded, the voting period opened.

By the time the voting period concluded, Mitchell McIntosh was elected IAPSS Oceania Chair.

## **n. IAPSS US and Canada Chair**

Oleksii Z., the sole candidate, states that he resides in Alberta, Canada. He is pursuing a bachelor's degree in international studies. He has been involved in some international projects mostly organizing Model United Nations events in Asia. He got involved in IAPSS last fall when he was appointed Assistant Speakers Coordinator for the IAPSS World Congress and has been assisting the World Congress team until the cancellation in March. He was informed about the vacant positions in IAPSS USA and Canada and that it is still in its preliminary stages of development and he believes this region deserves so much more in terms of members, impacts, events, and influence. There is unlimited potential in this region with a lot of universities and thriving political science student clubs on campuses, so his ultimate goal is to build an infrastructure and a functioning organization so that when his mandate is over, he can give it to new people who will continue our beginnings. He wants to grow the region's online presence because if there is nothing online, we basically do not exist. He also wants to organize online events and establish as many partnerships and connections with US and Canada universities and political science clubs as possible and really promote IAPSS membership. While he found IAPSS through Google and it is good that we have a good search ranking, people should be aware that IAPSS exists. IAPSS has the potential to create a student movement in North America. We can also create additional opportunities once the pandemic situation becomes more clear, like academic events to bring the organization further, but ultimately his goal would be to establish an infrastructure during this mandate for the region.

Rory asks which partnerships Oleksii Z. will promote in the region.

Oleksii Z. responds that since the region is still in its infancy, he wants to partner with student run clubs with the potential of increasing memberships, IAPSS ambassadors in Canadian provinces and American states, and continuing to develop the partnership with Leading Women of Tomorrow and other non-partisan NGOs in the US and Canada that help political science students as well as student-run initiatives. This all depends on our efforts in the first half of the mandate. In the second half of the mandate we will build upon the foundation we have created.

Rory asks how he will ensure that different parts of the USA & Canada are represented in the recruitment, like Midwest, Northeast, West Coast.

Oleksii Z. replies that he will first prioritize recruiting a good team from across the continent and have as equal representation as possible. Ideally, he would want to have regional representation in the form of IAPSS ambassadors that potentially represent different parts of the US and Canada, but this is more of a goal more towards the end of the mandate, because right now his focus is on building the infrastructure because IAPSS USA and Canada is practically non-existent. This question could be better examined in December.

Oleksii T. states that Ukraine and countries of North America always are connected by numerous programs of scientific and educational cooperation. He and his fellow IAPSS

Ukraine team members will be happy to develop a partnership between IAPSS Ukraine and IAPSS US and Canada within IAPSS Global. He asks if Oleksii will support this if elected. He also asks if Oleksii is Ukrainian given his name.

Oleksii responds that he would support such a partnership and that this should be discussed in detail later. He states that he is from Ukraine.

Tobias asks Justin to open the ballot for the regional chairs.

Justin explains that this ballot is a link that participants click that goes to an online form where they input their name, the email associated with their IAPSS membership, and which region they identify with, whereupon they will be directed to the ballot for their respective region.

After all regional chair presentations and questions concluded, the voting period opened.

By the time the voting period concluded, Oleksii Zahreba was elected IAPSS US and Canada Chair.

## **10. Other Business**

Tobias invites those present to present other business. He thanks everyone for the meeting today, which for him has been a feeling of closing a very important chapter in his life, as he has been involved in IAPSS since 2016. He will stay involved, yet after two years on the Executive Committee, he is confident that the people who want to stay involved next year have the necessary visions, motivations, and perspectives to really elevate this association to another level. He is super fascinated with the diverse discussions; this creates a new layer that will augment IAPSS' institutional structures. It was nice to communicate with everyone, as work in IAPSS requires everyone to work virtually so it is not all the time that we get to see all these people. This has given him a lot of optimism in IAPSS' future and if anyone would like his advice even though he is leaving the Executive Committee, he is happy to give it anytime and on any occasion, so feel free to reach out. He feels very optimistic about what's coming next.

Thomas asks if IAPSS envisions the creation of any form of member identification in the future.

Justin replies that there is an organization that we could possibly partner with in the future that offers what's called the International Student Identity Card, which is an ID card. A lot of student organizations partner with this group and it offers a number of discounts and a piece of ID. We need to learn more about who they are and what they do.

## **11. Adjournment**

A motion to conclude the discussion portion of the General Assembly is moved by Justin and seconded by Thomas.



There is general agreement to conclude the discussion portion of the General Assembly.

The discussion portion of the General Assembly concludes on May 24, 2020 at 2:00 CEST.

The General Assembly adjourns on May 26, 2020 at 2:00 CEST.



**Appendix A: Motions Package**

**Motions Package**  
**May 23, 2020 General Assembly of the**  
**International Association for Political**  
**Science Students (IAPSS)**

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## **Motion 1: Addition of Advocacy Framework**

Moved by: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas IAPSS represents political science students around the world;

Whereas IAPSS has the capacity to make education policy and research recommendations to improve the education experience of political science students;

Be it resolved that IAPSS make advocacy a central tenet of its purpose;

Be it further resolved that the following addition be added as Policy 1 of the IAPSS Legal Framework, in which case a policy is understood as a directive distinct from statutes or regulations in that it does not pertain to the IAPSS' internal organizational structure:

### **Policy 1: Advocacy Framework**

#### **The Problem**

For many political science students and students of related disciplines across the world, education is an investment towards a fulfilling and financially sustainable career. However, in many cases, this education is very expensive and a significant number of students upon graduating experience difficulty finding jobs in their field. Succeeding in political science in the 21st century is more than a matter of grades; it also requires networking, publication, soft skills, and the privilege of having free time on top of curricular activities to develop in these areas. Given these realities, for many students who can afford a political science education, the investment is a precarious risk.

Political science students' tenuous situation does not benefit the field. Growing economic disparities, environmental challenges, and the rise of authoritarian regimes and populist movements threaten contemporary democracy and well-being. More research than ever is required in order to understand why these trends have developed and how they can be prevented in the future. We need to challenge old approaches, broaden our scopes, and bring all hands on deck to provide quality policy recommendations and start working toward solutions. It is therefore important that more students have access to a quality political science education that allows them to contribute to expanding the limits of knowledge and be a part of the change on a practical level.

#### **How IAPSS Can Help**

To address these challenges political science students face, we need to have a say in how political science education is designed and administered, which will require us to use our collective voice to establish a dialogue with academics and policymakers. We need to share best practices so those in countries with better political science opportunities can help those who are struggling. Furthermore, until favourable policy and curriculum changes are implemented, we need to organize professional development opportunities to help each other

meet the demands of an increasingly competitive academic and professional job market. In other words, we need a global organization that advocates for political science students.

The International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS) is poised to be this organization, as it has been developing opportunities for political science students across the world since 1998 while maintaining political independence and democratic decision-making. It also has developed positive relations with a number of prominent political science organizations including the International Political Science Association and the International Studies Association. IAPSS has the capacity to bring the world's political science students into a united network that channels information about current problems and ideas by region into comprehensive advocacy strategies while also providing resources to empower local political science student associations to implement high quality events and professional development initiatives on their campuses.

### **Declaration of the Political Science Student**

While IAPSS is constantly learning more about what life is like for political science students and those in related fields in various parts of the world and across all levels of education, we have created the following advocacy points based on what we have gathered up to the current time. We welcome any additions or feedback you have to make the following advocacy points stronger and more elaborate.

1. Political science education should be accessible to all.
  - 1.1. All students should be able to afford a quality political science education.
  - 1.2. All students should be able to freely choose to study political science and have an education experience free of discrimination.
  - 1.3. Political science students should have access to the academic databases and works necessary for them to complete the research required for their program, prepare relevant research and dissemination outputs including but not limited to academic publishing, and continuously advance their knowledge in the field.
  - 1.4. Political science students should have access to current academic discourse in the field and should have opportunities to contribute to said discourse.
  - 1.5. Political science students should have the opportunity to apply to and attend academic conferences and other events relevant to their studies without having to endure financial hardship.
  - 1.6. Political science students should have opportunities to publish in the field independently and collaboratively while avoiding predatory publishing.
  - 1.7. Political science students should have access to the technology necessary to complete their program and continuously advance their knowledge in the field.
  - 1.8. Political science students should have access to instruction on all research methods relevant to the field and should have opportunities to apply these methods in their research.
  - 1.9. Political science students should have adequate networking opportunities with academics and professionals in the field.

- 1.10. Political science students should have access to the global political science student community.
  
2. Political science students should have options for gaining experience relevant to the field and its practical applications in different sectors, including but not limited to academia, government, the private sector, and civil society.
  - 2.1. These work experiences should merit a living wage.
  - 2.2. These work experiences should foster skill development that will be useful for a career in the field.
  - 2.3 Political science students should not have to choose between these work experiences and fulfilling curricular requirements.
  
3. Political science education should be relevant and engaging.
  - 3.1. Assignments should contribute to the development of useful research skills and/or publishable works as opposed to being mere summaries of content.
  - 3.2. Political science students should be able to contribute to curriculum design and provide feedback on their classes and other course-related activities.
  - 3.3. Curriculum content should be comprehensive and up to date.
  
4. Political science students should have opportunities to gain experience as political actors.
  - 4.1. Political science students should have a fair, democratic, campus-wide student government that allows them full political participation and the capacity to advocate for a better quality of education.
  - 4.2. Political science students should have a fair, democratic student association within their department or faculty that allows them full political participation and the capacity to advocate for a better quality of education.
  - 4.3. Political science students, along with all students, should have opportunities to engage in political activities at all levels of government.
  - 4.4. Political science students should have extracurricular autonomy.
  - 4.5. Political science students should not have to choose between political and/or extracurricular activities and fulfilling curricular requirements.

### **Commitment to a Global Community**

IAPSS self-identifies as the organization that represents all the political science students in the world. In understanding that not all political science students have access to an affordable, quality political science education and often face major challenges when it comes to finding employment after graduation, IAPSS recognizes that it must represent the needs of marginalized political science students and advocate for advancing their interests. IAPSS acknowledges that in order to effectively achieve this goal, all political science students must be counted among its membership. IAPSS further acknowledges that not actively pursuing this goal denies marginalized political science students opportunities and a voice, which would render such inaction to be understood as discrimination against marginalized political

science students. Any action or inaction that leads to denying political science students access to IAPSS or the knowledge that IAPSS exists, apart from where permitted in the IAPSS Legal Framework, is in direct contravention to what IAPSS stands for.

### **How Individuals and Associations Can Get Involved**

Individuals and associations can become a part of the global political science student movement by maintaining communications with IAPSS and its regional teams on their continents. IAPSS can promote their events and initiatives to political science students and academics around the world while also offering resources and branding to help with implementation. Similarly, individuals and organizations can share IAPSS opportunities with political science students at their education institutions, including IAPSS conferences, publications, and volunteer positions. Most importantly, individuals and associations can tell IAPSS about issues political science students are currently facing or ideas on how to make political science education better. While IAPSS offers individual student memberships for those who can afford them, this is optional, as IAPSS' main concern is bringing political science students together and advocating for their interests. In other words, individuals and associations do not have to pay anything for IAPSS support.

## Motion 2: Addition of Declaration on Plagiarism

Moved by: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas the IAPSS Executive Committee adopted this declaration in 2016;

Whereas the declaration continues to align with IAPSS' vision and goals;

Be it resolved that the Declaration on Plagiarism be added to the current legal framework as Policy 2 as follows:

### Policy 2: Declaration on Plagiarism

As the global representation of political science students, we are committed to the highest international standards of academic and scientific honesty. Therefore, we strictly refuse to accept any piece of work, oral or written that is a product of plagiarism. We subscribe to the definition of plagiarism of Oxford University, according to which:

“Plagiarism is presenting someone else’s work or ideas as your own, with or without their consent, by incorporating it into your work without full acknowledgement. All published and unpublished material, whether in manuscript, printed or electronic form, is covered under this definition. Plagiarism may be intentional or reckless, or unintentional.”<sup>1</sup>

We required our members and other followers who are considering to submit a paper to one of IAPSS’ events, journals, or contribute to our blog, *A Different View*, to study the guidelines of Oxford University or similar guidelines<sup>2</sup> carefully and adhere to the referencing requirements listed therein.

All IAPSS members and external reviewers of papers are obliged to report every suspected instance of violation of standards of academic honesty to the respective IAPSS Board member [Editor-in-Chief] in case of IAPSS publications, Academic Program Coordinator in case of IAPSS conferences and other events]. Each of these instances will be examined closely by the respective Board member and judged in consultation with the respective member of the IAPSS Executive Committee.

Depending on the degree of seriousness of the offence, instances of plagiarism will result in various sanctions, such as the immediate rejection of a submission to an IAPSS publication without the right to submit a revised version, the refusal of the right to present the plagiarized piece at an IAPSS event even with a valid registration, up to termination of membership in an

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<sup>1</sup> University of Oxford. 2016. “Plagiarism”. Available at [Accessed May 9, 2020]: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/skills/plagiarism?wssl=1>. An act of plagiarism may but does not necessarily violate copyright laws.

<sup>2</sup> For example, University of Melbourne. 2016. “Academic honesty and plagiarism”. Available at [Accessed May 9, 2020]: <https://academichonesty.unimelb.edu.au>.



IAPSS structure or, in case of intentional offences, termination of IAPSS membership itself in accordance with the IAPSS Statutes.

In case of doubt, do not hesitate to send your questions and inquiries related to academic and scientific honesty to [academic@iapss.org](mailto:academic@iapss.org) *before* you submit your paper or other contribution.

## Motion 3: Relocation

Moved by: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas IAPSS is currently located in Nijmegen, The Netherlands and is registered as an association in The Netherlands;

Whereas this location requires all amendments to IAPSS statutes to be written and voted on in Dutch in order to take effect, and then would require IAPSS to pay a notary to officialize the changes;

Whereas this current process prevents non-Dutch speakers from having a sufficient say in IAPSS' decision-making structures and conflicts with IAPSS' language of operation, which is English;

Whereas it cannot be feasibly expected that all IAPSS members would be able to afford the time and money required to learn Dutch to a sufficient degree to write, read, and pass amendments within the timeframe of an IAPSS membership;

Whereas IAPSS' current financial state renders it unlikely to be able to afford sufficient Dutch translations of motions and documents;

Whereas other countries that operate in English would not require IAPSS to pay a notary every time its membership votes to amend its statutes;

Whereas this current situation restricts IAPSS' ability to evolve its organizational structure to adjust to changing realities and represent the will of its membership;

Be it resolved that the IAPSS General Assembly recommend that the IAPSS Executive Committee that will serve in the 2020-2021 elected mandate relocate IAPSS to a country whose language of operation is the same as IAPSS' language of operation, which allows IAPSS to become affiliated with a reputed global university at least similar to the Radboud University in Nijmegen, and which is more financially sustainable for IAPSS including not requiring IAPSS to pay a notary every time it amends its statutes.

Be it further resolved that IAPSS' affiliation with the University of Raboud Nijmegen be preserved throughout and after the relocation process if possible;

Be it further resolved that since IAPSS' journals are listed as being published in the country it is incorporated in, that IAPSS not relocate to the United Kingdom or the United States due to the fact that some journal indexing services discriminate against United Kingdom and United States based publishers;

Be it further resolved that any substantial change to the Legal Framework that may be implemented under the grounds of the new statutes' legal requirements must be approved by the General Assembly.



## Motion 4: Merging the Diversity and Equality Committee and the Human Resources Committee

Moved by: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas the mandates of the Diversity and Equality Committee and the Human Resources Committee overlap significantly;

Whereas all human resources should be focused around diversity and equality;

Whereas in recent years it has proven to be difficult for IAPSS to maintain both committees at full operating capacity simultaneously;

Be it resolved that the Diversity and Equality Committee and the Human Resources Committee be merged;

Be it further resolved that the merged committee be named the Diversity and Human Resources Committee;

Be it further resolved that Regulation 1, § 10 of the IAPSS Legal Framework be amended as follows:

§ 10 The IAPSS Global Board additionally forms the following Committees consisting of its members:

- a. The Grant Application Committee;
- b. The Project Evaluation Committee;
- c. The Event Evaluation Committee;
- d. The Delegation Application Committee;
- e. ~~The Diversity and Equality Committee;~~
- f. ~~The Diversity and~~ Human Resources Committee.

