

International Society of City and Regional Planners

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Executive Committee notifies all members that a General Meeting will be held in Stormen Concert Hall in Bodø, Norway, on 3 October 2018 at 0630 UTC
0730 BST, 0830 CEST and CAT, 0930 EAT, 1030 GST, 1200 IST,
1430 CST and MYT, 1630 AEST, 2330 PDT, 0230 EDT.

The General Meeting has been called to consider and, if thought fit, adopt the amendments to the constitution contained in the document posted on the Society's website in June 2018, and contained in the draft consolidated 2018 constitution, attached.

Resolutions

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass, with or without amendment, the following resolutions:

THAT the draft consolidated 2018 constitution (as amended, if amended at the meeting) be adopted as the articles of association of the International Society of City and Regional Planners, and that the Executive Committee arrange as soon as possible for a notarial deed to be drawn up and for the amended constitution to be filed with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce.

THAT the applications (made prior to the meeting) for membership of the International Society of City and Regional Planners be considered by the meeting and, as appropriate, approved.

THAT Regulation 2018/01 be adopted.

Regulation 2018/01 Development of certain regulations to guide the governance of the Society under the 2018 constitution.

- 1 The Board will draft policies and procedures concerning the following matters and arrange for discussion and debate through a channel on isocarp.org.
 - 1.1 The conduct of elections to fill vacancies on the Board, including nomination procedures, information about and from candidates, access to members during the election period, opportunities for discussion and debate of issues, online voting procedures, the conduct of the elections prior to and during the Annual General Meeting, and related and consequential matters.
 - 1.2 Standing orders for General Meetings, procedures for convening and conducting General Meetings and the Annual General Meeting, and related and consequential matters.
 - 1.3 Membership policies and procedures, including standards for admission, assessment of applications, fee structure, fee payment processes and induction; incentives for multi-year payments of the membership fee and for payments for life membership; discounts for students and retirees and for other categories if any; waiving of the membership fee or other measures as a mechanism to honour long term contributors to the Society; and related and consequential matters.
 - 1.4 Policies and procedures for institutional membership, sponsorships and partnerships including fees, charges, services, and related and consequential matters.
 - 1.5 Policies and procedures for isocarp.org and other sites, including (i) access to and use of website resources for members, guests, registered visitors, subscribers, customers, partners, institutional members and others if any, (ii) availability of products and services on isocarp.org and other sites, including terms, licences, prices, charges, fees and the like, and (iii) related and consequential matters.
- 2 This General Meeting of members authorises the adoption of regulations relating to the above matters by an online vote of members if (i) it follows a reasonable period of discussion through isocarp.org, (ii) all members have the opportunity to participate in online discussion and voting, (iii) at least 60 valid votes are cast during the voting period and (iv) the adoption of the regulations is carried by a majority of valid votes cast.

Attendance, voting and quorum

The following provisions of the articles of association relate to attendance, voting and the quorum at general meetings, and to amending the constitution.

- 11.5 Each member who has not been suspended, subject to the conditions of Article 5(5), is entitled to be present at General Meetings and has the right to speak and to present proposals. The Executive Committee may make arrangements for members to participate in General Meetings by electronic means. A member who participates in a General Meeting electronically shall be counted as being present at the meeting and may participate in all the ways that members who are physically present may participate.
- 11.6 Every ordinary and honorary member has one vote. A vote may be cast by another member who has been authorised to do so. Other members have advisory powers. Ordinary and honorary members may

nominate a member as a proxy. Ordinary and honorary members and proxies may vote via electronic means. Electronic voting may be organised prior to the General Meeting. The period for electronic voting opens up to thirty (30) days prior to the date of the General Meeting. Votes expressed electronically shall be considered as valid as votes cast in person at the General Meeting. Except as otherwise provided by law or by these Articles of Association decisions of a General Meeting shall be made by a simple majority of the votes cast.

15.2 The Articles of Association may be amended by a resolution at a General Meeting, if the resolution generally conforms to the draft proposal sent with the notice of meeting, and if approved by a majority of valid votes cast and in accordance with the provisions of Article 17.

17.1 Resolutions of a General Meeting can only be adopted under the law in a meeting in which at least sixty ordinary and honorary members participate in the meeting, whether they are present at the meeting or participate by electronic means.

Papers

The following documents are attached to this notice.

- 1 Explanatory document regarding the updating of the constitution
- 2 Draft consolidated 2018 constitution
- 3 Arrangements being made for online participation and voting
- 4 Report on the submissions made by members

Updating the constitution of the International Society of City and Regional Planners

Explanatory paper prepared in May 2018 by Jim Colman, Convenor of the
Sydney Group, and endorsed by the Constitution Committee on 17 August 2018.

