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Attendance

1. Tobias Scholz (Chair)
2. Herbert Mba Aki
3. Meenakshi Bansal
4. Omogbolahan Bello
5. Yufei Qi
6. Riccardo Tadei
7. Edgar Leandro
8. Ginisha Dewani
9. Willem Kilian
10. Fazliddin Djmalov
11. Oleksii Zahreba
12. NGUH FON
13. Mariam Botchorishvili
14. Raquel Valentim
15. DMITRII BRIDZHE
16. Artem Oliinyk
17. Shrey
18. Meenakshi Bansal
19. Edgar Leandro
20. Patricia Kumbakisaka
21. Julia Jakus
22. Rolf Nijmeijer
23. Nare Mashiane
24. Haritha wickramasinghe
25. Biligtsaikhan Uuganbayar
26. Justin Patrick
27. Jangchiddinov Ulug'bek
28. Fazliddin Djmalov
29. Shobhendra Srivastava
30. Oscar Nazario Rocca
31. Thomas N Singbeh
32. Rose Smith
33. Manuel Alexandro Martínez Pérez
34. Patricia Kumbakisaka
35. Rory Mondshein

Note: The General Assembly took place from December 12, 2021 at 14:00 CEST to December 19, 2021 at 14:00 CEST. The first approximately 2.5 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 December 19, 2021 or as otherwise required by the IAPSS Legal Framework.



Agenda

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Livestream Link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qfi3E0qgNsw>

Minutes

1. Call to order

Tobias calls the meeting to order and gives a brief welcome.

2. Approval of the Agenda and General Assembly Committee

Tobias proposes himself as the chair, Biligtsaikhan as minute taker, Justin to assist with the website, and Paola to operate the livestream. Together, these four would form the General Assembly Board if approved. Tobias 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 is moved by Justin and seconded by Oleksii.

The motion passes.

3. Approval of the minutes of the May 23, 2020 Online General Assembly

Tobias invites a motion to approve the minutes.

The motion is moved by Justin and seconded by Shobhendra.

The motion passes.

4. Report of the IAPSS President

Justin expresses that COVID-19 has posed some significant challenges for the entire world and IAPSS has been affected as well. As indicated at the last General Assembly, the 2020 World Congress was cancelled due to the pandemic. This year, IAPSS is hoping to transition events online instead. In terms of what is going well, the transition to online events has been very successful. There have been a large number of online events, from smaller sized panels to larger sized conferences involving not just IAPSS Global, but the IAPSS Regions and Student Research Committees have been organizing events autonomously. IAPSS Global has collaborated on events with multiple regions and Student Research Committees, including consultations for the United Nations 75th Anniversary Campaign to gather youth perspectives on international decision-making, as well as a 24 hour telethon on the politics on homelessness and various areas of intersection. Justin expresses appreciation for those who helped out with these events. IAPSS Asia held a virtual conference in collaboration with a university in Mongolia. We have been posting these events and other online content on the IAPSS YouTube channel on a regular basis, usually weekly. While IAPSS' YouTube following is modest compared to the Facebook page, it has grown quite a bit this year, increasing from around 60 subscribers in January 2020 to around 340 at the time of this General Assembly, an increase of over five times. If this continues to increase in the future, IAPSS may be able to earn a little bit of ad revenue from YouTube to supplement its other activities. In addition, IAPSS has established a number of partnerships with other organizations beyond the conventional academic associations like the International Political Science Association, the International Studies Association, the European Consortium for Political Research, and the Asia-Europe



Foundation. These new organizations include the Algoma University Students' Union, which is located in Canada; Art Beyond Sight, an organization helping those with visual impairments, the Canadian Political Science Students' Association, which is in the process of becoming an association member but the partnership model fits better for them as they rebuild their organization; Council for Sustainable Europe, which among other things focuses on the politics of outer space; Disability Unite, an advocacy group for persons with disabilities; the European Academy of Diplomacy; the National Model Organization for Islamic Cooperation in Pakistan; we have renewed our partnership with Politico; The World is Watching, an organization focused on alleviating racial inequalities around the world; Voters Without Borders, an organization focused on expanding voting rights for EU citizens; and Women in Foreign Policy. IAPSS looks forward to collaborating with these organizations and a number have helped us with various events. We are currently in the process of solidifying partnerships with other organizations, including UN2020, the World Federation of United Nations Associations, as well as Music for SDGs, a group that performs music at various UN events. IAPSS has expanded its networks into various international fora. IAPSS is a voting member of Civicus, supported the Erasmus500 Campaign to expand resources for students doing exchange programs through Erasmus. IAPSS partnered with the UN75 Campaign; became a member of the United States Youth, Peace and Security Campaign; as well as Bridging the Gap Alliance; youth focused networks like YOUNGO and YOUNGA; and we have maintained our status with UNESCO as well as the Informal Forum of International Student Organisations. We are exploring the possibility of joining other networks as well, including the UN Global Compact. At the May 2020 General Assembly, IAPSS members voted to form a new association membership model, so when a student association joins IAPSS, all of their individual members get voting rights within IAPSS to ensure that IAPSS has grassroots support and engagement, and to ensure that students are informed about what IAPSS is doing. We now need to renegotiate with all of our association members, which is a lengthy process, but we have been successfully done it with six organizations so far, including the Montenegrin Association of Political Science Students, which had not been officially part of IAPSS since 2015; Politistes Sorbonne in Paris, France; the Responsibility to Protect Student Coalition from Brisbane, Australia that has not been part of IAPSS before; some old association members that have helped establish IAPSS in 1998 such as SV Ismus and SV Machiavelli in the Netherlands; the Universidad Nacional Micaela Bastidas de Apurimac in Peru. These new association memberships appear to be the way of the future, since about a year ago IAPSS declared itself to be in a Membership Crisis, since while there was a lot of engagement on social media platforms and events, in terms of the formal standardized memberships was not comparing with our network of about 200,000 students, so we really needed to finish the transition from just having association members like we had ten years ago to having individual members as well. This new association membership model has allowed IAPSS to increase its members, so in terms of the ones that are officially standardized, we started the mandate at around 370, the lowest point in the Membership Crisis, but we have now increased this by about 250% to over 900. While we technically have over 199,000 to go, we are making good progress and he believes this new association membership model is the way to go, and he would go as far as to say that the Membership Crisis is reaching its conclusion and has been just about resolved, and it is now a matter of renegotiating with the remaining associations and ensure that the current association memberships are retained in future years. In addition, on the academic