Be it further resolved that Regulation 1, Section 9 be removed:

~~9. The IAPSS Diversity and Equality Committee~~

~~§ 4 The IAPSS Diversity and Equality Committee is: established by this regulation.~~

~~§ 44 The IAPSS DEC~~

~~a. is charged with the responsibility to guard and enforce standards of inclusion and effective diversity within the boards of IAPSS mainly represented through a Code of Conduct;~~

~~b. analyzes the situation of diversity and safeguard matters of equality within IAPSS as an association on a structural and individual level and to that end submitting biannual reports to the Organisational Board including recommendations for improvement in April and December.~~

~~§ 45 The IAPSS DEC consists of the following three members:~~

- ~~a. One member of the ExCom elected by the ExCom;~~
- ~~b. One member of the SupCom elected by the SupCom;~~
- ~~c. One Coordinator of the Organisational Board elected by all members of the respective board.~~

~~§ 46 Decision making in the IAPSS DEC is based on two-thirds majority.~~

Be it further resolved the Regulation 1, Section 10 be amended as follows:

10. The IAPSS Human Resources Committee

§ 437 The IAPSS Diversity Human Resources Committee (DHRC) is ~~established by this regulation.~~

~~§ 48 The IAPSS HRC is~~ charged with the responsibility of

~~a. ensuring that IAPSS human resources remain healthy, safe and effective through means such as vetting candidates for appointed positions and implementing conflict management processes. finding and approaching suitable candidates for open positions within all IAPSS boards except the Academic Board and acts as a focalpoint to improve human resources to further attract excellent volunteers for positions within the IAPSS Organisational Board in order to ensure continued work of the board.~~ It can only recommend to individuals to apply for suitable positions but not make public statements about the suitability of candidates to prevent conflict of interest and/or refrain from other influencing actions after the call for applications is closed. ~~The HRC contributes to the standardization of the above mentioned processes and tasks. It is responsible for sending its activity report to the Organisational Board in April and December of each year.~~

~~b. guarding and enforcing standards of inclusion and effective diversity within IAPSS as outlined in the IAPSS Legal Framework, including but not limited to the Code of Conduct;~~

~~c. analyzing the situation of diversity and safeguarding matters of equity within IAPSS as an association on a structural and individual level and to that end submitting biannual reports to the Global Board including its activities since its last report and recommendations for improvement in April and December.~~

§ 4938 The IAPSS DHRC consists of the following three members:

- a. One member from the ExCom elected by the ExCom;
- b. One member from the ~~Advisory Board-SupCom~~ elected by the ~~Advisory Board-SupCom~~;
- c. One coordinator ~~within the Secretariat responsible for Human Resources~~ elected by ~~coordinators and deputies.~~

§ 5039 Decision making in the IAPSS DHRC is based on a two-thirds majority.

Be it further resolved that all mentions of the Human Resources Committee (HRC) be replaced with “Diversity and Human Resources Committee (DHRC)”.

## Motion 5: Amendments to Regulation 1

Moved by: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas there are a number of grammar errors and redundancies in the existing regulation that need to be corrected;

Be it resolved that Regulation 1 be amended as follows:

### 1. General Provisions

§ 1 These regulations govern the internal structure and procedures of the International Association for Political Science Students, ~~-(hereinafter IAPSS) or the association.~~

§ 2 This document is based on Article 13 (1) of the **IAPSS** Statutes.

§ 3 These regulations aim **at to**:

- a. ~~Setting~~ the structure of IAPSS;
- b. Establish**ing** the IAPSS Global Board and Regional Boards;
- c. Defin**ing** the status of the Academic Affiliates of IAPSS;
- d. Defin**ing** the remit of the Executive Committee (hereinafter ExCom);
- e. Defin**ing** the remit of the ~~Advisory Board Supervisory Committee (hereinafter SupCom);~~
- f. Establish**ing** a Grant Application Committee (hereinafter IAPSS GAC);
- g. ~~Establishing a Project Evaluation Committee (hereinafter IAPSS PAC);~~
- ~~h.~~ Establish**ing** an Event **and Project** Evaluation Committee (hereinafter IAPSS EEC);
- ~~ih.~~ Establish**ing** a Delegation Application Committee (hereinafter IAPSS DAC);
- ~~ji.~~ Establish**ing** a Diversity and Equality Committee (hereinafter IAPSS DEC);
- ~~kj.~~ Establish**ing** a Human Resources Committee (hereinafter IAPSS HRC);
- ~~lk.~~ Defin**ing** rules for internal voting;
- ~~ml.~~ Defin**ing** the regional structure of IAPSS;
- ~~nm.~~ Defin**ing** rules for Honorary Members;
- ~~on.~~ Defin**ing** rules for financial administration.

§ 4 The entirety of the IAPSS Statutes, **Regulations, Policies** and all **other rules** ~~the rules and regulations~~ agreed by the General Assembly is referred to as **the IAPSS Legal Framework** "legal framework".

§ 5 All positions referred to in this document refer to IAPSS Global, if not specified differently. IAPSS Global is comprised of members holding positions to administrate, contribute, and develop the global affairs of the association in contrast to the association's regional affairs.

### 2. The structure of IAPSS

§ 6 Section ~~2H~~ of these regulations is applicable to all further sections and to the legal framework except the IAPSS Statutes. Any contradictory rule is not applicable if breaching the provisions of **Regulation 1, Section 2** ~~Section H of these regulations~~.

§ 7 IAPSS is divided into IAPSS Global, which bears the legal personality of IAPSS, and six regional chapters. ~~The structure is outlined in Section XII of these regulations.~~

§ 8 The work of IAPSS Global is conducted in the ~~Global Organisational~~ Board and among the Academic Affiliates. Its ~~main responsible body for operational management and decision making major decision-making body~~ is the Executive Committee (ExCom) and its monitoring body is the ~~Advisory Board Supervisory Committee (SupCom)~~. Six regional boards ~~as stated in Section XII of these regulations~~ complete the IAPSS structure. All boards are independent from each other in their work unless stated otherwise in the legal framework of IAPSS. ~~The ExCom, the Global Board and the regional boards All boards~~ are accountable to the members of the Association through the General Assembly, and the independent ~~Advisory Board Supervisory Committee~~. For the ExCom and each Board, Rules of Procedure can be adapted by the General Assembly.

§ 9 The IAPSS Global Board contains ~~the~~ following bodies ~~represented in the ExCom~~:

- a. ~~The~~ International Cooperation Department;
- b. ~~The~~ Regional Affairs Department;
- c. ~~The~~ Secretariat;
- d. ~~The~~ Financial Administration Department;
- e. ~~The~~ Academic Department;
- f. ~~The~~ Programs Department;
- g. ~~The~~ Public Relations Department.

§ 10 The IAPSS Global Board additionally forms the following Committees consisting of its members ~~or specific individuals as outlined in the IAPSS Legal Framework~~:

- a. The Grant Application Committee;
- b. ~~The Project Evaluation Committee~~;
- ~~e.~~ The Event and Project Evaluation Committee;
- ~~dc.~~ The Delegation Application Committee;
- ~~ed.~~ The Diversity and Equality Committee;
- ~~fe.~~ The Human Resources Committee.

§ 11 The IAPSS Academic Affiliates are IAPSS individual members comprising:

- a. Deputy Editors-in-Chief, Senior Editors, Editors, Junior Editors and Editorial Assistants of IAPSS publications, ~~comprising that make up~~ the IAPSS journals Politikon: The IAPSS Journal of Political Science, Encuentro Latinoamericano (~~ADV~~) and the academic blog A Different View (~~ADV~~);
- b. Members of the Authorial Board of A Different View;
- c. Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members of the Student Research Committees, (~~hereinafter SRC Members~~);

d. Members of the Academic Think Tank / Academic Committee Members. (hereinafter ATT/ACOM Members);

e. Other IAPSS members in positions qualifying for Academic Affiliates as decided upon by the ExCom. A positive vote of the Head of the Academic Department is required for establishing an Academic Affiliate position qualifying for Academic Affiliate.

§ 12 The IAPSS ~~Advisory Board-SupCom~~ is an independent body within ~~the IAPSS~~ the Global Board ~~further governed by Section IV of this regulation~~. Members of the ~~Advisory Board SupCom~~ are entitled to ~~all the same~~ rights as the members of the ~~Organisational Global~~ Board.

§ 13 Heads of each Department, Editors-in-Chief of the IAPSS publications, Regional Chairs, ATT/ACOM Chairs, and SRC Chairs can appoint Coordinators, Editors, Editorial Assistants, SRC Members, and ATT/ACOM Members. This goes accordingly with section XI of these regulations. The mandate of each Board member begins with signing the Volunteering Agreement at the beginning of the Association Year (1 June) or during the mandate and ends with the end of the Association Year (31 May). Editors in Chief are appointed for two mandates.

### 3. The IAPSS Executive Committee

§ 14 The ExCom consists of seven members:

- a. The IAPSS President;
- b. The IAPSS Secretary-General;
- c. The IAPSS Treasurer;
- d. The IAPSS Vice President for Regional Affairs;
- e. The IAPSS Vice President for Academic Affairs;
- f. The IAPSS Vice President for Programs;
- g. The IAPSS Vice President for Public Relations.

§ 15 Each ExCom member is responsible for their assigned tasks ~~as outlined in the IAPSS Legal Framework by the legal documents of the association~~. If not specified through any legal document, the ExCom decides on the distribution of further ~~responsibilities competences~~ together. Each ExCom member ~~coordinates a number of~~ leads the coordinators ~~coming together~~ in ~~their respective~~ Departments.

§ 16 Any ExCom member may under no circumstances occupy more than one position within the ExCom. Membership in the ExCom and ~~Advisory Board SupCom~~ at the same time is prohibited. ~~This particularly prohibits the accumulation of votes.~~

§ 17 Any ExCom member may at any time hand over their voting rights to their ~~Deputy of their, who is a member of the~~ respective Department, in case of absence or other reasonable causes. The ~~Deputies of each department Deputy, available for this responsibility and voting transfer~~ are:

- a. The Director of International Cooperation for the ~~President~~ International Cooperation Department;
- b. The ~~Deputy~~ Secretary of the Regions for the ~~Vice-President for~~ Regional Affairs Department;
- c. The ~~Deputy Secretary-General for the Secretariat~~ Director for Membership Affairs for the ~~Secretary-General~~;
- d. The Deputy Treasurer for the ~~Financial Administration Department~~ Treasurer;
- e. The Deputy Head for Academic Affairs for the ~~Head for~~ Academic Affairs Department;
- f. The Deputy Head for Programs for the ~~Vice-President for~~ Programs Department;
- g. The Deputy Head for Public Relations for the ~~Vice-President for~~ Public Relations Department.

§ 18 ~~If in case~~ the ExCom member is not available at the meeting and the holder of the position has not transferred their voting rights to their Deputy, the Deputy cannot ~~vote on represent~~ the respective ExCom member's behalf ~~Member through vote. The Deputy is responsible to represent the views of the respective department in the absence of the ExCom member.~~

§ 19 The ExCom is jointly responsible for the coordination and execution of all the assigned tasks.

§ 20 ~~The Vice President takes over the daily administrative tasks of the President in case of absence and takes their position in case that the IAPSS President is no longer the holder of the position.~~

§ 21 ~~In case of termination of an ExCom membership (for any other member than the President), the Deputy of said ExCom position's department person named under § 17 may replace the vacant position as an ExCom member upon the approval of the remaining ExCom members, while the SupCom needs to approve this step. If the Deputy is not approved embracing the position as Head of the Department, a General Assembly must be held within six weeks to find a replacement for the position. the ExCom may appoint a replacement to serve in the ExCom position in the interim until a replacement can be elected at the next general assembly.~~

§ 212 The General Assembly at the end of the association year discharges the ExCom of the previous year.

§ 232 A discharge as stated under § 221 can only happen when the General Assembly has adopted the:

- a. Annual Report;
- b. Financial Statement.

§ 243 In case the General Assembly rejects or does not proceed with a vote on the final report and/or the financial statement ~~as required in Regulation 1, at the under § 232 stated~~

~~General Assembly~~, the ExCom is obliged to ~~continue in their roles-see to their affairs~~ and call for a new General Assembly ~~within six (6) weeks-as soon as reasonably possible~~.

#### 4. The IAPSS ~~Advisory Board-Supervisory Committee~~

§ 254 The ~~SupCom Advisory Board~~ consists of three members.

§ 265 Each ~~SupCom Advisory Board~~ member is responsible for the assigned tasks ~~outlined in by the IAPSS legal framework-of IAPSS~~. Further responsibilities to monitor, assess, or mediate can be added by the ExCom for the duration of the respective mandate.

§ 276 Any ~~SupCom Advisory Board~~ member may under no circumstances occupy more than one position within the ~~SupCom Advisory Board~~. ~~Membership in the SupCom and ExCom at the same time is prohibited. This particularly prohibits the accumulation of votes.~~

§ 287 The General Assembly at the end of the association year discharges the ~~SupCom Advisory Board~~ of the previous year and elects the ~~Advisory Board~~ for the following year.

§ 298 The under § 287 stated discharge can only happen, when the General Assembly has adopted the:

##### a. Final Supervisory Report.

§ 3029 In case the General Assembly rejects or does not proceed with a vote on the final supervisory report at the General Assembly as stated under § 28, the ~~ExCom is obligated to call for a new General Assembly within six (6) weeks, at which the Advisory Board must SupCom is obliged to see to~~ present the Final Supervisory Report ~~at the next General Assembly as soon as reasonably possible~~.

#### 5. The IAPSS Grant Application Committee

§ 340 The IAPSS Grant Application Committee is ~~established by this regulation~~.

~~§ 32 It is~~ in charge of assessing grant applications, proposed by IAPSS members or offered to IAPSS.

~~§ 33 The work of the IAPSS GAC is further defined by the legal framework.~~

#### 6. ~~The IAPSS Project Evaluation Committee~~

~~§ 34 The IAPSS Project Evaluation Committee is established by this regulation.~~

~~§ 35 It is in charge of assessing project applications, proposed by members of IAPSS or by non-members when the intention of becoming a member is expressed.~~

~~§ 36 The work of the IAPSS PAC is further defined by regulations.~~



## ~~7.~~ The IAPSS Event and Project Evaluation Committee

§ ~~317~~ The IAPSS Event and Project Evaluation Committee (EPEC) is ~~established by this regulation.~~

§ ~~38~~ It is in charge of assessing event and project proposals; suggested by members of IAPSS or by non-members when the intention of becoming a member is expressed.

§ ~~33~~ The work of the IAPSS EPEC is further defined by the legal framework.

## 8. The IAPSS Delegation Application Committee

§ ~~4032~~ The IAPSS Delegation Application Committee (DAC) is ~~established by this regulation.~~

§ ~~41~~ It is in charge of preparing applications and organizing delegations to external events.

§ ~~42~~ The work of the IAPSS DAC is further defined by the legal framework.

## 9. The IAPSS Diversity and Equality Committee

§ ~~433~~ The IAPSS Diversity and Equality Committee (DEC) is: ~~established by this regulation.~~

§ ~~44~~ The IAPSS DEG

a. is charged with the responsibility to guard and enforce standards of inclusion and effective diversity within the boards of IAPSS mainly represented through a Code of Conduct;

b. analyzes the situation of diversity and safeguard matters of equality within IAPSS as an association on a structural and individual level and to that end submitting biannual reports to the Organisational Global Board including recommendations for improvement in April and December.

§ ~~4534~~ The IAPSS DEC consists of the following three members:

a. One member of the ExCom elected by the ExCom;

b. One member of the SupCom elected by the ~~SupCom~~ Advisory Board;

c. One Coordinator of the Organisational Global Board elected by all members of the respective board.

§ ~~4635~~ Decision making in the IAPSS DEC is based on a two-thirds majority.