At the suggestion of President Ric Stephens, EXCO appointed the Constitution Committee at its meeting in Portland in 2017. The committee's task was to revitalise the reform program which was originally set in train by past president Ismael Fernandez Meija in 2009 and which had stimulated the extensive efforts of the Sydney Group over the ensuing years.

Since its appointment the Committee has liaised with the Sydney Group and has consulted with the Society's lawyers. It has given careful consideration to the case for reform, and in so doing has analysed the current Articles of Association and has looked at various options for their amendment.

Why change?

The existing constitution is short, simple, and consistent with the requirements for incorporated associations under the Dutch Civil Code. It reflects the Society as it was in the early seventies: 200 members in eight or ten nearby countries; the possibility of national 'delegations' meeting as a Council to elect officers; and a relatively small board ('Bureau') consisting of one member from each country. Elsewhere there were not many national planning institutes or planning agencies; now there must be nearly 200 countries with these bodies, with maybe one million city and regional planners. The global planning issues of sustainability, rapid urbanisation, autonomous transport, resource depletion and migration had not arrived; now cities are prime-time news. There was no internet; planners were not in touch as they are now. As the International Society of City and Regional Planners attracted members from eighty countries and necessarily became an online community and network, the constitution remained as it was.

If the founders of the Society were writing the constitution now, it would still be short, simple, and consistent with the requirements for incorporated associations under the Dutch Civil Code. It would have a board large enough to reflect our diversity and geography (like EXCO). It would have a small Executive Committee for day-to-day management and administration. It would enable the members to govern the Society through online general meetings (as we have the capacity to do now). It would conduct elections at the Annual General Meeting. Importantly, it would remove unnecessary detail, allow for change, and enable the members and the board to determine policy and process, by open decision making, as and when required. In other words, If the founders of the Society were writing the constitution now, it would probably look like the attached 'consensus draft' (paper 2).

Outcome

The Constitution Committee has completed its work by preparing a 'consensus draft' of an updated constitution. This relatively short and simple document – typical of constitutions for societies such as ours – is:

- an update of the existing constitution while maintaining the same spirit
- reflects what we actually do
- retains flexibility
- and allows the Board and members to fill in the detail as and when needed.

The Constitution Committee presented the draft to EXCO for its consideration. The Constitution Committee recommended that EXCO endorse the draft and refer it to the members as the proposed updated constitution, subject to discussion, debate, and further consideration by EXCO in time to adopt a final version to be included on the agenda for the Bodo Annual General Meeting. EXCO has done just this.

The Constitution Committee was appointed by EXCO in September 2017. The members are:

Didier Vancutsem, Secretary General and Chair of the Committee
Martin Dubbeling, President Elect
Jim Colman, Convenor of the Sydney Group
Benjamin Scheerbarth, Chair of the Scientific Committee

Constitution of the International Society of City and Regional Planners

1 Name and seat

- 1 The name of the association is International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP).
- 2 The association is established in the municipality of The Hague in The Netherlands.
- 3 The association is governed by Dutch law.

2 Aims

- 1 The association has the following aims:
 - to be the international society for those professionally involved in city and regional planning, and
 - to support at a global level the practice, teaching, promotion and improvement of city and regional planning, and housing.
- 2 The association seeks to achieve these aims through education, research and service, and specifically by:
 - representing and providing networks and communication channels for members, partners and institutions;
 - developing services and resources related to all aspects of city and regional planning and housing;
 - creating and sharing knowledge through meetings, projects and programs of all kinds.

3 Membership

- 1 The association has individual members and institutional members. Only individual members are members in the sense of Title 2 of Book 2 of the Civil Code of The Netherlands.
- 2 All members are appointed by the Board. The admission of new members will be announced by the Board.
- 3 The Board shall adopt procedures for receiving and determining applications for membership, and shall adopt standards relating to professional qualifications for admission to membership.
- 4 Members shall pay an annual membership fee as determined by the General Meeting on the recommendation of the Board.
- 5 The Board shall set procedures for the payment of membership fees and may vary fees in case of specified circumstances.
- 6 Membership of the Association ends:
 - a. if a member dies;
 - b. if a member resigns membership;
 - c. if the Association terminates a member's membership;
 - d. if a member is expelled.
- 7 A member may resign membership only with effect from the end of a financial year by giving a minimum of one month's written notice. A member may resign membership with immediate effect if the member cannot reasonably be expected to allow membership to continue.
- 8 Any action by the Association in relation to 3.6(c) and 3.6(d) shall be in accordance with Article 2:35 of the Civil Code of The Netherlands.