front, IAPSS has expanded or rebranded itself. IAPSS' blog, A Different View, has rebooted and is now publishing blog posts again. There are two new Student Research Committees in the works, one on the politics of outer space and one on accessibility and inclusion. This will allow IAPSS to expand its ability to Student Research Committee topics so they can collaborate with their peers around the world. In terms of challenges, IAPSS has grappled with the same challenges it has faced throughout the 2010s. As was mentioned in May 2020, as IAPSS team members are volunteers instead of paid employees, it generally increases the rate at which teams members resign, as it is difficult to go to school, work, and do IAPSS. This mandate, the IAPSS Treasurer, Secretary General, and Vice President for Regional Affairs resigned. Fortunately, we have been able to find good interims for these positions and we will be voting on both retiring the Vice President for Regional Affairs position since the regions are now more autonomous, as well as voting on a number of by-election positions to fill vacancies to confirm the interims as the newly elected representatives to move forward. On the whole however, IAPSS has expanded its team with the new Student Research Committees, and expansion of regional and global teams as we continue to develop new infrastructure. We are now over 150 team members worldwide and this number will likely continue to increase as we plan for future events like the 2021 World Congress, which is planned to be virtual. This virtual event will allow for more participants to attend and we would be able to decrease the price from the usual over 80 Euros to hopefully less than 50 Euros. We are hoping to continue regional and global events on YouTube or livestreamed on Facebook and shared on various platforms. Another challenge we have experienced is the transition of financial accounts. More efforts should have been put into transferring these accounts in previous years, as we are still trying to get access to bank accounts, credit cards, and the PayPal account. We hope to alleviate these issues in the next month or month and a half. In terms of more good news, we created an IAPSS Subreddit for those who engage on that platform. IAPSS is growing as an organization through the motions presented here as we continue to improve our decision-making processes and weather out COVID-19. In the future, we will be establishing infrastructure for submitting to grants and establishing sponsorships. He thanks IAPSS team members, members at large, partners, and other associations as IAPSS navigates one of the most challenging times in its history. Students of the future will likely look back to this year to find out how we adapted.

5. Legal Framework Amendments and Motions

a. Motion 1: Honorary Membership for Professor Marcel Wissenburg

The motion is moved by Justin and seconded by Paola.

Rory motions to amend the motion to also grant honorary membership to Makoto Okubo from Music for SDGs.

Rory states that Makoto helped a lot with the IAPSS telethon. He helped on standby with each region, ensured there was music for the event, helped out with technology and programming, and he is interested in contributing to a potential new Student Research Committee on political communication.

Justin states that the amendment is friendly.

Max asks that considering honorary membership has historically been the highest honor IAPSS can give, are there any criteria for association membership? It is typically given to senior academics. In this context, should there perhaps be some criteria. IAPSS currently has three honorary members, and these contributions are supposed to be significant. If the contribution is not academic, it can still merit the award, but in this case there are many other senior scholars who would be deserving of honorary membership.

Justin replies that honorary membership in his understanding does not have any set criteria and has generally been based on an individual's service to IAPSS as an organization. Marcel Wissenburg looks after IAPSS' physical mail in the Netherlands and is an experienced scholar. While Makoto Okubo may not be a scholar, he has a lot of practical experience with the United Nations and while he does not publish articles, he has contributed a lot in terms of music and intersections between music and politics and music and international cooperation. Makoto has also helped IAPSS during a point in its history where we have faced significant challenges and have been adapting to online format. The 24 hour telethon and other online events were tests to see if we could do online events successfully to pave the way toward a World Congress in 2021 where students pay tickets to attend an online event, as we were not sure if this would be possible when the 2020 World Congress was cancelled. For the telethon, Makoto was there for the majority of the 24 hours and provided assistance to IAPSS, helping us develop new capacities as an organization. At a future General Assembly perhaps in 2021, we can look into forming clearer criteria for honorary membership and determine which other scholars should receive the award. Some potential individuals he can think of involve some of those Tobias interviewed in the past, including John Mearsheimer who did two videos with IAPSS sharing his views, which has garnered a lot of attention online, as well as 2018 IPSA President Ilter Turan who also took time to sit with members of IAPSS and share his views on multiple occasions and helped bring IAPSS and IPSA closer together. He agrees that others can be added to the list and we should look at criteria for what honorary membership means.