## 10. The IAPSS Human Resources Committee

§ ~~4736~~ The IAPSS Human Resources Committee (HRC) is ~~established by this regulation.~~

~~§ 48 The IAPSS HRC is~~ charged with the responsibility of ensuring that IAPSS human resources remain healthy, safe and effective through means such as vetting candidates for appointed positions and implementing conflict management processes. ~~finding and approaching suitable candidates for open positions within all IAPSS boards except the Academic Board and acts as a focalpoint to improve human resources to further attract excellent volunteers for positions within the IAPSS Organisational Board in order to ensure continued work of the board. It can only recommend to individuals to apply for suitable positions but not make public statements about the suitability of candidates to prevent conflict of interest and/or refrain from other influencing actions after the call for applications is closed.~~ The HRC ~~contributes to the standardization of the above mentioned processes and tasks.~~ It is responsible for sending its activity report to the [Organisational Global Board](#) in April and December of each year.

§ 4937 The IAPSS HRC consists of the following three members:

- a. One member from the ExCom elected by the ExCom;
- b. One member from the SupCom elected by the SupCom;
- c. One coordinator within the Secretariat responsible for Human Resources.

§ 5038 Decision making in the IAPSS HRC is based on a two-thirds majority.

## 11. Internal Voting

§ 5439 According to § 10 of these regulations, Deputy Heads of Departments, Coordinators, and Academic Affiliates ~~are can be~~ appointed.

- a. The Executive Committee appoints Coordinators by a majority of all its current members. The candidates are usually proposed by the Heads of Departments in which the position is located.
- b. Editors-in-Chief are appointed for a two-year mandate, other Coordinators are appointed for a one-year mandate, both with a possibility of extension upon mutual agreement and satisfaction at the beginning of the next mandate.
- c. Deputy Editors-in-Chief of IAPSS Publications, Senior Editors, Editors, Junior Editors of IAPSS Journals, Authors of A Different View and Members of the ATT/ACOM are appointed by a consensus of the Head of the Academic Department and the Coordinator of the branch of the Academic Department in which the position is located.
- d. Editorial Assistants are appointed by a consensus of the Head of the Academic Department and the Editors-in-Chief of the IAPSS Journals.
- e. SRC Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members are appointed according to the valid version of the Guidelines for IAPSS SRCs.
- f. Other Academic Affiliates are appointed by the Head of the Academic Department for positions established by the ExCom.

g. Deputy Editors-in-Chief of IAPSS Publications, Senior Editors, Editors, Junior Editors of IAPSS Journals, Authors of A Different View are appointed for a two-year mandate with a possibility of extension upon mutual agreement and satisfaction at the beginning of the next mandate.

h. ATT/ACOM Members are appointed for a term designated by a consensus of the Head of the Academic Department and the ATT/ACOM Coordinator.

i. Other Academic Affiliates are appointed for a term determined by the Head of the Academic Department.

j. In case a consensus about an appointment cannot be reached, the Head of the Academic Department or the Coordinator may ~~request that propose~~ the ExCom to ~~discuss-vote on~~ the appointment at its next meeting.

§ 5340 In exceptional cases where the position does not fall under one of the ~~in this regulation-stated~~ structural bodies ~~stated in the Legal Framework~~, the ExCom can appoint Coordinators by majority vote.

§ 5341 Any new position within the ~~Organisational Global~~ Board must be announced in a written form to the ExCom without unreasonable delay. Three members of the ExCom can jointly stop the creation of a position or appointment of a new person to a board when they show reasonable doubt. A vote on the respective position will then be held in the ExCom within one week after the objection. The Decision of the ExCom is final and without appeal.

## 12. IAPSS Regional Structure

§ 5642 IAPSS has six regional chapters with their own regional boards as stated in § 7 and § 8 of these regulations. The regional chapters are:

- a. IAPSS Africa;
- b. IAPSS Asia;
- c. IAPSS Europe;
- d. IAPSS Latin America ~~and The Caribbean~~;
- e. IAPSS Oceania;
- f. IAPSS USA & Canada.

§ 5743 The work within these regional chapters as well as the connection to IAPSS Global and the other bodies of IAPSS is governed by specific regulations.

## 13. Honorary Members

§ 5844 ~~Based on the IAPSS Statutes members-Individuals~~ can be awarded with an honorary member status by the General Assembly.

~~§ 45 Honorary membership lasts for life unless an honorary member voluntarily revokes their honorary membership or if an honorary membership is revoked by the General Assembly.~~

~~§ 46 Honorary members do not have voting rights within IAPSS and cannot run for elected positions unless they purchase an IAPSS membership.~~

~~§ 59 The procedure and qualifications for granting honorary member status may be governed by specific regulations.~~

#### ~~14. Financial Administration~~

~~§ 60 The financial administration of IAPSS is organised by the Treasurer.~~

~~§ 61 Provisions regarding financial administration are governed by Financial Regulations.~~

~~§ 62 Specific regulations regarding reimbursement, donors and grant governance and compliance, project financing, and event financing can be introduced.~~

#### ~~135. Final Provisions~~

~~§ 63 The provisions of these regulations must be read in accordance with the Statutes of IAPSS.~~

~~§ 64 Provisions of these regulations may not be abused.~~

~~§ 6543 These regulations come into effect with as of 1 June 2019.~~

## Motion 6: Amendments to Regulation 2

Moved by: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas there are a number of grammar errors and redundancies in the existing regulation that need to be corrected;

Whereas the treasurer's veto gives the treasurer too much power within the organization and clashes with IAPSS' nature as a democratic organization whose goals are more than merely accumulating revenue;

Be it resolved that Regulation 2 be amended as follows:

### Regulation 2: Finances

#### 1. General Provisions

§ 1 This regulation governs financial ~~regulations, its~~ structures, authorities, and processes within the ~~IAPSS-International Association for Political Science Students (hereinafter "IAPSS")~~.

~~§ 2 Based on Article 13 (1) of the Statutes, the General Assembly may adopt regulations at any point. Based on Article 3 (7), the General Assembly shall adopt regulations concerning donors of IAPSS. Section XIV of the Internal Regulations mandates IAPSS to regulate its financial affairs.~~

#### 2. Budget

§ 32 The Treasurer ~~of the Executive Committee (hereinafter "ExCom")~~ shall set a budget for IAPSS for each financial year in which the expected income and expenses will be presented ~~by type of income and expenditure~~.

§ 43 The financial year shall run as stipulated in the Statutes of IAPSS.

§ 54 The Treasurer shall ~~at any time~~ strive to make a balanced budget.

§ 65 The budget has to be voted upon by the General Assembly (hereinafter "GA") before the beginning of the concerned financial year.

§ 76 The core financial areas of the Association are the organizational and technical framework of the Association, its membership structure and the portfolio of the Association as approved by the GA.

§ 87 Amendments to the budget can be proposed by the Executive Committee, the ~~Supervisory Committee (hereinafter "SupCom")~~ Advisory Board, and all members of the Association in the same way as regular amendments as stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the ~~General Assembly (Regulation 4)-Association~~.

§ 98 The budget can be amended by the Executive Committee. ~~The Treasurer must vote positive to any budget changes. If the position as Treasurer is not occupied, all other legal representatives must approve the budget change with a positive vote.~~

§ 409 In case of higher general incomes, the income will be transferred to the saving accounts of the Association unless it is approved by the ExCom for a specific purpose.

### 3. Rights and Responsibilities of the ~~Supervisory Committee~~ Advisory Board

§ 104 The ~~SupCom~~ Advisory Board may check any incomes and expenses that are realized by the Treasurer or its authorized representatives. The ~~SupCom~~ Advisory Board shall be able to at any time inspect and monitor the financial administration, ~~with this~~ including access to the bank account and transaction history.

§ 121 The ~~SupCom~~ Advisory Board is obliged to check the financial administration ahead of the first GA following the end of a financial year and present the results no later than 14 days before the respective GA. Its report shall include a recommendation on acceptance of the report of the Treasurer on the financial administration of the Association.

§ 132 The Treasurer will inform the ~~SupCom~~ Advisory Board if it makes unexpected expenses or ~~receives unexpected~~ incomes of over 500 EUR.

### 4. Reports of the Treasurer on the Financial Administration of IAPSS

§ 143 On behalf of the ExCom, the Treasurer is responsible for filing a report on the financial administration of the Association to the ~~SupCom~~ Advisory Board and to all members no later than ~~one (1) month thirty (30) days~~ ahead each first GA within a new financial year.

§ 154 The report on the financial administration of the Association provided by the Treasurer needs to contain a balance of assets and liabilities made during the respective period of reporting.

§ 165 The GA votes upon the acceptance of the report of the Treasurer on the financial administration of the Association. The ~~SupCom~~ Advisory Board will examine whether the balance sheet and the financial report submitted to the GA match with the version that they have received from the Treasurer. ~~The Advisory Board may at any time request a report from the Treasurer on the execution of the budget.~~

§ 176 The Treasurer is responsible for finalizing the financial administration for the duration of their mandate, even if fulfilling these responsibilities runs beyond the length of the mandate. In such case, the Treasurer in the next mandate will ensure the access to the necessary administrative systems and documentation for their predecessor. The Treasurer can be held liable for not fulfilling this obligation at the GA which votes upon the adoption of the report on the financial administration for the respective financial year.

§ 187 In case of refusal of the Treasurer's report, the latter is required to provide a new report according to the demands of the GA no later than 14 days after the respective GA which has to be voted upon by a new GA without unreasonable delay.

## 5. Reimbursement

§ 198 Travel, ~~and~~ accommodation, and other operational expenses made by the ExCom, the ~~SupCom-Advisory Board~~, any assigned volunteers and other bodies of the Association can be reimbursed. Reimbursement must either be stipulated in the specific events or project budget or being voted upon in the ExCom. ~~A vote on reimbursement is only valid with a positive vote by the Treasurer.~~

§ 2019 Any expenses made for any event or project conducted with IAPSS may also be reimbursed. The reimbursement of event or project expenses may just be granted if it falls under the respective budget of the event or project. ~~Any other expenses are subject to approval by the Treasurer as stated in this section of the Financial Regulations.~~

§ 240 Without a copy of the respective invoice or ~~prove-proof~~ of payment, there cannot be any reimbursement.

§ 221 Invoices or proofs of payment have to be filed within a month after the transaction with the Treasurer to be eligible for reimbursement.

§ 232 Approved expenses shall be reimbursed within 14 days after the request.

§ 243 In case the purpose for reimbursement has not been realized by the concerned individual, the latter has to refund the total amount.

§ 254 Partnership agreements on specific projects may include additional ways of reimbursements. Those must be specified in project plans or MoU's. Any differing reimbursement agreements must be agreed upon by a positive vote by the ~~ExCom IAPSS Treasurer. If the position of the Treasurer is not occupied, a positive vote by all other legal representatives may suffice.~~

## 6. Budget for Events and Projects

§ 265 For events and projects that IAPSS is conducting by the work of volunteers or other assigned persons a specific budget needs to be set up that ~~is governing-governs~~ the expenses of the event or project. This budget shall be developed by the person in charge of implementing the event or project or their deputy.

§ 276 The budget must be ~~voted-upon-in-approved~~ by the ExCom ~~with a positive vote of the IAPSS Treasurer. If the position of Treasurer is not occupied, all other legal representatives must approve the budget change with a positive vote.~~

§ ~~287~~ After the implementation of an event or project a report must be handed in to the ExCom as well as the ~~SupCom~~ **Advisory Board**. This must happen within ~~1 month~~ **thirty (30) days** after the event or project has been finished. Unless this report has been submitted, reimbursement of the costs of the event ~~may shall~~ **not being** paid.

§ ~~298~~ Any additional expenses that may occur during the event or project or changes to the budget are subject to approval by the Treasurer. If the position of Treasurer is not occupied, a positive vote by ~~one other legal representative may the~~ **Executive Committee shall** suffice.

§ ~~3029~~ The specific requirements for projects and events conducted with IAPSS are outlined in specific event and projects regulations.

## 7. Budget for Grants

§ ~~340~~ The Association can apply for grants offered by external institutions in accordance with the rules provided by the Statutes. Specific grant regulations may be adopted by the General Assembly.

§ ~~321~~ For grants that IAPSS is applying **for**, a specific budget needs to be set up that is governing how the grant is used within the organisation. This budget shall be developed by the person in charge of applying for the grant.

§ ~~332~~ The budget must be ~~voted upon in approved by~~ the ExCom ~~with a positive vote of the IAPSS Treasurer. If the position of Treasurer is not occupied, all other legal representatives must approve the budget change with a positive vote.~~

## 8. Incurring Liabilities

§ ~~343~~ Only the Treasurer, the President and the Secretary-General of the Association are authorized to enter financial obligations in the name of the Association.

## 9. Final Remarks

§ ~~354~~ The IAPSS Financial Regulations can only be changed by the GA. In cases where the Financial Regulations do not provide, the IAPSS ExCom will make a decision and deliver a reasonable justification or offer a solution and bring this issue forward at the next General Assembly to vote on improvements.



## Motion 7: Amendments to Regulation 3

Moved by: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas there are grammar mistakes and redundancies in this regulation that need to be corrected;

Be it resolved that Regulation 3 be amended as follows:

Regulation 3: Board Rules of Procedure

### 1. Preamble Purpose

~~i. Realizing its responsibility towards effective functioning, deliberation and decision making, the Executive Committee (hereinafter: ExCom) of the International Association for Political Science Students (hereinafter: IAPSS or Association) decides to adopt these Rules of Procedure.~~

~~ii. The ExCom is the main responsible body for the overall management and decision making in the organization in between the IAPSS General Assemblies.~~

~~iii. The ExCom is accountable to the members of the Association through the IAPSS General Assembly and to the IAPSS Supervisory Committee (hereinafter: SupCom) to the extent stipulated by its Statutes, Internal Regulations, Financial Regulations and Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly.~~

~~§ 1 iv. The ExCom and the IAPSS Board, composed of the ExCom members and Coordinators, are responsible for deliberating and deciding deliberate and decide in accordance with principles of democracy, respect towards the legal framework of the Association, and transparency and accountability towards the other bodies of the Association.~~

### 42. Online ExCom meetings

§ 42 Schedule and convening of the meetings

a. ~~The ExCom meetings are convened and led by the President of IAPSS or, in the absence of the President, a member of the ExCom chosen by the ExCom as outlined in Regulation 1. case of their absence, the Vice President for Regional Affairs (if not decided differently by the ExCom at the beginning of the mandate). If both positions are vacant, the most senior ExCom member according to the length of the mandates and if there is equality in terms of seniority, the oldest ExCom member is obliged to convene a meeting in which an interim President is normally to be appointed according to the procedure stipulated in the Internal Regulations.~~

b. The general periodicity of the meetings shall be agreed upon at the first meeting of the ExCom that shall be convened by the elected President within the first ten days after the

new mandate starts and with a clear indication of the technical aspects of the realization of the meeting. The agreement shall ensure the possibility of all ExCom members to ~~in principle~~ participate at the meetings.

c. Each meeting shall be announced by the President at least four (4) days before the date of the respective meeting via the medium(s) that all ExCom members agree to in the beginning of the mandate. If the announcement is not made by the President, the ~~ExCom member selected to fill in for the President as outlined in Regulation 1 the Vice-President for Regional Affairs~~ shall make that announcement no more than three days before the date of the respective meeting.

d. Each ExCom member has the right to put forward agenda points until two (2) days before the respective meeting. The proposal for an agenda point should include an explanation of what shall be discussed and/or decided ~~upon during this agenda point~~.

e. Each ExCom member is obliged to send updates for his/her portfolio at least two days before the ExCom meeting. The updates shall be written in a format that can be directly included into the minutes and shall generally not be repeated during the oral discussions except if there have been new developments after the updates had been sent.

f. The President shall finalize the draft agenda and make it available to ExCom members at least one (1) day before the respective meeting.

#### § 23 Participation at the meetings

a. ExCom members shall participate in the meeting. Absence shall be announced and justified to the convener of the meeting at the earliest possible time. Except clearly justified reasons.

b. For a quorate ExCom meeting, the majority of all ExCom members shall be present.

c. The first point of each meeting shall contain a decision on the agenda of the meeting. If at the beginning of the meeting, the meeting is not quorate, the present ExCom members shall proceed on the discussion with the agenda points that do not need decisions. Any decisions shall be adjourned until the meeting is quorate or to a later meeting or an ~~online vote-email voting~~.

#### § 34 Discussion at the meetings

a. The discussion at the meetings shall be goal-oriented, focused on a specific outcome either towards a decision or a clear picture to be obtained about an issue.

b. The convener of the meeting acts as the moderator of the discussion and gives permission to the members to speak in the order they indicate their interest.

c. ExCom members are responsible for having suitable and functioning technical equipment for the online meetings. The disadvantages in communication posed by technical problems of one or more ExCom members do not justify the postponement of the whole discussion and cannot be considered to unjustifiably limit the right to communicate positions.

#### § 45 Voting at the meetings

a. ~~Each ExCom member shall have exactly one vote. Voting on behalf of another ExCom members is not permitted.~~

~~b. For a proposal to pass, the majority of all ExCom members shall vote in favor unless there are additional requirements outlined elsewhere in the Legal Framework.~~

eb. Voting shall only be announced by the ExCom member acting as convener of the meeting.

~~d. Proposals to be voted upon can generally include all important decisions on behalf of the Association, in particular appointment of Board members, suspension of Board membership, the location and time frame of the main IAPSS events, the Annual Theme of the Association, Calls for Applications/Abstracts/Papers and their extensions, financial matters as stipulated in the Financial Regulations, convening and draft agenda for the GA on behalf of the ExCom. The ExCom shall strive to use committees and departments as resources of expertise to decentralize work and decision making processes.~~

ec. An individual or collective explanation of the vote may be included in the minutes upon request of one or more ExCom members.

~~f. The deputy of an ExCom member's department can vote on their behalf if said ExCom member so wishes.~~

#### § 56 Participation of other groups at meetings

a. The Board shall be notified at least five days before an ExCom meeting that such a meeting will take place.

b. The Board jointly has the right to participate at the ExCom meeting unless the ExCom decides to make a point on the agenda confidential. **SupCom-Advisory Board** members cannot be excluded from ExCom meetings for reasons of confidentiality.

c. Regional Chairs, Project Executives, and regional team members can join the ExCom meeting unless decided differently by the ExCom.

#### § 67 Minutes and monthly updates from the President to the Board

a. The Secretary General takes the minutes, with the exception of justified reasons. In the absence of the Secretary General, the Secretary General will choose a proxy for this matter.

b. Up to ~~two~~ **four (4)** days after the ExCom meeting the minute-taker sends a link to the ExCom to an online document with the draft minutes for comments and suggestions. ExCom members shall have editing access to this document.

c. Up to two **(2)** days ~~before the following ExCom meeting~~ ~~after the link had been sent~~, the ExCom members have time to make edits ~~(only for their own interventions)~~ and suggestions.

d. ~~At the following ExCom meeting, the ExCom must vote to approve the minutes from the previous ExCom meeting. If the minutes are not approved, they must be revised and voted on again at the next ExCom meeting.~~

e. Up to two **(2)** days after the ~~minutes from an ExCom meeting have been approved~~ ~~deadline for comments and suggestions~~, the minute-taker finalizes the minutes based on the edits, prepares a pdf and uploads it to the IAPSS **Google** Drive folder with the standardized title from where it is accessible to the whole Board and the ~~Advisory Board~~ ~~SupCom~~.

~~ef.~~ The President may extend each deadline for the finalization and distribution of the minutes only in exceptional and justified circumstances upon request of the minute-taker or another ExCom member(s).

~~f. The President shall send a written update to the Board and the SupCom summarizing the developments and decisions.~~

### **23.** Online discussions and voting during the ExCom meetings

#### § **78** Initiating online discussions

a. Each ExCom member may initiate an online discussion. The discussion shall contain clear points to be discussed in the form of questions or proposals, and a clear period of **a** minimum **of two (2)** days for accepting contributions to the discussions. In justified cases, exceptions to this period may then be granted by the convener of the discussion. The initiator shall within **a** reasonable **timeframe** after the discussion closes summarize the outcomes of the discussion.

#### § **89** Online voting

a. Each ExCom member may initiate an online vote. The voting shall unfold on a clear motion with a clear timeline marked by the beginning and end time of the voting. Votes are only valid if made available to all ExCom members by the voting ExCom members.

b. The required majority for a proposal to pass is the same as the majority required for voting during online meetings.

c. An individual or collective explanation of the vote may be included in the minutes of the ExCom meeting immediately after the respective online voting, upon request of one or more ExCom members.

d. Outcomes of online votes must be included in meeting minutes as consent agenda items.

### 34. ExCom in-person meetings

#### § 910 Schedule and convening of the ExCom in-person meetings

a. The purpose of the ExCom in-person meetings is to ensure effective teamwork between the ExCom members and to realize in-depth outcome-oriented discussions on the strategic planning of the activities of the Association.

b. An ExCom in-person meeting can only be initiated by the President maximum once during one mandate. In cases of extraordinary need and if it is financially sustainable, additional in-person meetings may be initiated by the President during the same mandate **upon a majority vote of two thirds (2/3) of the ExCom at least thirty (30) days before the beginning of the in-person meeting.**

c. The dates, location (city and venue of the meetings) and reimbursement rules require a positive vote of the ExCom for the in-person meeting to be realized. The dates shall be voted upon **latest at least thirty (30) days one-month** before the beginning of the in-person meeting.

d. The possibility of online presence at the ExCom in-person meeting depends on the technical and logistical circumstances of the particular meeting place and is determined individually for each in-person meeting together with the announcement of the agenda.

e. Reimbursements for the ExCom in-person meeting shall be made in accordance with **the Financial Regulations 2**, taking into account the financial situation of the Association.

#### § 101 Special procedures for the ExCom in-person meetings

a. The drafting of the agenda for the in-person meeting shall be a participatory process involving all ExCom members. The drafting is coordinated by the President and shall be finalized latest five **(5)** days before the in-person meeting.

b. In case the Secretary General is not available for **the** whole or part of the in-person meeting to take the minutes, several ExCom members may share this responsibility in a fair manner. All deadlines stipulated for the minutes from regular online ExCom meetings are multiplied by three **(3)** for the minutes from the in-person meeting.

c. In order to be eligible for reimbursements, the ExCom members must participate at least at 90 per cent of the overall duration of the program of the in-person meeting, with the calculation being based on the approved agenda. Upon exceptional circumstances, this requirement can be lifted if the ExCom member provides a special contribution to the ExCom in-person meeting in writing or in another suitable format.

d. Other aspects of the in-person meeting are governed by the respective provisions applicable for online meetings.

#### 45. Board meetings and departmental meetings

##### § 142 Schedule and convening of the Board meetings

a. The purpose of the Board meeting is to provide an informed picture about the status quo of the Association to the Board, to strengthen the ties between ExCom members, Coordinators and the ~~Advisory Board~~ ~~SupCom~~ representatives and to discuss the strategic issues related to the Association. It is not expected to take binding decisions at the Board meeting. If there is voting, the votes of the Coordinators and of the ~~Advisory Board~~ ~~SupCom~~ are advisory.

b. A Board meeting can take place ~~at a~~ maximum of two times per mandate, normally before, during or after an IAPSS conference located at a continent where the majority of Board members reside. It may only be initiated by the President and its realization, date and reimbursement limits (considering the financial situation of the Association) need to be approved by the ExCom. The dates shall be voted upon latest three months in advance and subsequently announced to the Board.

c. The possibility of online presence at the Board meeting depends on the technical and logistical circumstances of the particular meeting place and is determined individually for each Board meeting together with the announcement of the agenda.

d. Reimbursements for the Board meeting shall be made in accordance with ~~Regulation 2~~ ~~the Financial Regulations~~, taking into account the financial situation of the Association. Upon exceptional circumstances, reimbursements can be granted to a non-Board member replacing a Coordinator in their absence from the Board meeting.

e. ~~To each Board meeting, the representatives of the Advisory Board members~~ ~~SupCom~~ are also invited. From the ~~Advisory Board~~ ~~SupCom~~, reimbursements up to the limit placed for one Coordinator can be granted.

##### § 123 Special procedures for the Board meetings

a. The drafting of the agenda for the Board meetings shall be a participatory process involving all ExCom members and Coordinators as well as the ~~Advisory Board~~ ~~SupCom~~ representatives. The drafting is coordinated by the President and shall be finalized latest five (5) days before the Board meeting.

b. In case the Secretary General is not available for whole or part of the Board meeting to take the minutes, several Board members may share this responsibility in a fair manner. All deadlines stipulated for the minutes from regular online ExCom meetings are multiplied by three (3) for the minutes from the Board meeting.

c. In order to be eligible for reimbursements, the Board members must participate **in** at least **at 90 per cent percent** of the overall duration of the program of the Board meeting, with the calculation being based on the draft agenda. Upon exceptional circumstances, this requirement can be lifted if the Board member provides a special contribution to the Board meeting in writing or in another suitable format.

d. Other aspects of the Board meetings are governed by the respective provisions applicable for online meetings.

#### § ~~134~~ Departmental meetings

a. Before or after each Board meeting, departmental meetings shall generally take place.

b. Departmental meetings shall take place regularly during the mandate in an online form as well. Each department may agree on the periodicity of these meetings, which shall generally not be lower than once per four **(4)** weeks.

c. The organization of the departmental meetings is the responsibility of the ExCom members in the positions of Heads of Departments.

d. The ExCom shall be updated about the results of the departmental meetings in the updates of ExCom members before the regular online meetings.

e. Departmental meetings are to a reasonable extent governed by the respective provisions applicable for online ExCom meetings, **but with the Head of the Department serving as the meeting convenor and chair while their deputy takes minutes.**

#### **56.** Final provisions

#### § **145** Liability

Failure to observe these Rules of Procedure may constitute grounds for causing harm to the Association.

#### § **156** Interpretation

Where these Rules of Procedure do not provide, the ExCom **shall** decide**s**.

## Motion 8: Amendments to Regulation 4

Moved by: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas there are grammar mistakes and redundancies in this regulation that need to be corrected;

Be it resolved that Regulation 4 be amended as follows:

Regulation 4: General Assembly Rules of Procedure

### 1. General Provisions

§ 1. ~~These Rules of Procedure are meant for governing the General Assembly of the International Association for Political Science Students, hereafter 'the Association'.~~

~~§ 2.~~ These Rules of Procedure aim to let the General Assembly proceed in accordance with the principles of **democracy and** sound administration.

### 2. General Assembly

§ ~~32~~. Voting at each General Assembly is to be held online, through a secure online discussion and voting platform, for which the Executive Committee is responsible. The General Assembly is held simultaneously in-person, **and** voting begins after the in-person discussion is finished. Casting a vote during the in-person GA through a **secret** ballot must always be granted upon request.

§ ~~43~~. Each Association year there will be at least one General Assembly, held at the World Congress of the Association no later than April.

§ ~~54~~. Written resolutions, proposals and discussion papers should be sent at least seven (7) days prior to the General Assembly to the Executive Committee and published by the Executive Committee to all members at least five (5) days prior to the General Assembly. Proposals by the Executive Committee should be published at least seven (7) days prior to the General Assembly.

§ ~~65~~. Each General Assembly shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. **In instances where the Legal Framework conflicts with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, the IAPSS Legal Framework shall take precedence.**

### 3. Board of the General Assembly

§ ~~76~~. The board of the General Assembly presides over the General Assembly and it bears the responsibility to **ensure** ~~let~~ the General Assembly proceeds in an orderly fashion in accordance with the principle of sound administration.



§ 87. The board of the General Assembly consists at least of one (1) Executive Committee member, preferably the Secretary-General.

§ 98. The remit of the board of the General Assembly consists of:

- a. Presiding over the General Assembly;
- b. ~~Providing to take~~ Taking the minutes of the General Assembly;
- c. ~~Providing to archive~~ Archiving all documents of the General Assembly;

§ 109. The members of the board of the General Assembly appoint a chairperson among themselves. The chairperson presides over the General Assembly.

§ 140. The board of the General Assembly mutually decides on the ~~competences of the~~ remit of every member of the board of the General Assembly.

§ 121. The board of the General Assembly may at any time confer one or more of its tasks and obligations as mentioned in ~~article 3, paragraph 3~~ Regulation 4, section 3 to other members of the Association. Those who thus exercise these tasks and obligations, act under the responsibility of the board of the General Assembly.

§ 132. The term of the board of the General Assembly lasts from the start of the General Assembly until the end of the same General Assembly.

#### 4. ~~Code of Conduct~~

~~§ 14. The rules, procedures, and safeguards of the IAPSS Code of Conduct are intact at any point of the General Assembly.~~

#### 5. ~~Articles~~ of the General Assembly

§ 153. The Executive Committee proposes an agenda and sends the agenda along with all concerning documents and the call for the General Assembly at least thirty (30) days prior to the General Assembly.

§ 164. All members and bodies of the Association may propose items to put on the agenda to the Executive Committee until no later than one week before the day of the beginning of the discussions in the General Assembly. Should the Executive Committee decide not to place a proposed item on the agenda, it shall forthwith inform the member of its decision ~~in writing~~.

~~§ 17. The vote on the adoption of the agenda shall usually takes place at the beginning of the General Assembly. An afore-defined window of time will be permitted to allow the decision on the agenda.~~

~~§ 18. It requires a simple majority for the proposed agenda to be adopted.~~

§ 195. If the in-person discussion at the General Assembly results in any announcements, these shall be communicated through the online platform at the earliest time possible.

§ 2016. The results of the online voting at each General Assembly are announced by the board of the General Assembly to all members within 48 hours from the closing of the voting period.

§ 2417. Each member has access to the online discussion and voting platform through her personal login credentials and password. ~~In case there is an in-person discussion as part of the General Assembly, the Board of the General Assembly is responsible for ensuring that only members of the Association are present.~~

## 6. Discussion

§ 2218. The discussion at the General Assembly unfolds at the in-person General Assembly venue with options to join through the secure online platform. For each agenda point, there is a separate discussion channel opened. Authors of the comments are identified through their name or username in the online system.

§ 2319. Each online discussion platform at the General Assembly shall contain a separate section allowing to submit new agenda points by IAPSS members. The placement of the agenda point on the agenda proceeds as stipulated in Article 5 paragraph 2.

§ 2420. At the in-person discussion at the General Assembly, in-person as well as online participating members:

a. May ask a question to whoever holds the floor during the debate, after their presentation is finished, and reply to the answer that is provided to this question;

~~b. May pose a comment after the respective presentation is finished;~~

~~c. Have a right of reply to the answer to the question they had asked according to point a. of this paragraph.~~

~~§ 25. The mentioned actions in paragraph 3 can only be made by a member when they relate to the agenda item discussed.~~

~~§ 26. The Chairperson may interrupt the member who is making one of the in paragraph 3 aforementioned actions, at any time when the Chairperson determines the action does not relate to the agenda item discussed, on the understanding that the Chairperson must provide a valid reasoning.~~

~~§ 27. A decision of the Chairperson as for mentioned in paragraph 5 may be subject to appeal from all members, the Executive Committee or the Supervisory Committee. The board of the General Assembly decides on such appeal.~~

## 7. Voting

§ 281. Voting takes place through a secure online platform or at the location of the in-person General Assembly upon request. ~~It begins at a date stipulated by the Executive Committee together with the announcement of the GA. Voting begins if possible immediately after the in-person discussion ends.~~

§ 292. The standard period of voting is ~~162448~~ hours for final votes on Legal Framework amendments and seven (7) days for elections. The voting platform as well as the in-person balloting is administered by the board of the General Assembly which can ask for necessary technical assistance, providing that whereby all personal data shall remain protected. Voting periods for amendments to amendments, procedural motions, and all other motions shall take place during the General Assembly and last for a suitable time to allow all members present at a general assembly to vote as determined by the General Assembly Chair.