Tobias states that the above points identify as a need for more appreciation. He understands Max's point that maybe honorary membership is not the best tool to use for every situation. He suggests that IAPSS should consider other awards like an academic achievement award or an award for someone who contributed for a certain period of time. We have to make sure that honorary membership does not give individuals unnecessary clout within the association. It may be helpful to see honorary membership not be given to someone with political motivations in the association and we should consider different award schemes.

The motion passes as amended.

b. Motion 2: Revisions to Committee Structures

The motion is moved by Justin and seconded by Paola.

Justin states that as IAPSS is growing, some of these committees need to be integrated into the larger departments. Some of these committees have three members and we have needed to bring more team members in to help or there was overlap with other departments, so this oversees that integration into various departments so they are under the direct supervision of various elected representatives within IAPSS who oversee these departments. We will be retiring three of these committees.

The motion passes.

c. Motion 3: Retiring the Vacant Vice President for Regional Affairs Position

The motion is moved by Justin and seconded by Shobhendra.

Justin explains that this mandate, there was an early resignation of the Vice President for Regional Affairs. This was partly due to different visions of Regional Chairs and the Vice President for Regional Affairs, as at the May 2020 General Assembly, members voted to give the regions more autonomy. The Regional Chairs are elected now. It seems that this supervisory role is no longer needed, as the regional chairs have been meeting autonomously. The chairs have largely took turns chairing these meetings and did not need a Vice President for Regional Affairs and organized their events and conferences autonomously. This has led us to believe that this Executive Committee position is no longer needed. If we ever need one in the future, we can always create one at a future General Assembly.

The vote passes.

d. Motion 4: Detailing the Role of the Advisory Board

The motion is moved by Justin and seconded by Ginisha.

Justin states that at the last General Assembly, IAPSS Latin America and the Caribbean Chair Marcos Pena moved a motion to clarify the role of the Advisory Board, and it was decided that more time was needed to revise it. This current motion is a revised version that was completed in consultation with various internal stakeholders including the current Advisory Board to build from the previous motion and make sure that we have clear processes for what the Advisory Board does and how it operates, so things like keeping accurate records, ruling in certain disputes like an election dispute, serving as the appeal body of IAPSS, and interpreting the guiding documents in cases where the laws of the country where IAPSS is incorporated in does not provide a clear answer, so mainly with our Regulations and Policies. There were a few cases where the Advisory Board has helped by providing information or ruling on certain disputes. This motion would help standardized procedures and base them on a rule of precedent so in future years if there is a similar case, the Advisory Board can look to past rulings and take them into account when making decisions. The Advisory Board consists of usually three members elected annually at the General Assembly.

Thomas asks for clarity on the motion. Are we establishing the Advisory Board as an adjudicatory body on how rulings should take place in IAPSS?

Justin replies that the Advisory Board already has this role, but the issue is that there are not a lot of rules outlining how they should act, what their functions are, and what the limits of their power are. They could be perhaps considered as a quasi-judicial branch of IAPSS that can make decisions where the politics within IAPSS may lead to other positions being biased. The Advisory Board would strive to alleviate this bias as much as possible when needed. It has already had this kind of role and the motion would just provide more details on what the roles are.

The motion passes.

e. Motion 5: Country for Relocation

The motion is moved by Thomas and seconded by Justin.

Justin explains that at the last General Assembly, members voted to task the Executive Committee to find a country to relocate to. IAPSS is currently located in the Netherlands, which has posed a few challenges in recent years, including every time we amend our statutes, we have to pay a notary to authorize them, which has been expensive. In order to pass amendments to these guiding documents, the amendments have to be in Dutch, so the English version is the unofficial version. Not many members speak Dutch so they are limited in putting motions forward to reform IAPSS. At the previous General Assembly, we narrowed things down a bit. The United Kingdom and United States were ruled out due to issues with the journals and indexing if they were located there and other opportunities the journals have access to. In addition, as IAPSS operates in English, we were looking for a country where proceedings and guiding documents could take place in English. We looked at online accessibility so no matter where IAPSS members are elected from, they would still be able to provide updates to the Chamber of Commerce in the location country as needed instead of having to mail documents or at worst, fly there and deal with those officials in person. We came up with Canada as the best option and we propose this option to the members. We also met with the International Political Science Association this mandate and they moved to Canada, particularly to the city of Montreal, and they mentioned that nonprofits that move there may be eligible for funding that would support paid staff for the first few years of operation, and they indicated that this would be good for helping our organizations collaborate more closely. They also suggested that we may be able to have our base of operations as the same university that they are located in. As a previous plan was to incorporate the Regions as nonprofits, there may be a possibility to keep the Dutch association as IAPSS Europe and apply to Europe-specific grants and opportunities. This could be an opportunity to make IAPSS more accessible, as we may not always have someone from the Netherlands on the Executive Committee, and this would allow for updates to be provided online from anywhere in the world in a way that is more cost-effective.