~~§ 30. During the voting, the online discussion platform for individual agenda points remains open.~~

~~§ 31. During the voting, members have a right to ask the Executive Committee or the Supervisory Committee to provide a voting advice. The Executive Committee or the Supervisory Committee may refuse to provide a voting advice.~~

~~§ 32. All points raised in the discussion platform during the voting that do not concern paragraph 3 or paragraph 4 will be deleted from the discussion platform by the board of the General Assembly.~~

~~§ 33. The three options of voting are:~~

- ~~a. In favour~~
- ~~b. Against~~
- ~~c. Abstain~~

§ 3423. All voting for elections shall be by secret ballot.

## 8. ~~Derogation of the Rules of Procedure~~ General Assembly Minutes

§ 24. Minutes taken at a General Assembly must be posted online no later than thirty (30) days after the General Assembly has taken place in a way that is accessible to members and shall be kept online indefinitely.

§ 25. The Secretary General shall ensure that a copy of the minutes of each General Assembly is archived internally.

~~§ 35. The General Assembly may at any time decide to derogate from these rules of procedure, provided neither one of the members, nor the Executive Committee, nor the Supervisory Committee, nor the board of the General Assembly objects and the derogation is not in conflict with the Statutes or the Internal Regulations.~~

## 9. Final Provisions

~~§ 36. These rules of procedure come into effect after they had been adopted by the General Assembly.~~

~~§ 37. To amend these rules of procedure a majority of votes at the General Assembly is required.~~

Be it further resolved that the amendments to Regulation 4, Section § 22 take effect at the following general assembly.

## Motion 9: Regional Autonomy

Moved By: Rose Smith, Vice President for Regional Affairs

Whereas there are grammar mistakes and redundancies in this regulation that need to be corrected;

Whereas IAPSS Regions need more autonomy to survive and prosper;

Be it resolved that Regulation 5 be amended as follows:

Regulation 5: Regions

### 1. General Provisions

§ 1 ~~These~~**This** regulations governs the **regional** affairs of the International Association for Political Science Students. ~~(hereinafter "IAPSS")~~.

§ 2 These regulations are complemented by the Rules of Procedures **and guiding documents** of each regional board **that must be in compliance with** ~~based on the IAPSS Internal Regulations-Legal Framework~~.

### 2. The Regional Structure

§ 3 The regional structure of IAPSS consists of six chapters based on **Regulation 1, section 12-§ 56 of the IAPSS Internal Regulations**. These are:

- a. IAPSS Africa;
- b. IAPSS Asia;
- c. IAPSS Europe;
- d. IAPSS Latin America **and The Caribbean**;
- e. IAPSS Oceania;
- f. IAPSS USA & Canada.

§ 4 Based on § 8 of Regulation 1, each of the **chapters named in Regulation 5, section 3 in-§ 3-named chapters** are governed by a regional board.

### 3. The Regional Leadership Committee (RLC)

§ 5 The Regional Leadership Committee of each Regional Chapter is established by these regulations.

§ 6 The Regional Leadership Committees have the following names:

- a. IAPSS Africa Regional Committee;
- b. IAPSS Asia Regional Committee;
- c. IAPSS Europe Regional Committee;

- d. IAPSS Latin America and The Caribbean Regional Committee;
- e. IAPSS Oceania Regional Committee;
- f. IAPSS USA & Canada Regional Committee.

§ 7 The RLCs are accountable to the IAPSS General Assembly and the IAPSS Executive Committee.

§ 8 The RLCs consist of at least these six members:

- a. The Regional Chair of the respective region;
- b. The Regional ~~Co~~-Deputy Chair of the respective region;
- c. The Regional Project and Events Coordinator of the respective region;
- d. The Regional Fundraising Outreach Coordinator,
- e. The Regional Liaison Coordinator
- f. The Regional Media Coordinator

§ 9 The Regional Chair of ~~the each~~ respective region is elected by vote during the General Assembly held at the end of each association year by the members from the IAPSS Region each Regional Chair represents, respectively. If there are less than five (5) members present from an IAPSS Region at a general assembly where there is an election for their Regional Chair, the entire general assembly shall also vote for said Regional Chair.

§ 10 The other positions within the RLCs are appointed by the ~~IAPSS Executive Committee upon suggestion of the~~ Regional Chair of the respective region. ~~If the IAPSS Executive Committee does not agree with the proposals made by the Regional Chair of the respective region, the IAPSS Supervisory Committee may overrule the decision of the IAPSS Executive Committee by~~ An appointment by a Regional Chair can be overruled and/or discharged by a majority vote of the ExCom within 3 weeks after the vote of the Executive Committee. ~~If the IAPSS Supervisory Committee does agree with the vote of the IAPSS Executive Committee, the Regional Chair of the respective region is adhered to propose new candidates.~~

In the event that there is no Chair, the Vice President for Regional Affairs will step in to appoint a Regional Chair and members of the RLC.

#### 4. Mandate

§ 11 The regions' responsibility and mandate involves the following fields:

- a. Creating and building a political science student network in the respective region in accordance with the proclaimed values and mission of the association;
- b. Offering programs of any kind that provide IAPSS members' professional learning experiences and access to a professional junior community in their respective region;
- c. Embedding and linking the association into regional, national, and local networks of political science students.

§ 142 The Regional Chair of ~~the respective each~~ region is in-charge of ~~the following~~:

- a. Leading the regional committee and overseeing the work of each coordinator;
- b. Developing and implementing a regional outreach strategy inline with the vision of IAPSS Global;
- c. Serving as a connection between IAPSS Global and ~~their~~ IAPSS Regional Chapter;
- d. Managing the ~~regional committee's~~ Regional Chapter's finances

~~§ 13 The Regional Deputy Chair assumes the position of the Regional Chair in the case of the latter's resignation or departure. In cases where there is no deputy, one of the members of the RLC may step up. If no one does so, the Vice President for Regional Affairs should open a Call for Applications to fill that position within three (3) weeks after the announcement of the termination or resignation and appoint a suitable replacement to serve in the interim until the next general assembly.~~

~~§ 12 The Regional Co-Chair of the respective region is in-charge of working together with the Chair depending on their own personal capacities and expertise. The Co-Chair will take the place of the Chair if he/she is not able to attend the Council of Regions Meeting.~~

§ 13 The Regional Project and Events Coordinator of ~~the respective region~~ each Regional Chapter is in- charge of all the projects of the region from drafting the project proposals to their implementation.

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§ 14 The Regional Fundraising Outreach Coordinator of each Regional Chapter is in charge of seeking grant and funding opportunities which are bound to a region and assisting their respective Chairs in enlarging their Regional Chapter's network of possible partners

§ 15 The Regional Liaison Coordinator of each Regional Chapter is in charge of creating partnerships within the region such as leading the process of registering IAPSS as a member organisation of local youth forums and other student advocacy platforms.

§ 16 The Regional Media Coordinator of each Regional Chapter is in charge of maintaining the region's presence in the region. This includes finding initiatives to promote the Regional Chapter through various media including but not limited to online social media initiatives such as posts, podcasts, blogs, or vlogs projects.

§ 17 The RLCs make their decisions ~~on-by~~ a simple majority vote.

§ 18 The RLCs must meet at least once a month. The outcome of the meeting must be covered by minutes taken by one of the members of the respective RLCs.

~~§ 19 The Regional Deputy Chair of the respective region replaces the Regional Chair in case of absence and assumes their position in case of the Regional Chair's resignation or departure.~~

~~§ 20 In the case of a termination of mid-mandate or resignation of a member of the RLC of a region the respective Regional Committee should open a Call for Applications search and to fill that position within three (3) weeks after the announcement of the termination or resignation. If the position is not filled within three (3) weeks after the announcement, the IAPSS Executive Committee respective Regional Chair may appoint a suitable replacement.~~

§ 204 The mandate of each RLC member shall be one (1) year.

#### 45. Relation to IAPSS Global

§ 212 The respective Regional Chapter is independent in their work unless otherwise stated in the legal framework.

~~§ 223 The Regional Chapters can only enter into agreements with other organizations if they achieve the stage of incorporation. Unincorporated Regional Chapters must obtain approval from the IAPSS Executive Committee before entering into agreements and IAPSS Legal Representatives must sign for any such agreements. This clause may be overruled if the IAPSS Executive Committee deems that it is of ultimate necessity that the Regional Chapter enter into an agreement and/or sign for an agreement, in which case the Executive Committee shall approve the way forward in the context of the situation. do not represent a legal entity of IAPSS and therefore have no power whatsoever to enter into contracts or agreements in the name of IAPSS. This contains agreements of both financial and non-financial nature.~~

~~§ 234 The Regional Chapters may communicate with interested individuals or organisations with the goal of entering into an official agreement. However, during the entire duration of communication the potential partner must be aware that the concerned individual from the Regional Chapter cannot enter into any agreement without approval by the authorised bodies of IAPSS.~~

~~§ 25 In case the RC has appointed a coordinator the IAPSS Executive Committee may object within 2 weeks after the appointment of the coordinator. The decision by the IAPSS Executive Committee is final and cannot be appealed.~~

#### 65. Reporting Structure

§ 236 The Regional Chapters are accountable to the IAPSS General Assembly and the Executive Committee.

§ 247 Two (2) weeks before the last General Assembly of the ongoing association year each Regional Chapter must send a comprehensive progressive report to the Executive Committee which must be published by the Executive Committee before the General



Assembly along with other agenda material as outlined in the Legal Framework. # Each report must contain:

- a. All events organised by IAPSS in the region;
- b. All projects conducted by IAPSS in the region;
- c. All partners of IAPSS in the region;
- d. ~~The workflow within the respective regional board;~~
- e. Efforts regarding Fundraising in the Regional Chapter.

~~§ 258 When the RLCs are appointing a coordinator in the Regional Chapter, the IAPSS Executive Committee must be informed within seven (7) days.~~

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~~§ 29 Minutes taken during the RCs meetings must be forwarded to the IAPSS Executive Committee as well as the IAPSS Supervisory Committee within 7 days.~~

## 76. Council of Regions

~~§ 2530~~ The Council of Regions (hereinafter “CoR”) shall be a forum for Regional Chapters to coordinate activities and set the regionalization strategy. ~~is established by these regulations.~~

~~§ 2634~~ The CoR consists of all six (6) Regional eChairs ~~of the regional chapters of IAPSS and, the IAPSS Global Secretary-General or their Deputy, the Vice-President for Regional Affairs, one member of IAPSS Global concerned with regional development, and the IAPSS Global Treasurer or their Deputy and the Deputy Head of Regional Affairs.~~

~~§ 2732~~ The CoR ~~has a meeting~~ shall meet at least once a month.

~~§ 33~~ The CoR is in charge of:

- a. ~~Setting the regionalisation strategy;~~
- b. ~~Representing the regions towards the boards of IAPSS Global;~~
- c. ~~Representing the regions towards the General Assembly;~~
- d. ~~Holding the Regional Chairs accountable~~

~~§ 284~~ The CoR decides with simple majority vote of all Regional Chairs.

~~§ 295~~ The CoR ~~is adhered to~~ shall hold focused strategy meetings with Regional Chairs ~~concerned coordinators~~ at least twice a mandate to discuss: ~~on each operational area stated in this paragraph. During these meetings coordinators from the respective Regional Chapter concerned with the discussed topic replace the Regional Chairs~~ The topic for which these meetings are beneficial are;

- a. Public Relations strategy;
- b. Events strategy;
- c. Projects and Academics strategy;
- d. Fundraising strategy;

#### e. International Cooperation strategy

§ 30 It is strongly encouraged that other RLC members attend the focused strategy meetings as well.

#### 8. RLC Team Member Dismissal

§ 31 The Regional Chair may dismiss another RLC member.

§ 32 If an RLC member feels that they have been wrongfully dismissed, they may appeal in writing to the Executive Committee, which shall prompt the Executive Committee to vote on whether to overrule the dismissal at the next Executive Committee meeting.

§ 33 A majority vote of the Executive Committee is required to overrule a dismissal.

## Motion 10: Amendments to the Code of Conduct

Moved by: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas there are number of clauses in the Code of Conduct that have language and grammar that could be improved upon;

Whereas there is potential to bring the Code of Conduct to an even greater level of equity and understanding;

Be it resolved that the IAPSS Code of Conduct, also known as Regulation 6, be amended as follows:

Regulation 6: Code of Conduct

~~The International Association for Political Science Students (hereafter referred to as "IAPSS") adopts for itself the following Code of Conduct:~~

Preamble

The International Association for Political Science Students ~~does perceives as a founding value the~~ recognizes its central value to be respect for oneself and others. IAPSS, ~~and~~ promotes inside and outside ~~the its~~ community a culture based on respect, dignity, and ~~equality~~ fairness to ensure full access and participation of all members, reflecting the ~~self-evident basic~~ right of everyone to be heard.

For these reasons IAPSS is committed to remove from its structure all the obstacles that may jeopardize full participation and may endanger or bring damage to the respect and dignity that is due to every person ~~that~~ who volunteers or works in the ~~platform organization~~, with particular reference to discrimination, sexual or emotional harassment, humiliation, prejudice, segregation, stereotyping, ~~e~~ or violence.

Wishing to (1) promote and encourage full participation, equal opportunities and mutual respect between any individual participating in any online or offline IAPSS activity, as well as to (2) ensure that external representatives of the community do always comply with the ethical standards that reflect the basic values of IAPSS, we ~~recognize are emphasizing~~ the Code of Conduct as an integral component of IAPSS's legal and ethical framework.

1. Inspiration

§ 1. The overarching values in which this Code of Conduct is operating are enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

2. Aims and objectives of the Code of Conduct

§ 2 The main aim of this Code of Conduct is to ensure a safe, inclusive and conducive environment based on the values of equality and mutual respect, ~~;~~ as well as to promote the

mutual respect and encourage full and democratic participation in all the bodies and events of IAPSS, and to ~~take a stand set a sign~~ against discrimination, and violence in the within the organization, educational institutions, and ~~within~~ our societies in general terms. This Code does not preclude the organisation of meetings that are open only to members of specific discriminated groups in order to tackle the discrimination they face.

### 3. Persons to whom this Code applies

§ 3 This Code ~~applies does apply~~ to any individual participating in any offline or online activity of IAPSS or representing IAPSS externally.

### 4. Repeal of discriminations and violence

§ 4. The International Association for Political Science Students, advocating for fruitful cooperation among students from all around the world, ~~does rejects~~ and condemns any kind of violence and discrimination ~~on the basis of, as the ones based on:~~

- a. Age;
- b. Being pregnant or having a child;
- c. ~~The m~~Marital status;
- d. Disabilities or impairments of any kind;
- e. Education and socio-economic background;
- f. Gender including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression;
- g. Organisational backgrounds;
- h. Physical appearance;
- i. Belonging to a ~~P~~political ~~P~~party or a ~~U~~union;
- j. Race including colour, nationality, citizenship, ~~or~~ ethnic or national origin;
- k. Religion, belief, faith, ~~or~~ non-belief.

### 5. Behaviours

§ 5. IAPSS requires that the behaviour of any individual participating in any offline or online activity of IAPSS or representing IAPSS externally must be coherent with the values aforementioned and promotes inside the community an inclusive atmosphere and an accessible environment while enforcing non-violent communication and balanced facilitation. For the same reasons, IAPSS takes a zero tolerance approach to any kind of discrimination and violence including but not limited to bullying, degradation, harassment, verbal, non-verbal, ~~and~~ physical or non-physical humiliation and intimidation.

### 6. Point of Contact

§ 6. For every event except for the World Congress, including ~~the~~ Board Meetings and the General Assembly, the coordinator or conductor is the point of contact (PoC) to provide the general information and to follow the procedures as explained in ~~sections-Articles~~ 6-12.

§ 7. During a World Congress, including ~~the~~ Board Meetings and the General Assembly, the three members of the ~~Diversity and Equality~~ Human Resources Committee are the points of contact (PoC) to provide the general information and to follow the procedures as explained in Articles 6-12. The ~~Human Resources Diversity and Equality~~ Committee acts as an internal mediation group and consists of persons that can be approached for any complaints to manage them. ~~The mediation group is composed of:~~

- ~~a. One member of the Executive Committee;~~
- ~~b. One member of the Supervisory Committee;~~
- ~~c. One Coordinator of the IAPSS Global Operating Board.~~

§ 8. Any complaint or alleged issue regarding online or offline activity can be addressed anonymously or not via an online form. The ~~Human Resources Diversity and Equality~~ monitors these and initiates the required procedures.

#### 7. Misconduct in a meeting

§ 9. In the case of witnessing or having received a report of any written, non-verbal or verbal violent or discriminatory behaviour, conduct or discourse, the chair or facilitator of the meeting is required, on their best judgment, in successive order and depending on ~~the~~ severity of the action to:

- a. Remind participants of their obligation to act in accordance with the Code of Conduct;
- b. Engage in a one to one chat with the offender to make sure that there is an understanding of the reason of the inappropriate action;
- c. Engage with the offender to explain and ask for an apology and/or retraction of the action;
- d. Suspend the session and/or ask the offender to leave ~~from~~ for the remainder of the meeting or event;
- e. In case the chair or facilitator was also the person receiving the original complaint, the decision should when possible not be taken alone and forwarded to the ~~Human Resources Diversity and Equality~~ Committee.

#### 8. Violent or discriminatory behaviour

§ 10. In the case of violent or discriminatory behaviour, conduct or discourse that is physical in nature, the chair or facilitator of the meeting is required to:

- a. Immediately suspend the session, ensure that the venue is safe for all participants and all concerned parties are in discrete locations;
- b. Contact the police ~~authority~~ and/or other authorities if necessary and possible according to the laws of the country where the meeting takes place.

#### 9. Scope

§ 11. Sections 6, 7 and 8 apply to both formal and informal settings. A formal setting is any part of the working programme of an event. Informal settings include any moment

surrounding the working programme, including but not limited to social events and online communications.

#### 10. Mediation in case of a violation of the Code of Conduct affecting any group present

§ 12. If the code of conduct has been violated with respect to a group that is present, the procedure as described in Articles 6, 7 and 8 shall be applied. Any of the present members of the group shall have the right to demand an excuse and/or a mediation procedure as described above. The offended group also has the right to nominate one of its members to exclusively represent its interests in the mediation process.

#### 11. Mediation in case of a violation of the code of conduct affecting any group not present

§ 13. If the code of conduct has been violated with respect to a group that is neither present nor has a representative nor a member of its own in the meeting during which the incident occurred, any member of the meeting can bring the incident to the point of contact who follows the process described in Articles 6, 7 and 8.

#### 12. Privacy

§ 14. In order to protect the privacy of the concerned persons, all mediators and other persons involved in a mediation process are bound to silence, except if any legal procedure requires it or for the safety of the individual, and discretion about any facts they come to know during the mediation process. The point of contact shall not disclose the identities of the parties concerned without prior consent.

#### 13. Legal steps

§ 15. The above named regulation and mediation measures do not interfere with the harmed person's or ~~harmed~~ group's legal rights to bring legal action against the offender.

## **Motion 11: Association Membership**

Moved By: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas Association members were abolished at the May 2019 IAPSS General Assembly in Madrid;

Whereas the old Association membership model was problematic because it offered a flat fee for all associations regardless of size and did not ensure that all members within said associations became individual members, which denied individual students in said associations democratic rights within IAPSS;

Whereas the old Association membership model was problematic because associations were not represented proportionately to individual members;

Whereas past iterations of the Association membership model were problematic because they allowed on certain occasions a single small association to overrule the absolute majority of all individual members;

Whereas both having a dual voting stream separate for individual and association members, and equating association members with one individual member at general assemblies caused inequalities in IAPSS' democratic procedures;

Whereas in past iterations of association membership, there were also situations in the past where an association representing a small number of students could overrule a larger group of individual members;

Be it resolved that the following Regulation be added to the IAPSS Legal Framework as the last in the current order of Regulations:

Regulation [will be last in the current order of Regulations in the Legal Framework if passed]:  
Association Membership

### **Preamble**

IAPSS Association Membership guarantees that all individual members of a democratic student association are a part of the IAPSS community as individual IAPSS members and have full voting rights within IAPSS, as well as the benefits offered to IAPSS individual members. However, membership rights can be overruled by the enactment of the suspension and/or expulsion procedures in the IAPSS Statutes and any other similar procedures that affect membership elsewhere in the IAPSS Legal Framework.

### **1. Definitions and Parameters**

§ 1 Association Membership within IAPSS shall be defined as a democratic student association whose individual members are all automatically opted into individual members of IAPSS due to an agreement between the association and IAPSS.

§ 2 In the context of this Regulation, “association” shall refer to a group external to IAPSS that is eligible for Association Membership

§ 3 In the context of this Regulation, an individual one (1) year IAPSS membership shall have a price somewhere between zero (0) and fifteen (15) Euros, which, by passing this regulation, the General Assembly grants the Executive Committee the ability to negotiate individual membership fees as they apply to association membership within this range, and to adjust all membership fees to account for the rate of inflation.

## 2. Initiating Association Membership

§ 4 For an association to become an Association Member of IAPSS, it must:

- a. Follow its own democratic procedures to increase its individual members’ annual association fees by the amount of a one (1) year IAPSS membership fee applicable to the region the association is located in;
- b. Have its official signatory or signatories sign an agreement between the association and IAPSS allowing for:
  - i. The yearly transfer of funds from the association to IAPSS of the price of a one (1) year IAPSS membership fee applicable to the region the association is located in multiplied by the number of the association’s individual members;
  - ii. The yearly transfer of the association’s list of its individual members’ names and email addresses to IAPSS;
- c. transfer funds each year to IAPSS totalling the price of a one (1) year IAPSS membership fee applicable to the region the association is located in multiplied by the number of the association’s individual members;
- d. each year transfer a list of its individual members’ names and email addresses to IAPSS.

§ 5 If an association does not have a set process to increase its membership fees, one of the following methods shall suffice:

- a. A referendum of the association’s members to join IAPSS and increase the association’s yearly individual membership fee by the amount of a one (1) year IAPSS membership fee applicable to the region the association is located in;
- b. A vote of the association’s elected leadership to increase the association’s yearly individual membership fee by the amount of a one (1) year IAPSS membership fee applicable to the region the association is located in;

## 3. Cancelling Association Membership



§ 6 An Association Membership shall be cancelled by any one of the following means:

- a. The association has a referendum and a majority of its individual members vote to cancel its IAPSS Association Membership;
- b. The association's elected leadership votes to cancel its IAPSS Association Membership;
- c. The association ceases to pay its yearly Association Membership fees to IAPSS.

#### 4. IAPSS' Commitments to Association Members

§ 7 IAPSS shall ensure that all individual members of an Association Member are provided with IAPSS one (1) year individual memberships and that these individual members have access to IAPSS individual member accounts on the IAPSS website no later than thirty (30) days after IAPSS receives both the Association Member's annual Association Membership fee and the Association Member's list of its individual members' names and email addresses.

#### 4. Association Memberships with No Fees

§ 8 IAPSS will only consider an association membership with no membership fee in terms of the fee per member in extenuating circumstances including a crisis in the association's country, region, or campus.

Be it further resolved that the General Assembly grant the Executive Committee the ability to negotiate membership fees with student associations during the 2020-2021 mandate.

## **Motion 12: Remuneration and Reimbursement**

Moved by: Piet Flintrop, IAPSS Treasurer

Whereas IAPSS needs to regulate remuneration and reimbursement to ensure fairness;

Be it resolved that the following be added as a regulation in the IAPSS Legal Framework:

### **Remuneration and Reimbursement**

#### **1. Introduction**

§ 1 This document is applicable to all Board members and other volunteers of the International Association for Political Science Students (hereinafter the “association” or “IAPSS”).

§ 2 The purpose of this regulation is to provide an overview of remuneration and reimbursement for members of the Board of Directors (hereinafter “BoD”), Executive Committee (hereinafter “ExCom”), Advisory Board, the Board of the association and the management of the association as well as volunteer coordinators that are not members of the Board.

§ 3 The IAPSS Remuneration and Reimbursement Regulation is applicable to any claim that is made towards IAPSS for expenses for, in the name of, or in execution of tasks for the association.

§ 4 If this document does not provide adequate coverage of a certain claim, the IAPSS Treasurer may decide on the issue in question in line with the principles of financial sustainability and sound administration. A consultation of the Executive Committee is recommended.

§ 5 The executor of this policy is exclusively the IAPSS Treasurer or, in his/her absence, the IAPSS Deputy Treasurer with the IAPSS President and the IAPSS Secretary General having veto rights. The Deputy Treasurer is only allowed to make the decisions by justifications explained in this document but no judgement calls as described under § 4 of this document.

#### **2. Handing in Claims**

§ 6 Any claim for reimbursement must be handed in to the Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer directly to their official IAPSS email accounts. In cases described under § 5, the claims must be handed in to the official IAPSS email account of the replacement person.

§ 7 Claims sent via any other medium are automatically declined unless the responsible person accepts the claim.

§ 8 A claim must contain the following content:

- a. A receipt that covers any expenses made for the association or claim for reimbursement of expenses;
- b. Details of the bank account or paypal account of the claimant; and
- c. The reason for the claim based on a provision in Section 2 of this regulation.

### **3. Claimable Expenses**

§ 9 Claims for expenses in the name of the association are fully refundable, providing that IAPSS has sufficient funds to complete the reimbursement and that the reimbursement does not undermine the financial sustainability of the association. To be eligible for a refund, an expense claim in the name of the association must be previously authorized by the Treasurer or a dedicated replacement as stated under § 5 of this document.

§10 Expenses for travel, accommodation and food expenses during the execution of IAPSS tasks may be claimed by members of the Board of the association. The eligibility for refund is determined by the Treasurer on the basis of the current financial situation of the association.

§ 11 Expenses for travel, accommodation, and food expenses during the execution of an event or project may be claimed by coordinators and in exceptional cases by other volunteers also if they are not members of the Board. If a coordinator or volunteer is at the same time a member of the Board, § 11 overrules the provisions of § 10. The refund is determined on the basis of the respective event or project budget or, if there are no budgetary provisions, by the Treasurer or their designated replacement taking into account the current financial capacities of the association and, in case of externally funded projects, the specific conditions and availability of the funding provided for the project.

### **4. Remuneration of Coordinators**

§ 12 Coordinators and others in execution of work for IAPSS can be remunerated for their work with an honorarium of not more than 150 € per month and 1,500 € per year. This can be overruled by employment laws of the country IAPSS is incorporated in or is otherwise bound to.

§ 13 The Executive Committee must decide on all matters related to the remuneration of coordinators and other volunteers from the IAPSS budget. The vote of the IAPSS Treasurer or their replacement must be positive, unless they are overruled by a three-fifth (3/5) majority of the Executive Committee.

§ 14 In case of approved externally funded event or project budgets, remuneration is determined according to the fulfillment of the requirements for remuneration stipulated in the respective budget. The requirements are reviewed according to the procedure agreed upon for the given budget and may include a review of the deliverables for each remuneration by the source of the external funding. The responsibility for such review is determined according to the responsibilities set out for the project and entails a collaboration with the Treasurer or their replacement.

## Motion 13: Dispute Resolution Process

Moved by: J. Marcos Peña, IAPSS Latin America and the Caribbean Chair

Be it resolved that the following regulation be added to the IAPSS Legal Framework:

### Dispute Resolution Process

§ 1. Advisory Board  
The Advisory Board shall hear and pass judgement on an application filed by an IAPSS member that is:

- a. To appeal an administrative decision that is alleged to be in noncompliance with the terms of an elected mandate or a volunteer agreement. The terms “mandate” and “voluntary agreement” include all pertinent regulations and rules and all relevant administrative issuances in force at the time of alleged non-compliance;
- b. To appeal an administrative decision imposing a disciplinary measure;
- c. To enforce the implementation of an agreement reached through mediation;
- d. To resolve the conflicts of jurisdiction between the IAPSS’ various departments, regions, committees, positions, and other bodies; and
- e. Any other matter provided by the General Assembly or the Executive Committee.

§ 3. The Advisory Board shall hear and pass judgement on an application filed by an individual requesting the Advisory Board to suspend, during the pendency of the management evaluation, the implementation of a contested administrative decision that is the subject of an ongoing management evaluation, where the decision appears prima facie to be unlawful, in cases of particular urgency, and where its implementation would cause irreparable damage. The decision of the Advisory Board on such an application shall not be subject to appeal.

§ 4. The Advisory Board shall be competent to permit an individual who is entitled to appeal the same administrative decision under § 2a of the present article to intervene in a matter brought by another staff member under the same paragraph.

§ 5. The Advisory Board shall be competent to hear and pass judgement on an application filed against a Regional Leadership Committee (represented by the Chair) or the Executive Committee (represented by the President), including the decision to dismiss a member of the same RLC or the ExCom.

§ 6. In the event of a dispute as to whether the Advisory Board has competence under the present regulation, the Advisory Board shall decide on the matter.

§ 7. The decisions of the Advisory Board shall be issued in writing and shall state the reasons, facts and law on which they are based. The decision is not subject to appeal. The

decision should be written in English and be communicated to the President, the Secretary General, and each party in the case.

§ 8. The deliberations of the Advisory Board shall be confidential.

§ 9. Either party may apply to the Advisory Board for interpretation or an order for execution of a judgement.

## **Motion 14: Applying for Consultative Status with ECOSOC**

Moved by: J. Marcos Peña, IAPSS Latin America and the Caribbean Chair

Be it resolved that IAPSS apply for consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC);

Be it further resolved that the IAPSS International Cooperation Department be tasked with taking the lead on submitting the ECOSOC application, in collaboration with other departments and bodies within IAPSS as necessary;

Be it further resolved that any IAPSS elected representative or volunteer be able to help the International Cooperation Department with the application process.

## **Motion 15: Further Regional Autonomy**

Moved by: Mitchell McIntosh, IAPSS Oceania Chair

Whereas regional development occurs to varying degrees and times in each region.

Whereas it is acknowledged that the regions require further autonomy in order to carry out their duties, including in financial matters.

Whereas newly formed regional branches may require additional discretion and flexibility whilst in process of developing IAPSS presence locally.

Whereas students in some regions may be unable to afford membership within IAPSS at its current price.

Whereas in order to operate as an autonomous branch of IAPSS Global, regional leadership committees will be required to adopt a distinct legal entity.

Be it resolved that the following be added to Regulation 5 as the last section:

### **Regional Autonomy and Discretionary Powers**

§ 1 The Regional Chair, may increase or lower the price of membership offered to those within its region. In accordance with the Articles of Association, any such prices must be constrained to those which were approved by the General Assembly at the annual meeting. As such the following must be observed:

a. The prices which may be utilized are limited to the following:

- i. € 15
- ii. € 10
- iii. € 5
- iv. € 3
- v. € 1
- vi. € 0

b. The ExCom reserves the right to disallow any such changes upon a majority vote.

c. Alterations must be made in relation to a specific number of individuals, and a region cannot put in place an alteration open to an unlimited number of individuals. The specific number of altered price memberships must be known, recorded, and approved in advance.

d. Facilitation of membership need not be completed online, and the Regional Chapter may elect to collect membership details locally, subsequently sending these details to the Vice President for Regional Affairs whereby they would be directly entered into the IAPSS system as members.

e. Payment need not be completed online, and the Regional Chapter may elect to collect payment itself, subsequently transferring all owed money to the central IAPSS bank account.

f. An RLC may not provide any membership discounts to current team members, or any who have held a role in the prior mandate.

§ 2 The Regional Chapter may elect to form partnerships with regional organisations at their discretion, contingent to the below subclauses. Partnerships may include joint events and the transfer of funding.

a. Unincorporated Regional Chapters must obtain approval from the IAPSS Executive Committee before entering into agreements and IAPSS Legal Representatives must sign for any such agreements.

i. This sub clause may be overruled if the IAPSS Executive Committee deems that it is of ultimate necessity that the Regional Chapter enter into an agreement and/or sign for an agreement, in which case the Executive Committee shall approve the way forward in the context of the situation.

b. Provided that the Regional Chapter is well-established in their region, and is registered as incorporated regionally, they may enter into legal contracts at the discretion of the Regional Chair.

c. The ExCom may, upon a majority vote, at any time request that a relationship between an RLCr and an organisation be dissolved, excluding in situations whereby this would result in the breaking of a legal contract or obligation. Should such a contract exist, the RLC must take all reasonable measures to remove itself from the partnership at the earliest opportunity.



d. In accordance with Regulation 5, section ?, subsection 1, a Regional Chapter may choose to offer a discounted membership rate to all individual members of a specific organisation, paid in bulk by that organisation's leadership team. All willing members of that organisation would become full IAPSS members, equivalent to all other members internationally.