Thomas asks that Ireland was also suggested at the last General Assembly. Is there potential to move there as well?

Justin replies that Ireland was also considered and would allow us to apply for EU grants. However it did not seem to be very accessible online and we may have needed an Executive Committee member to travel there in person to sort things out.

Thomas asks if just Canada is being proposed.

Justin answers that at the last General Assembly, members tasked the Executive Committee to find which country would be the best fit, and this is what the Executive Committee recommends.

Tobias asks Justin to explain what this means in terms of moving, possible financial risk, and if a plan would be presented at the next General Assembly.

Justin states that if this vote passes, the Executive Committee would have to figure out how to complete the move, which would involve creating a new non-profit in Canada. IAPSS does not necessarily have nonprofit status in the Netherlands, but is classified as an association, which made IAPSS ineligible for a number of grants and opportunities specific to nonprofit organizations. This would help clear that up as well. In terms of the initial costs to incorporate a nonprofit under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act would be a few hundred Canadian dollars, and the main difference would be that IAPSS would have to submit a tax return through the online system once a year. IAPSS would likely not have to pay much taxes given how much revenue it generates. In terms of a timeline, it varies, but based on other precedents in Canada with other student governments, this may take up to a year or a year and a half. At the next General Assembly, we would likely provide an update. IAPSS would also need to create a new Canadian bank account, which would probably be the longest part. The easiest part would likely be the registration itself, which involves filling out a form. The things we would need a lawyer to change would be things like the organization name and other bullet points about the organization. The guiding documents would be separate from this. This vote would be to task the Executive Committee with making the move and at the next General Assembly we will provide an update. It would likely not be completed by then, but hopefully within the next year to year and a half. The old association would likely be transitioned to IAPSS Europe. So, in terms of the cost, it would be a few hundred Canadian dollars, so let's just say a few hundred Euros. To put this into perspective, to change the statutes a couple years ago, it was a few thousand Euros to amend our statutes. Amending the statutes in the Netherlands with the notary was more expensive than creating a new nonprofit in Canada and IAPSS has the funds to create the new nonprofit.

The motion passes with an over 80% majority in favour.

f. Motion 6: Codifying Established General Assembly Precedents

The motion is moved by Justin and seconded by Ginisha.



Justin states that in Robert's Rules of Order, the chair is not able to move, vote on, or second motions. In IAPSS, the chair is an IAPSS member and it has been a convention that the chair has in the past voted, moved, and seconded motions. This motion codifies this exception to Robert's Rules so everyone paying an IAPSS membership can participate democratically.

The motion passes.

g. Motion 7: By-Elections

The motion is moved by Oleksii and seconded by Rose.

Oleksii states that the motion would allow for by-elections to be held outside the General Assembly so they can take place more than twice a year. Due to the frequency of resignations, interim positions have often needed to be appointed and would usually work for a few months before voting, which puts them at an advantage over anyone else who wanted to run. This motion ensures that elections are held within two months after the position becomes vacant. The Secretary General would oversee by-elections according to regular election procedures. If a General Assembly is due to happen within two months after a position becomes vacant, the by-election is not held and the position would be elected at the General Assembly. This would apply to any elected position within IAPSS.

The motion passes.

6. Elections – (candidate presentations, questions, and voting)

a. Treasurer

Shobhendra Srivastava is the sole candidate.

Shobhendra states that he is working as an interim treasurer. He has been part of IAPSS for about four months. He started as interim Vice President for Programs. He has a finance background and has worked in finance for 13 years. He currently works in corporate mergers and acquisitions for global companies. He is based in the Netherlands and is familiar with working in this country. As treasurer, he would like to focus on cleaning up records, as the last treasurer was not able to keep up with this. There are some backlogs in terms of access to certain bank accounts and payments to partners. He wants to bring more transparency to IAPSS finances so we know where we stand in terms of finances and so we have clear budgetary goals. He would help diversify IAPSS' revenue stream, help investigate grants from the Netherlands and the EU. If we move to Canada, he would help with similar funding opportunities here as well. There is the possibility of transitioning volunteers to employees to reduce resignation rates. He would help with regional autonomy processes including plans to incorporate the regions.

Shobhendra is elected as IAPSS Treasurer.

b. Vice President for Programs

Ginisha Dewani is the sole candidate.

Ginisha states that she is the interim Vice President for Programs. She was first appointed to Projects and Events Coordinator of IAPSS Asia and assisted as Design Coordinator in the IAPSS Global Public Relations Department. She worked at the British Council in India as the manager for art. She has engaged in academic activities as a scholar, doing her PhD in Urban Governance and Sustainability in India where she is currently based. She has three main goals for the Programs Department. We have seen some changes to events and activities in recent months, so she first wants to provide a platform for members to present their ideas. Secondly, she wants to foster sustainable relationships with partners, and thirdly, she wants to support Regional teams and all teams working together.

Thomas asks if Ginisha has plans to work with Regions to develop programs and how she plans to work with regions to develop smooth programs and different levels.

Ginisha replies that she would seek to establish a pool of partners and experts for the regional teams to draw from so they can work on the issues specific to their areas of the world. She would access current infrastructure and human resource capacities and use this information to develop strategies to improve regional operations.

Thomas suggests that Ginisha work with project coordinators in each Region and have some sort of council where she meets with them and can discuss issues affecting them.

Ginisha replies that her experience in IAPSS has taught her that it is always a team effort. She has been informed about issues through her experience on the IAPSS Asia team such as Uzbekistan, India, and Pakistan. She would provide guidance to regional project coordinators and help them with structuring events.

Rory states that she has worked with Ginisha in IAPSS and supports her candidacy. Ginisha's spreadsheets are always organized and Rory looks forward to what Ginisha will do as Vice President for Programs.

Ginisha is elected as IAPSS Vice President for Programs.

8. Other Business

Tobias states that previous Secretary General Arushi Prasad resigned too close to the General Assembly date for a call for candidates and vote to be given with due notice, so we were unable to vote on a replacement at this General Assembly. Tobias thanks Biligtsaikhan for stepping up in the interim.

Thomas states that he has served as IAPSS Africa Deputy Chair for some time, and one of the challenges IAPSS Africa has faced has been recruitment because most political science students in sub-Saharan African have been unable to pay membership fees and attend General Assemblies. The IAPSS Africa Chair asked the last General Assembly that ways be explored to make participation more affordable to students in Africa. Maybe the General Assembly can set up a committee to help with this. The Advisory Board may be able to help in this respect. IAPSS Asia may face similar problems. If the membership can be decreased from about \$10 US to \$5 US, it may be better.

Justin replies that the IAPSS Africa team would be integral in helping create a strategy for the way forward. The new association membership model passed at the last General Assembly allows for more flexibility in terms of fees, but if we need to do something for individual students, we can do that as well. He proposes that the IAPSS Africa team meet with him and some of the Executive Committee members. He would welcome IAPSS Africa's input at this meeting on what the fees should be reduced to. He suggests meeting after the end of semester break in early 2021 so a plan can be put in place so more students from IAPSS Africa can be present at the next General Assembly.

Thomas expresses appreciation with this idea of a meeting and that IAPSS Africa would be able to attend. IAPSS Africa will contact Justin to schedule a meeting.

Tobias states that the results of this plan would be of interest to the 34th General Assembly.

Justin thanks Tobias for chairing the meeting, Paola for taking care of the livestream, and Biligtsaikhan for helping with the minutes, as well as to everyone who participated.

9. Adjournment

Tobias thanks everyone who helped facilitate this meeting and those who participated.

The discussion portion of the General Assembly ends at around 16:28 CEST.

The General Assembly adjourns at the conclusion of the voting period on December 19, 2020 at 14:00 CEST.



Motions Package

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December 12, 2020 General Assembly of the International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS)

Note: Text in **red** indicates changes to the Legal Framework proposed by the original motion and text in **blue** indicates amendments made to the motion during the General Assembly.

Motion 1: Honorary Membership for Professor Marcel Wissenburg and Makoto Okubo

Moved by: Justin Patrick

Whereas Professor Marcel Wissenburg has been taking care of IAPSS' mail at its mailing address in Nijmegen for at least the past few years, providing valuable support to our organization;

Be it resolved that Professor Marcel Wissenburg and Makoto Okubo be granted an IAPSS Honorary Membership.

Motion 2: Revisions to Committee Structures

Moved by: Justin Patrick

Whereas IAPSS' internal volunteer committees have faced challenges maintaining their operations in recent years;

Whereas there are currently overlaps in jurisdiction between a number of committees and IAPSS Global departments;

Whereas some committees require more volunteers than what has been permitted in previous years;

Be it resolved that Regulation 1 be amended as follows:

Regulation 1: Structure

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 to:

- a. Set the structure of IAPSS;
- b. Establish the IAPSS Global Board and Regional Boards;
- c. Define the status of the Academic Affiliates of IAPSS;
- d. Define the remit of the Executive Committee (hereinafter ExCom);
- e. Define the remit of the Advisory Board;



- ~~f. Establish a Grant Application Committee (hereinafter IAPSS GAG);~~
- ~~g. Establish an Event and Project Evaluation Committee (hereinafter IAPSS EEC);~~
- ~~h. Establish a Delegation Application Committee (hereinafter IAPSS DAG);~~
- i. Establish a Diversity and Human Resources Committee (hereinafter IAPSS DHRC);
- k. Define rules for internal voting;
- l. Define the regional structure of IAPSS;
- m. Define rules for Honorary Members;
- n. Define rules for financial administration.

§ 4 The entirety of the IAPSS Statutes, Regulations, Policies and all other rules agreed by the General Assembly is referred to as the IAPSS 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 2 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.

§ 7 IAPSS is divided into IAPSS Global, which bears the legal personality of IAPSS, and six regional chapters.

§ 8 The work of IAPSS Global is conducted in the Global Board and among the Academic Affiliates. Its main responsible body for operational management and decision making is the Executive Committee (ExCom) and its monitoring body is the Advisory Board. Six regional boards 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 are accountable to the members of the Association through the General Assembly, and the independent Advisory Board. 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:

- 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;
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§ 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 that make up the IAPSS journals *Politikon: The IAPSS Journal of Political Science*, *Encuentro Latinoamericano* and the academic blog *A Different View (ADV)*;
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§ 12 The IAPSS Advisory Board is an independent body within the IAPSS Global Board. Members of the Advisory Board are entitled to the same rights as the members of the Global Board.