§ 3 The RLC may establish itself as an incorporated association provided that approval has been provided by IAPSS Global. Any necessary funds shall be provided by the ExCom, unless the RLC elects to utilize any existing funds they possess.

a. Any additional requirements/registrations which need to be completed prior to incorporation should only be initiated following approval for incorporation by the IAPSS Global. These also should be financed by IAPSS Global unless otherwise decided by the RLC.

§ 4 The RLC may create a local bank account for its own purposes, provided that approval has been provided by the ExCom.

a. When possible the IAPSS Treasurer must act a registered signatory of the account, when not possible the RLC must provide any requested financial information to the Treasurer at the earliest opportunity.

b. Management and maintenance of regional bank accounts shall be the primary

c. responsibility of the relevant Regional Chair, with all payments and transfers requiring direct authorisation.

d. Should a relevant position holder vacate their role within IAPSS, all necessary changes to bank account signatories must occur within one month.

§ 5 A Regional Chapter shall receive half of all membership fees which arise from memberships within their region. This shall be contingent upon a formal request for funds put forth by the Regional Chair to the Vice-President for Regional Affairs.

a. The transfer of funds to the Regional Chapter must not take place until a bank account has been established to the satisfaction of the IAPSS Treasurer.

b. Funds must be transferred at least quarterly to a Regional Chapter bank account in regular practice.

c. In the first three years after the creation of a new Regional Chapter bank account, the ExCom may approve all membership fees raised from a region to be transferred to that region.

§ 6 Regional Chapters must, wherever possible, conduct such business as incorporation and bank account creation within a single country within their region. Establishment of multiple sub-organisations in different countries, including multiple bank accounts, must be approved by a majority vote within the ExCom.

~~Be it further resolved that the General Assembly grant the Executive Committee the ability to negotiate association membership rates with student associations during the 2020-2021 mandate.~~

## **Appendix B: Transcript of Comments During the Discussion Portion of the General Assembly**

00:05:07.557,00:05:10.557

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: here is a link to the GA attendance form :

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesV2LKgo1NXQ7HJVvQbweiiQE3mEVOal-1TYT64cq\\_RTezQw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesV2LKgo1NXQ7HJVvQbweiiQE3mEVOal-1TYT64cq_RTezQw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

00:08:46.624,00:08:49.624

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: I move the motion to approve the agenda

00:12:04.513,00:12:07.513

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: votes will be posted at the bottom of the page here:

<https://www.iapss.org/iapss-general-assembly-may-23-2020-1900-cet/>

00:12:16.630,00:12:19.630

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: you may need to refresh as votes are added

00:13:54.637,00:13:57.637

Anthony Medina Rivas Plata: Done!

00:15:35.236,00:15:38.236

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Thank you, Justin!

00:15:46.541,00:15:49.541

Oscar Nazario: done!

00:16:58.845,00:17:01.845

Anthony Medina Rivas Plata: Tobi, I think we can move forward.

00:17:20.378,00:17:23.378

Edgar Leandro: Done!

00:17:39.290,00:17:42.290

maxwel ajuoga: done

00:18:16.959,00:18:19.959

Mitchell McIntosh | IAPSS: One person from Oceania!

00:18:36.190,00:18:39.190

World Congress Assistant Speakers Coordinator: North America is present as well!

00:19:43.490,00:19:46.490

Edgar Leandro: All continents

00:32:09.878,00:32:12.878

Rose Smith: I can't seem to scroll down the list of participants.

00:32:55.673,00:32:58.673

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: ^Rose, I had the same issue. Tobias, thank you for notifying us of who is up next.

00:33:07.347,00:33:10.347

Crystal Staebell: Give me time. I'll get my mic to work....

00:33:22.444,00:33:25.444

Rose Smith: Thanks, Caroline! I thought my laptop was acting up!

00:34:17.715,00:34:20.715

Rose Smith: Funmi.

00:39:18.620,00:39:21.620

Oscar Nazario: will fix the mic, sorry

00:39:57.074,00:40:00.074

Oscar Nazario: mic fix

00:41:51.641,00:41:54.641

Rolf Nijmeijer: sorry mic issues

00:46:35.156,00:46:38.156

Giulia Zampedri: hello everyone! Tobi you forgot about me! BTW I am Giulia and I am the current IAPSS Europe chair :)

00:51:06.677,00:51:09.677

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: I motion to approve the minutes

00:51:12.272,00:51:15.272

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Seconded

00:55:31.097,00:55:34.097

Tolbert Ncube: done

00:56:17.861,00:56:20.861

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: motion passes

01:10:08.460,01:10:11.460

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: I motion to approve the president report

01:10:21.507,01:10:24.507

Rolf Nijmeijer: seconded

01:10:21.522,01:10:24.522

Max Steuer | IAPSS: Seconded

01:10:21.685,01:10:24.685

Mihai Chihaiia | IAPSS: seconded

01:10:23.128,01:10:26.128

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Seconded

01:11:25.930,01:11:28.930

Oscar Nazario: seconded

01:12:33.466,01:12:36.466

Edgar Leandro: Seconded

01:12:44.121,01:12:47.121

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: the motion passed

01:13:15.815,01:13:18.815

Thomas N. Singbeh: POI: Mellis, has there been any plan to evaluate the effectiveness of established student research committees?

01:16:16.741,01:16:19.741

Rory Moe: Motion

01:16:21.059,01:16:24.059

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Seconded

01:16:21.305,01:16:24.305

IAPSS Africa Chair: Seconded

01:16:43.659,01:16:46.659

Thomas N. Singbeh: There's a POI raised already

01:17:06.648,01:17:09.648

Rose Smith: It appears that Rory made the motion.

01:17:34.797,01:17:37.797

Melis Kirtilli: Hi @Thomas, our current criteria for the student research committees' success include feedbacks from the committee members as well as whether there is enough demand for each of these committees throughout the mandate. They currently function as a research network. That being said, if you any suggestions in this regard, please let us know!

01:17:49.409,01:17:52.409

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up

01:20:28.204,01:20:31.204

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: the vote passes

01:20:39.422,01:20:42.422

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: whoops sorry

01:22:41.896,01:22:44.896

Thomas N. Singbeh: @Melis: Acknowledged

01:28:14.179,01:28:17.179

Rory Moe: We need partnerships with local networks

01:28:32.545,01:28:35.545

Rory Moe: We need to build our regional membership

01:29:08.315,01:29:11.315

Rory Moe: We can create virtual networking opportunities

01:29:34.963,01:29:37.963

Mihai Chihai | IAPSS: thank you, Rory, we should follow up on this indeed

01:29:59.607,01:30:02.607

Zach Foss: I would enjoy a blog spot we a have weekly participation by members.

01:30:10.732,01:30:13.732

Rory Moe: I can facilitate some of these partnerships if you want

01:30:14.906,01:30:17.906

Rory Moe: Motion

01:30:21.014,01:30:24.014

Zach Foss: second

01:30:21.279,01:30:24.279

Thomas N. Singbeh: Seconded

01:30:44.367,01:30:47.367

Oscar Nazario: second

01:30:47.778,01:30:50.778

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up

01:31:51.546,01:31:54.546

Mihai Chihai | IAPSS: a quick question if I may

01:34:27.063,01:34:30.063

Thomas N. Singbeh: @Mihai, I think voting shows your personal confidence in the report you prepared

01:35:40.429,01:35:43.429

IAPSS Africa Chair: I can talk too

01:36:20.911,01:36:23.911

Mihai Chihai | IAPSS: @Thomas, many thanks for the thought, it's a good perspective

01:37:40.600,01:37:43.600

Mitchell McIntosh | IAPSS: I'll also provide a summary for Oceania

01:38:04.167,01:38:07.167

Rutaba Tariq | IAPSS: I'll follow, for Asa.

01:40:03.521,01:40:06.521

Marcos: I'll follow for LAC as well.

01:40:43.954,01:40:46.954

Thomas N. Singbeh: @Funmi, do you plan organizing any IAPSS Africa regional conference or meeting?

01:42:18.162,01:42:21.162

Rose Smith: Below are the Facebook groups of our regional chapters:

facebook.com/iapssafrica

facebook.com/iapssasia

facebook.com/iapsseurope

facebook.com/iapsslatinamerica

facebook.com/oceania

facebook.com/iapssusacanada

01:42:34.587,01:42:37.587

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: Please fill out the attendance form if you haven't already:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesV2LKgo1NXQ7HJVvQbweiiQE3mEVOal-1TYT64cq\\_RTezQw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesV2LKgo1NXQ7HJVvQbweiiQE3mEVOal-1TYT64cq_RTezQw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

01:42:54.836,01:42:57.836

IAPSS Africa Chair: @Thomas Yes, but next year.

01:46:48.246,01:46:51.246

Rose Smith: \*Facebook.com/iapssoceania

01:49:41.726,01:49:44.726

Connor Clarke: also insta <https://www.instagram.com/iapssoceania/> 🙌🙌🙌

01:55:55.999,01:55:58.999

Rose Smith: I second motion 1.

01:59:00.423,01:59:03.423

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up

01:59:58.681,02:00:01.681

Rory Moe: Motion

02:00:02.110,02:00:05.110

Rory Moe: Second

02:00:02.488,02:00:05.488

Rose Smith: I second motion 2.

02:00:52.974,02:00:55.974

Rory Moe: I'm surprised that this wasn't in our policy to begin with

02:01:19.953,02:01:22.953

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up

02:01:28.955,02:01:31.955

Rory Moe: Definitely necessary because, if people plagiarize and publish their work under our organization, we would be liable

02:01:45.996,02:01:48.996

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Seconded

02:04:08.224,02:04:11.224

Norm Choudhury: What was the most cost? I want to take a note of that

02:04:34.851,02:04:37.851

IAPSS Africa Chair: Which country are we looking to relocate to?

02:05:28.605,02:05:31.605

World Congress Assistant Speakers Coordinator: It will be the responsibility of the future ExCom to review countries to relocate to.

02:07:44.223,02:07:47.223

Rose Smith: @Norm You can find the financial statement here:

[https://www.iapss.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/IAPSS\\_FY2019\\_profit-and-loss-1.pdf](https://www.iapss.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/IAPSS_FY2019_profit-and-loss-1.pdf)

02:11:29.766,02:11:32.766

Norm Choudhury: Thanks rose

02:12:19.918,02:12:22.918

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up



02:12:39.936,02:12:42.936

IAPSS Africa Chair: Vote for relocation is up. I have voted already.

02:13:53.728,02:13:56.728

maxwel ajuoga: done

02:14:28.830,02:14:31.830

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Seconded

02:15:13.026,02:15:16.026

IAPSS Africa Chair: I keep getting prompts for people to join this meeting. What do I do?

02:16:36.846,02:16:39.846

Edgar Leandro: Second

02:16:52.059,02:16:55.059

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up

02:18:14.074,02:18:17.074

IAPSS Africa Chair: Seconded

02:18:16.767,02:18:19.767

Marcos: Seconded

02:19:58.015,02:20:01.015

Max Steuer | IAPSS: Motion: All instances of 'Organisational Board' and 'Organizational Board' to be replaced by 'Global Board' in the regulation.

Justification: Global Board is the current terminology used for what the outdated term of 'Organisational Board' was supposed to refer to. There is at least one instance where this was not changed (§ 41, former § 53).

02:20:02.216,02:20:05.216

Zach Foss: point of information

02:22:28.120,02:22:31.120

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up

02:22:46.835,02:22:49.835

Thomas N. Singbeh: Seconded

02:26:21.960,02:26:24.960

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up

02:26:38.815,02:26:41.815

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Seconded

02:26:40.490,02:26:43.490

Marcos: Seconded

02:28:44.172,02:28:47.172

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up

02:29:02.811,02:29:05.811

Oscar Nazario: econd

02:29:05.729,02:29:08.729

Oscar Nazario: second\*

02:30:58.149,02:31:01.149

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up

02:31:01.391,02:31:04.391

Marcos: Seconded

02:31:14.678,02:31:17.678

Rory Moe: Second

02:33:07.072,02:33:10.072

Norm Choudhury: Thank you rose

02:33:18.803,02:33:21.803

Anthony Medina Rivas Plata: Great! Thank you Rose

02:33:23.125,02:33:26.125

Rory Moe: Loving this

02:33:27.024,02:33:30.024

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Connection issues

02:33:42.732,02:33:45.732

Edgar Leandro: seconded

02:33:47.406,02:33:50.406

Oscar Nazario: good one Rose, seconded!

02:34:08.354,02:34:11.354

Edgar Leandro: Very important motion

02:34:10.420,02:34:13.420

Rory Moe: Can we speak to some of the positives?

02:34:29.072,02:34:32.072

Rory Moe: Also I have a question

02:34:32.068,02:34:35.068

Tobias Scholz: <https://www.iapss.org/iapss-general-assembly-may-23-2020-1900-cet/>

02:34:42.023,02:34:45.023

Tobias Scholz: Here you'll be able to access all documents.

02:35:27.193,02:35:30.193

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: here is a link directly to the motions package:

<https://www.iapss.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Motions-Package-4.pdf>

02:35:51.469,02:35:54.469

Thomas N. Singbeh: What specific powers are delegated to regional chairs via the autonomy decision

02:37:25.118,02:37:28.118

Max Steuer | IAPSS: My point is just to suggest removing the word 'Team' in the heading 8 to make it consistent with the rest of the section. Thank you Rose and everyone involved!

02:45:31.870,02:45:34.870

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up

02:45:53.893,02:45:56.893

Rutaba Tariq | IAPSS: Second

02:45:54.736,02:45:57.736

Rory Moe: Second

02:47:08.674,02:47:11.674

Max Steuer | IAPSS: One small point.

02:48:53.630,02:48:56.630

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up

02:49:17.429,02:49:20.429

Tolbert Ncube: second

02:49:18.143,02:49:21.143

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Seconded

02:51:25.623,02:51:28.623

Rory Moe: Which organizations do we currently have?

02:53:02.910,02:53:05.910

Rory Moe: Agree with Joaquim

02:54:36.164,02:54:39.164

Max Steuer | IAPSS: Pol: Does § 3 mean that an association could theoretically be accepted with no membership fees (having in mind that individual membership fees for those joining e.g. a specific academic project/portfolio would remain static)?

02:56:05.779,02:56:08.779

Max Steuer | IAPSS: Thank you for the clarification.

03:00:38.823,03:00:41.823

Michael Gyekye: Funmi, can you write your question?

03:01:36.626,03:01:39.626

IAPSS Africa Chair: I am making a case to have a different regime of payment for Africa. With the fluctuation in the exchange rate, a lot of students, people cannot afford the membership fees in Africa.

03:02:17.159,03:02:20.159

IAPSS Africa Chair: Case in point, a lot of people from Africa wants to attend this GA but cannot because of the fees

03:04:21.941,03:04:24.941

IAPSS Africa Chair: Individual membership payments also needs to be addressed. Other than Association membership

03:04:41.191,03:04:44.191

Michael Gyekye: Noted

03:04:48.072,03:04:51.072

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up

03:05:16.980,03:05:19.980

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Seconded

03:05:32.822,03:05:35.822

Edgar Leandro: seconded

03:08:24.302,03:08:27.302

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up

03:08:53.673,03:08:56.673

Rutaba Tariq | IAPSS: Second

03:09:51.739,03:09:54.739

Mihai Chihaiia | IAPSS: comment

03:12:05.496,03:12:08.496

Mihai Chihaiu | IAPSS: a quick follow up?

03:12:05.677,03:12:08.677

Max Steuer | IAPSS: I have a point but only if no one else has something first.

03:16:32.371,03:16:35.371

IAPSS Africa Chair: Maybe people should just abstain?