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

§ 20 In case of termination of an ExCom membership, the Deputy of said ExCom position's department may replace the vacant position as an ExCom member upon the approval of the remaining ExCom members. If the Deputy is not approved, 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.

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a. Final Supervisory Report.

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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.

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

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Motion 3: Retiring the Vacant Vice President for Regional Affairs Position

Moved by: Justin Patrick

Whereas the IAPSS Regions have developed considerably since their inception in 2018 and following the increased to regional autonomy passed at the May 2020 IAPSS General Assembly;

Whereas the IAPSS Regions have been taking turns chairing Council of Regions meetings and have largely operated without a Vice-President for Regional Affairs since the position became vacant in July 2020;

Be it resolved that Regulation 1 be amended as follows:

Regulation 1: Structure

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 to:

- a. Set the structure of IAPSS;
- b. Establish the IAPSS Global Board and Regional Boards;
- c. Define the status of the Academic Affiliates of IAPSS;
- d. Define the remit of the Executive Committee (hereinafter ExCom);
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- f. Establish a Grant Application Committee (hereinafter IAPSS GAC);
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- k. Define rules for internal voting;
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§ 4 The entirety of the IAPSS Statutes, Regulations, Policies and all other rules agreed by the General Assembly is referred to as the IAPSS Legal Framework.

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2. The structure of IAPSS

§ 6 Section 2 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.

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Be it further resolved that Regulation 5 be amended as follows:

Regulation 5: Regions

1. General Provisions

§ 1 This regulation governs the regional affairs of the International Association for Political Science Students.

§ 2 These regulations are complemented by the Rules of Procedures and guiding documents of each regional board that must be in compliance with the Legal Framework.

2. The Regional Structure

§ 3 The regional structure of IAPSS consists of six chapters based on Regulation 1, section 12. These are:

- a. IAPSS Africa;
- b. IAPSS Asia;
- c. IAPSS Europe;
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- e. IAPSS Oceania;
- f. IAPSS USA & Canada.

§ 4 Based on § 8 of Regulation 1, each of the chapters named in Regulation 5, section 3 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;
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§ 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 Deputy Chair of the respective region;
- c. The Regional Project and Events Coordinator of the respective region;
- d. The Regional Outreach Coordinator,
- e. The Regional Liaison Coordinator
- f. The Regional Media Coordinator

§ 9 The Regional Chair of 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 Regional Chair of the respective region. An appointment by a Regional Chair can be overruled and/or discharged by a majority vote of the ExCom.

In the event that there is no Chair, the ~~Vice-President for Regional Affairs-Executive Committee~~ 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.

§ 12 The Regional Chair of each region is in-charge of:

- 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 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.

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

§ 15 The Regional 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

§ 16 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.

§ 17 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.

§ 18 The RLCs make their decisions by a simple majority vote.

§ 19 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.

§ 20 In the case of a termination mid-mandate or resignation of a member of the RLC of a region the respective Regional Committee should open a Call for Applications 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 respective Regional Chair may appoint a suitable replacement.

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

5. Relation to IAPSS Global

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

§ 23 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.

6. Reporting Structure

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

§ 25 Two (2) weeks before the last General Assembly of the ongoing association year each Regional Chapter must send a 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. Efforts regarding fundraising in the Regional Chapter.

7. Council of Regions

§ 26 The Council of Regions (hereinafter “CoR”) shall be a forum for Regional Chapters to coordinate activities and set the regionalization strategy.

§ 27 The CoR consists of all six (6) Regional Chairs and the ~~Vice-President for Regional Affairs, and the Deputy Head of Regional Affairs-President.~~

§ 28 The CoR shall meet at least once a month.

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

§ 30 The CoR shall hold focused strategy meetings with Regional Chairs at least twice a mandate to discuss:

- 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.

9. Regional Autonomy and Discretionary Powers

§ 34 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.

§ 35 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 RLC^f 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 2, 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.

§ 36 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.

§ 37 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 **as** 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

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

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

§ 38 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-Executive Committee~~.

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.

§ 39 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.

Motion 4: Detailing the Role of the Advisory Board

Moved by:

Whereas the Advisory Board, essentially the judicial branch of IAPSS, can benefit from additional clarifications to its procedures and jurisdiction to augment its operations;

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

Advisory Board

1. General Provisions

§ 1. This Regulation details the judicial branch of IAPSS. This includes the role of the Advisory Board to make just rulings that are as impartial as possible on internal disputes and relevant procedures, as well as serving as IAPSS' ultimate appeal body besides the General Assembly. It also includes the Diversity and Human Resources Committee (DHRC) as the first level of dispute resolution for matters pertaining to human resources.

§ 2. The judicial branch of IAPSS in no way supersedes legislation in the country IAPSS is incorporated in or any litigation relevant to IAPSS.

2. Precedents and Recordkeeping

§ 3. The Advisory Board and the DHRC shall operate according to the principle of precedent, meaning that rulings of past decisions shall serve as standard unless decided otherwise by the Advisory Board or the General Assembly.

§ 4. In the context of this Regulation, a ruling shall refer to a decision made by the Advisory Board in response to a complaint received.