03:17:56.224,03:17:59.224

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Seconded

03:20:02.676,03:20:05.676

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up

03:20:26.517,03:20:29.517

IAPSS Africa Chair: Seconded

03:20:28.629,03:20:31.629

Connor Clarke: second

03:20:32.442,03:20:35.442

Edgar Leandro: seconded

03:22:36.259,03:22:39.259

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: yes

03:23:41.148,03:23:44.148

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up

03:24:33.899,03:24:36.899

World Congress Assistant Speakers Coordinator: A short break is favorable

03:24:46.981,03:24:49.981

Edgar Leandro: Lets continue

03:24:51.129,03:24:54.129

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Continue

03:24:56.163,03:24:59.163

Thomas N. Singbeh: I think it's convenient we continue

03:24:56.748,03:24:59.748

IAPSS Africa Chair: Short break please

03:25:00.325,03:25:03.325

Norm Choudhury: Yess

03:25:04.023,03:25:07.023

Norm Choudhury: Continue

03:25:10.539,03:25:13.539

maxwel ajuoga: I suggest we continue

03:25:33.371,03:25:36.371

Rose Smith: A break might be good for the GA committee.

03:25:47.494,03:25:50.494

Marcos: Short break please.

03:25:51.192,03:25:54.192

Rory Moe: Break

03:34:14.905,03:34:17.905

Norm Choudhury: I like the goals set out and focus of justin

03:34:40.213,03:34:43.213

Rory Moe: Great vision

03:35:36.159,03:35:39.159

IAPSS Africa Chair: 👍👍

03:38:20.774,03:38:23.774

Max Steuer | IAPSS: One

03:43:58.101,03:44:01.101

Rory Moe: How will you help facilitate relocation

03:45:43.990,03:45:46.990

Rory Moe: Thanks

03:45:56.606,03:45:59.606

Thomas N. Singbeh: Justin,

What's your stance on issues of racial discrimination, prejudice and the tolerance/intolerance of said rhetorics?

03:46:30.113,03:46:33.113

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up

03:50:40.516,03:50:43.516

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up

03:51:00.011,03:51:03.011

Thomas N. Singbeh: POI: Can an applicant for an executive position be excused from attending the GA under any condition?

03:55:31.152,03:55:34.152

Thomas N. Singbeh: POI: Is it appropriate under IAPSS statutes/regulations for someone contesting such a critical position as the SG to be absent from the GA?

03:59:06.986,03:59:09.986

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: IAPSS needs to actively stand against all racial discrimination, prejudice and said rhetorics. Everyone needs to be able to fully participate and be included

04:04:54.375,04:04:57.375

Tobias Scholz: Dear Thomas, just seeing your point now. Yes, this is possible.

04:08:54.994,04:08:57.994

Tobias Scholz: Time limit reached.

04:09:09.501,04:09:12.501

Tobias Scholz: Please wrap up in a sentence.

04:09:26.808,04:09:29.808

Anthony: Question for caroline:

04:09:49.846,04:09:52.846

Anthony: Acknowledging that all of your volunteer experience is recent, how do you measure the success so far & your ability to deliver long-term?

04:13:07.150,04:13:10.150

Marcos: I would like to direct a question to Caroline.

04:13:07.602,04:13:10.602

Anthony: You said that the Ecuador conference did end up taking place, right?

04:13:16.233,04:13:19.233

Rory Moe: I agree with the alumni network idea

04:13:29.859,04:13:32.859

Anthony: Good answer imo btw

04:14:01.461,04:14:04.461

Anthony: Okay thank you.

04:17:22.177,04:17:25.177

World Congress Assistant Speakers Coordinator: I also would like to direct a question to

Caroline

04:17:22.391,04:17:25.391

Marcos: Great. Thank You.

04:17:23.049,04:17:26.049

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: for both: name three tangible ways to increase IAPSS' revenue given its current financial capabilities and three organizations you think IAPSS should seek out as partners/sponsors

04:18:37.020,04:18:40.020

Rory Moe: Norm can you tell us about your work on Wall Street?

04:18:54.061,04:18:57.061

Rory Moe: Particularly in the derivatives market ?

04:19:03.420,04:19:06.420

Norm Choudhury: Yes I will

04:20:48.816,04:20:51.816

Norm Choudhury: Wall Street during the recession had to make regulatory rules that put smaller investors out of markets I was able to organize a way with stock options that enabled smaller investors participate in a way they could not before regulations

04:20:55.889,04:20:58.889

Rory Moe: Thanks and can you also speak about socially responsible investing?

04:21:26.646,04:21:29.646

Rory Moe: I want to hear about both tobi

04:21:48.977,04:21:51.977

Rose Smith: To both candidates: How will you support the development of the regionalization process as Treasurer of IAPSS Global?

04:21:56.907,04:21:59.907

Rory Moe: Can we please have Norm answer both?

04:29:06.776,04:29:09.776

Rory Moe: I don't have a question for both

04:29:44.436,04:29:47.436

Rory Moe: It was for norm about socially responsible investing. But you are welcome to answer if you want

04:30:02.735,04:30:05.735

Rose Smith: Maybe she means my question, pasting it here again: "To both candidates:



How will you support the development of the regionalization process as Treasurer of IAPSS Global?"

04:31:49.295,04:31:52.295

Rory Moe: I am happy to facilitate that connection as a member of UNA-USA

04:34:20.101,04:34:23.101

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Yes, Rose! Thank you

04:34:39.997,04:34:42.997

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Rory's question was above yours.

04:35:06.792,04:35:09.792

Rory Moe: Both Rs it's ok

04:36:51.706,04:36:54.706

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: I have a question for Norm:

04:37:14.719,04:37:17.719

Anthony: For Norm: Do you think you could personally facilitate the networking with Wall Street?

04:37:24.562,04:37:27.562

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: Norm- would you partner with Goldman Sachs or Lockheed Martin?

04:37:30.361,04:37:33.361

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: How could you reconcile that Wall Street would be prioritizing investing in small business organizations?

04:37:50.847,04:37:53.847

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: versus for example, in increasing their own revenue?

04:41:54.046,04:41:57.046

Anthony: Thank you.

04:42:11.142,04:42:14.142

Thomas N. Singbeh: @Norm: Don't you think involvement with Wall Street will probably compromise IAPSS position and interest?

04:43:46.835,04:43:49.835

Rory Moe: I do

04:45:52.848,04:45:55.848

Thomas N. Singbeh: I'm facing problem with the audio

04:46:38.164,04:46:41.164

Rory Moe: Motion to move forward

04:46:49.083,04:46:52.083

IAPSS Africa Chair: Seconded

04:47:51.059,04:47:54.059

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: vote is up

04:52:48.453,04:52:51.453

Norm Choudhury: Having a great revenue is like having great grades!

04:55:55.273,04:55:58.273

Mihai Chihaiia | IAPSS: I have a question too, if I may

04:58:18.830,04:58:21.830

Mihai Chihaiia | IAPSS: Thank you, Melis!

04:58:32.520,04:58:35.520

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: the vote is up

04:59:27.637,04:59:30.637

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Great platform, Melis!

05:01:08.947,05:01:11.947

Melis Kirtilli: Thank you, @Caroline. Same goes for you!

05:03:54.402,05:03:57.402

Thomas N. Singbeh: @Michael: What are your outlined visionary strategies I supporting the efforts of regional chairs? What are your anticipated challenges?

05:04:03.788,05:04:06.788

Thomas N. Singbeh: \*in

05:08:02.324,05:08:05.324

Thomas N. Singbeh: Thank you Michael!

05:09:36.220,05:09:39.220

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: the vote is up

05:10:52.477,05:10:55.477

Rory Moe: How long do potential candidates have

05:18:55.050,05:18:58.050

Thomas N. Singbeh: @Caroline: You just indicated that IAPSS should abandon populism and nationalism and promote multilateralism and globalism. Are you suggesting that IAPSS becomes an ideologically bias organization?

05:21:53.774,05:21:56.774

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Thomas: Good point. I should clarify, that I would promote globalization and multilateralism. I would be sensitive to the populist and nationalist ideological platforms, but my focus is to enhance public-private partnerships to raise awareness to the issues that matter to our membership. Creating synergist views.

05:22:08.801,05:22:11.801

Tobias Scholz: Time limit has been reached.

05:22:19.277,05:22:22.277

Tobias Scholz: Please wrap up in a sentence.

05:22:27.622,05:22:30.622

Thomas N. Singbeh: @Paolo: IAPSS has been very poor in informing members about study trips and other programs. How do you intend to improve that especially for those who are not present on the Facebook platform?

05:23:43.897,05:23:46.897

Marcos: I would like to ask both a question.

05:24:50.833,05:24:53.833

Thomas N. Singbeh: Thank you Caroline!

05:24:53.488,05:24:56.488

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: @Thomas, did I answer your question? Let me know and I'll happily expand.

05:24:59.518,05:25:02.518

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Perfect, thank you, Thomas!

05:25:38.704,05:25:41.704

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: Anthony had a question but it disconnected- it was about candidates' past IAPSS experience

05:26:49.822,05:26:52.822

Rory Moe: Translators without Borders does it

05:27:22.156,05:27:25.156

Norm Choudhury: Multilateralism is important and a is side to side collaboration. it's also important to be unilateral going up with purpose when forming impactful relationships where it's not side by side but also integrated up and present value.

05:28:18.547,05:28:21.547

Rory Moe: POI: English is the official working language of IAPSS, as discussed in the conversation about moving

05:29:40.620,05:29:43.620

Rory Moe: Also we allowed panelists to present in Spanish at the last WC in Madrid so expansion does not seem outside the realm of possibility

05:30:04.721,05:30:07.721

Rory Moe: \*linguistic expansion

05:30:04.839,05:30:07.839

Giulia Zampedri: I would like to point out that on the website, in the regions section, the content is provided in different languages

05:30:40.931,05:30:43.931

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: consalvo

05:30:56.667,05:30:59.667

Thomas N. Singbeh: Information gap is misinformation hub. How do you intend to contend with possible fake news or speculation that the organization might encounter?

05:31:06.347,05:31:09.347

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: Anthony Consalvo

05:31:15.451,05:31:18.451

Rory Moe: That makes more sense

05:31:23.161,05:31:26.161

Thomas N. Singbeh: Both Caroline and Paolo

05:34:58.630,05:35:01.630

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Preach, Paola! It's the worst.

05:36:32.312,05:36:35.312

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: the vote is up

05:38:47.856,05:38:50.856

Thomas N. Singbeh: Thanks Caroline and Paola!

05:39:48.050,05:39:51.050

Paola Navarro Villa | IAPSS: Thank you! It was an important question!

05:51:48.815,05:51:51.815

Max Steuer | IAPSS: One

05:52:00.240,05:52:03.240

Rory Moe: We know all of you and appreciate your work in the organization

05:56:48.317,05:56:51.317

Marcos: I motion that Rory statement is formally included in the record (minutes).

05:57:26.123,05:57:29.123

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: Thank you, Thomas! And thank you all for your time. This is a great candidate pool!

05:57:27.799,05:57:30.799

Rory Moe: Second

05:58:14.794,05:58:17.794

Norm Choudhury: Thank you Caroline it was an honor and looking forward to working together to all

05:58:22.278,05:58:25.278

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: the vote is up, if you do not see the all of the above option, try refreshing the page

06:00:14.972,06:00:17.972

Rory Moe: 👍

06:02:45.412,06:02:48.412

Rose Smith: 👍

06:04:48.938,06:04:51.938

Rory Moe: Agreed. Partnerships are 🔑

06:05:16.870,06:05:19.870

Tobias Scholz: Could you please wrap up your presentation? You have reached the 3-minute limit.

06:05:20.064,06:05:23.064

Rory Moe: key to developing each region

06:08:30.938,06:08:33.938

Thomas N. Singbeh: Thank you, Funmi!

06:09:43.487,06:09:46.487

Rose Smith: 👍

06:10:21.394,06:10:24.394

IAPSS Africa Chair: Thank you Thomas. I must say that I have been enjoying your robust engagement. Looking forward to working with you

06:10:30.447,06:10:33.447

IAPSS Africa Chair: Thank you Rory

06:10:35.740,06:10:38.740

IAPSS Africa Chair: Thank you Rose

06:12:57.463,06:13:00.463

Rory Moe: I have 🙋🏻 questions for both candidates: what events would you host if elected & which partnerships would you facilitate

06:14:38.800,06:14:41.800

Tobias Scholz: Please come to an end of your presentation. The time limit has been reached.

06:16:02.857,06:16:05.857

Rose Smith: 👍

06:18:39.759,06:18:42.759

Rose Smith: 🙋🏻

06:19:40.795,06:19:43.795

Rory Moe: 🙋🏻

06:20:03.402,06:20:06.402

Rory Moe: Sorry I meant to type 👍

06:26:30.644,06:26:33.644

Rory Moe: What partnerships will you promote in the region? 🇺🇸🇨🇦

06:27:03.251,06:27:06.251

Алексей Ткаченко: @ Oleksii: Ukraine and countries of North America always are connected by numerous programs of scientific and educational cooperation. And we will be happy to develop partnership between IAPSS Ukraine and IAPSS US and Canada within IAPSS Global. Will you support our impulse if you are elected? And members of IAPSS Ukraine will want to ask small personal question if you and our colleagues don't mind. Are you our countryman? They made such assumption looking to your name and surname.

06:28:03.128,06:28:06.128

Rory Moe: How will you ensure that different parts of the USA & Canada are represented in the recruitment, like Midwest, Northeast, West Coast? 🇨🇦🇺🇸

06:28:06.899,06:28:09.899

Rose Smith: Leading Women of Tomorrow

06:28:16.627,06:28:19.627

Justin Patrick | IAPSS: Leading Women of Tomorrow

06:31:41.599,06:31:44.599

Thomas N. Singbeh: POI: It would be welcoming to see individual IAPSS regions coordinating joint academic initiatives and collaborating on cross-regional projects

06:31:54.545,06:31:57.545

Алексей Ткаченко: We are thankful to you for your answer and it will be beautiful for IAPSS Ukraine to cooperate with you, if you are elected. And thank you for answer of personal question my colleagues to know about common roots with you. I hope this will be strengthen partnership with you.

06:34:22.760,06:34:25.760

IAPSS Africa Chair: We are busy voting 😊

06:37:03.010,06:37:06.010

Thomas N. Singbeh: Does IAPSS envisage the creation of any form of members identification in the future?

06:37:30.408,06:37:33.408

Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski: I just wanted to thank everyone again and shout-out to the 25 members who remained active for the duration of this call! :)

06:39:10.018,06:39:13.018

IAPSS Africa Chair: Thank you everyone. Shout out to you all. @ Tobi and@Justin 🔥👍👍

06:39:26.795,06:39:29.795

Rose Smith: Thank you, everyone! We made it until the end!

06:39:33.520,06:39:36.520

Rose Smith: And Tobi made it without a chair.

06:39:34.186,06:39:37.186

Thomas N. Singbeh: Motion for adjournment seconded

06:39:34.945,06:39:37.945

Mihai Chihai | IAPSS: Many thanks everyone!

06:39:41.178,06:39:44.178

Алексей Ткаченко: thank you dear colleagues for great event!!!

06:39:41.468,06:39:44.468

Michael Gyekye: Thank you

06:39:42.316,06:39:45.316

FREDDY HERNANDO ALPALA CUESTA: Greetings from Colombia!

06:39:45.068,06:39:48.068

Max Steuer | IAPSS: Thank you!



06:39:49.253,06:39:52.253

FREDDY HERNANDO ALPALA CUESTA: Thanks!!

06:39:53.173,06:39:56.173

Tolbert Ncube: Thank you

06:40:09.298,06:40:12.298

World Congress Assistant Speakers Coordinator: You are all the best, glad to be working in this team.

06:40:32.842,06:40:35.842

Thomas N. Singbeh: Delightful meeting! Truly a pleasure!





## **Appendix C: Links to Reports, Candidates' Documents, and Livestream**

All reports and candidates' documents from the May 2020 IAPSS General Assembly can be found here: <https://www.iapss.org/iapss-general-assembly-may-23-2020-1900-cet/>

The recorded livestream of the discussion portion of the May 2020 IAPSS General Assembly can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEB62UI3RNA>