§ 5. The Advisory Board shall ensure that records of rulings and rationales for said rulings are preserved and made public on the IAPSS website no later than thirty (30) days after a ruling is made.

§ 6. The DHRC shall ensure that records of its decisions and all evidence, complaints, requests for advice, correspondence, meeting minutes, and other relevant information pertaining to its decisions are preserved internally.

§ 7. All evidence, complaints, correspondence, meeting minutes, and other relevant information pertaining to rulings shall be preserved by the Advisory Board internally.

3. Complaint Procedures

§ 8. Any IAPSS member may submit a complaint to the Advisory Board if they feel an injustice has occurred within the organization.

§ 9. The DHRC shall make initial decisions on complaints pertaining to human resources, including but not limited to recruitment, dismissal, and workplace conduct within IAPSS.

§ 10. A complainant whose complaint went to the DHRC believes the DHRC's decision on the complaint was unjust, they may appeal their complaint to the Advisory Board.

§ 11. If the Advisory Board receives a complaint pertaining to human resources that is not due to an appealed DHRC decision, the complaint shall be referred to the DHRC.

§ 12. If the DHRC receives a complaint not pertaining to human resources, the complaint shall be referred to the Advisory Board.

§ 13. All complaints shall be sent an initial response within thirty (30) days by the appropriate judicial body to confirm that the complaint has been received.

§ 14. Following the initial response to a complaint sent to the DHRC, the DHRC shall determine the method(s) of decision-making and/or dispute resolution.

§ 15. Following the initial response to a complaint sent to the Advisory Board, the Advisory Board shall contact the relevant parties involved to inform them of the complaint and to gather evidence relevant to the complaint.

§ 16. All IAPSS employees and volunteers are required to turn over any correspondence and information on their IAPSS email account and IAPSS digital workspaces to the Advisory Board

that is relevant to a complaint if requested by the Advisory Board, as well as to participate in any meetings with the Advisory Board relevant to a complaint.

§ 17. When the Advisory Board makes a ruling on a complaint, they shall do so in writing and inform the all relevant parties and the Executive Committee, with each Advisory Board member stating how they voted if applicable and providing a written rationale for their vote and/or outlining their perspective on the complaint.

§ 18. Advisory Board rulings on complaints shall be final unless in particular cases that may be otherwise specified in the IAPSS Legal Framework.

4. Advice

§ 19. Any IAPSS member may submit a request for advice to the Advisory Board for matters pertaining to the interpretation of the IAPSS Legal Framework, amending the IAPSS Legal Framework, compliance with the IAPSS Legal Framework, and the implementation of the IAPSS Legal Framework.

§ 20. All requests for advice shall be sent an initial response within thirty (30) days by the Advisory Board to confirm that the request for advice has been received.

§ 21. Following the initial response to a request for advice sent to the Advisory Board, the Advisory Board shall deliberate on what to recommend and shall produce a written ruling outlining their advice, which shall be shared with all relevant parties and the Executive Committee, with each Advisory Board member stating how they voted if applicable and providing a written rationale for their vote and/or outlining their perspective on the request for advice.

§ 22. All IAPSS employees and volunteers are required to turn over any correspondence and information on their IAPSS email account and IAPSS digital workspaces to the Advisory Board that is relevant to a request for advice if requested by the Advisory Board, as well as to participate in any meetings with the Advisory Board relevant to a request for advice.

§ 23. Advisory Board rulings on requests for advice shall be final unless in particular cases that may be otherwise specified in the IAPSS Legal Framework.

5. Legal Counsel

§ 24. The Advisory and Executive Committee shall be jointly responsible for soliciting legal advice on behalf of IAPSS and initiating legal actions.

§ 25. The Advisory Board and Executive Committee shall determine how best to correspond with legal counsels and which IAPSS personnel should be the points of contact.

§ 26. The Advisory Board shall be responsible for overseeing the procurement of evidence and any other information, research, or documentation pertinent to IAPSS' legal actions, and shall be responsible for ensuring this information is delivered to IAPSS' legal counsels in a timely manner that fulfills any time limits for such procurement.

§ 27. All IAPSS employees and volunteers are required to turn over any correspondence and information on their IAPSS email account and IAPSS digital workspaces to the Advisory Board that is relevant to legal actions IAPSS is engaged in if requested by the Advisory Board, as well as to participate in any meetings with the Advisory Board relevant to legal actions IAPSS is engaged in.

Motion 5: Country for Relocation

Moved by: Justin Patrick

Whereas at the May 2020 IAPSS General Assembly, members voted to recommend that the Executive Committee explore options for relocating IAPSS;

Whereas Canada seems to be the best option because all the forms are in English, and incorporation and maintaining non-profit status can be done online;

Whereas IAPSS' partner organization, the International Political Science Association, is currently located in Canada and may be able to provide guidance to assist with the relocation process;

Be it resolved that the General Assembly recommend that the IAPSS Executive Committee initiate the process to relocate IAPSS to Canada.

Motion 6: Codifying Established General Assembly Precedents

Moved by: Justin Patrick

Whereas there are certain conventional precedents that IAPSS uses regarding General Assemblies that do not necessarily fit with *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* (the rules of order IAPSS General Assemblies operate under);

Whereas these conventional precedents are beneficial to upholding the IAPSS' democracy, including allowing the organization to be run completely by student members instead of finding an individual from outside the organization;

Whereas since the IAPSS General Assembly chair should retain democratic rights if they have an active IAPSS membership;

Be it resolved that these conventional precedents be codified in the IAPSS Legal Framework as exceptions to *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*;

Be it further resolved that these exceptions be embodied in the following amendments to Regulation 4 of the IAPSS Legal Framework:

Regulation 4: General Assembly Rules of Procedure

1. General Provisions

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

2. General Assembly

§ 2. 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.

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

§ 4. 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.

§ 5. 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.

§ 6. IAPSS shall operate with the following exceptions to *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*:

a. The General Assembly chairperson shall be able to move, second, and vote on motions, provided that they have an active IAPSS membership.

3. Board of the General Assembly

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

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

§ 89. The remit of the board of the General Assembly consists of: a. Presiding over the General Assembly; b. Taking the minutes of the General Assembly; c. Archiving all documents of the General Assembly;

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

§ 110. The board of the General Assembly mutually decides on the remit of every member of the board of the General Assembly.

§ 124. The board of the General Assembly may at any time confer one or more of its tasks and obligations as mentioned in 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. Articles of the General Assembly

§ 143. 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.

§ 154. 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.

§ 165. 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.

§ 176. 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.

§ ~~187~~. Each member has access to the online discussion and voting platform through her personal login credentials and password. 6. Discussion

§ ~~198~~. 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.

§ ~~2049~~. 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.

§ ~~210~~. 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;

7. Voting

§ ~~224~~. Voting takes place through a secure online platform or at the location of the in-person General Assembly upon request.

§ ~~232~~. The standard period of voting is 48 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 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.

§ ~~243~~. All voting for elections shall be by secret ballot.

8. General Assembly Minutes

§ ~~254~~. 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.

§ ~~265~~. The Secretary General shall ensure that a copy of the minutes of each General Assembly is archived internally.

Motion 7: By-Elections

Moved by: Oleksii Zahreba

Whereas members of the IAPSS Executive Committee can only be elected at IAPSS General Assembly;

Whereas General Assemblies have traditionally been held only twice per year;

Whereas members of the Executive Committee had been resigning frequently in the past with no Deputy to replace them;

Whereas appointed ExCom members have a significant advantage over new candidates by the time the next General Assembly takes place;

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

By-Elections

1. General provisions

§ 1 This regulation governs the procedures of hosting by-elections to the IAPSS Executive Committee (hereinafter ExCom), Advisory Board, and Regional Leadership Committees.

2. Definition

§ 2 A by-election is defined as a process for electing an ExCom member when a position becomes vacant between general assemblies.

3. Position vacancy

§ 3 A position within the ExCom, Advisory Board, or Regional Leadership Committee can become vacant when an ExCom member, Advisory Board member, or a chair of a Regional Leadership Committee:

- a. voluntarily resigns;
- b. passes away;
- c. receives a discharge by the general assembly;
- d. ceases to be an IAPSS member;
- e. loses free management of their assets pursuant to a court decision.

4. Initiating a by-election

§ 4 A by-election shall be initiated within seven (7) days when a position on ExCom, Advisory Board, or Regional Leadership Committee becomes vacant.

§ 5 A by-election shall not be initiated if the General Assembly is planned to take place within 60 days after the position on ExCom, Advisory Board, or Regional Leadership Committee becomes vacant.

5. By-election organizing process

§ 6 The Secretary-General shall make a decision on a date for the by-election within seven (7) days after the position becomes vacant.

§ 7 The by-election shall take place no later than sixty (60) days after the position becomes vacant.

§ 8 The Secretariat shall be responsible for creating a webpage with a description of the vacant position and setting up online voting.

§ 9 The Secretariat shall begin accepting candidates' applications to the by-election on the same day of the by-election date announcement.

§ 10 The date of the by-election shall be announced on communication channels used by IAPSS:

- a. website;
- b. social media pages;
- c. email newsletter;
- d. Slack;
- e. communication channels used by IAPSS regions.

§ 11 The Secretariat shall be responsible for reviewing the candidates' eligibility to run in the by-election. The candidates shall be informed whether they are accepted to run in the by-election no later than seven (7) days after they submit their application or at least fourteen (14) days before the election date, whichever is earlier.

§ 12 The eligibility criteria for a position on the ExCom is determined by the IAPSS Legal Framework.

§ 13 The Secretariat shall stop accepting candidates' applications to by-election at least fifteen (15) days prior to the by-election date.

6. By-election campaign

§ 14 The by-election campaign shall begin fourteen (14) days before the by-election date.

§ 15 The Secretariat shall publish candidates' CVs and platform statements on a by-election website page.



§ 16 Candidates must make themselves available during the by-election campaign for questions from IAPSS members. They can choose to answer the questions via email or a social media profile. This contact information and relevant links must be included in their CV or platform statement.

7. By-election process

§ 17 By-election voting shall be held during seven (7) days. The vote shall be carried out on the IAPSS website.

§ 18 The results of the online voting shall be announced by the Secretariat to all IAPSS members within forty-eight (48) hours after the closing of the voting period.

§ 19 The Secretariat shall complete all formal procedures of orienting the candidate-elect within seven (7) days of the announcement of the by-election results.