4 Government by the Board

- 1 The association is governed by a Board representing the international membership charged with the general government of the association, the observance of the constitution and the implementation of the decisions of the General Meeting.
- 2 The General Meeting determines the number of Board Members and elects them. Nominations to fill vacancies on the Board are invited from individual members at least two months prior to the Annual General Meeting, and voting begins two weeks prior to the elections conducted at the Annual General Meeting. The Board shall adopt procedures for the elections, including online participation at the Annual General Meeting and online voting.
- 3 The Board consists of at least ten natural persons, including the President, the Secretary General, the President Elect and eight other Board Members.
- 4 Board Members are elected for a term of three years. The President is elected for a single term of three years, preceded by a term of one year as President Elect. Other Board Members are eligible to re-nominate for one consecutive term.
- 5 A Board Member continues in office for three years, or until their term ends as a result of their position being filled by the election of a new Board Member; their resignation; their death; or their ceasing to be a member of the association.
- 6 An incomplete Board retains its powers. The Board shall ensure that as soon as possible after a vacancy occurs, the General Meeting elects a Board Member to complete the term of any vacancy.
- 7 In the absence of the President and/or Secretary General, the Board may appoint Board Member(s) to temporarily exercise their functions.

8 The Board represents the Society unless the law provides differently.

9 Membership of the Board shall terminate, and may be suspended, in accordance with Article 2:37 of the Civil Code of The Netherlands.

5 Meetings and decisions of the Board

1 Each Board Member is authorised to convene a meeting of the Board.

2 The notice of meeting shall be sent electronically to addresses provided by Board Members, giving a minimum of three clear days' notice, stipulating the day, the time and place of the meeting, and the agenda.

3 Notwithstanding the provisions of the previous paragraph, a communication between a majority of the Board Members is a valid meeting of the Board if all Board Members were advised that the communication would be taking place and were given the opportunity to participate, and if each participating Board Member is capable of communicating with every other participating Board Member simultaneously at all times during the proceedings.

4 A written resolution assented to by at least two-thirds of the Board Members is as effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board.

5 The quorum for a meeting of the Board is at least half of the number of Board Members.

6 The person chairing the meeting of the Board has a deliberative vote and a casting vote. Other Board Members have one vote. Unless a larger majority is prescribed by the constitution, decisions are made by a majority of the votes cast.

6 Management by the Executive Committee

1 The Executive Committee is responsible for the day-to-day management of the society, exercising the powers and functions, and following the procedures, assigned to it by the Board.

2 The Executive Committee consists of the President, the Secretary General and three other Board Members appointed by the Board. The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee is three. The person chairing the meeting of the Executive Committee has a deliberative vote and a casting vote. Other members have one vote. Decisions are made by a majority of the votes cast.

3 The Executive Committee is authorised to represent the Society.

7 Financial accountability

1 The financial year of the association runs from 1 July to 30 June of the following year.

2 No later than one month before the end of the financial year, the Board shall make the budget for the coming financial year available to members.

3 Within six months of the end of the financial year (unless extended by the General Meeting) the Board shall present to the General Meeting a management report on the state of affairs of the association, the pursuit of policy and any other relevant matters. The Board shall submit the balance sheet and the statement of income and expenses with an explanation. These documents are signed by all Board Members. If one or more Board Members have not signed the documents, this will be reported, stating reasons.

4 The Board shall submit the annual accounts to the General Meeting for approval. An accountant will certify the accuracy of these documents in accordance with article 2: 393 paragraph 1 of the Civil Code of The Netherlands. After the annual documents have been approved the proposal is made by the General Meeting to grant discharge to the Board for the accounts and accountability.

5 The Board shall adopt a strategic plan and a financial plan and update both plans annually. The strategic plan prioritises the activities to be performed by the association. The financial plan explains targets for managing the assets of the association and fund raising.

8 The General Meeting: Competence and business

1 The General Meeting exercises all powers vested in the association which are not assigned to the Board by law or the constitution. In all cases where the law, the constitution and regulations, if any, do not provide, the General Meeting decides.

2 The General Meeting is convened by, and notice of the meeting is issued by, the Board.

3 At least once a year an Annual General Meeting is to be held no later than six months after the end of the financial year. The agenda of the General Meeting is drawn up by the Board to include:

- the report of the Board for the past financial year;
- a proposal to approve or not approve the annual accounts for the past financial year and to discharge the Board from all liability;
- the report of the Board on its budget for the forthcoming year;
- the appointment of the members of the audit committee for the new financial year;
- the election of Board Members if vacancies exist on the Board;
- proposals from the Board, as announced in the notice convening the meeting; and
- proposals put forward by one or more members to the Secretary General prior to the notice convening the meeting.

4 Notice of the General Meeting, advising of the time and date, the place and the nature of the business of the meeting, is to be given in writing by the Board to members at least six weeks before the day of the meeting, except in urgent cases at the discretion of the Board. The agenda and papers for the meeting should be

distributed in the same manner with the notice of meeting, or in any event at least three weeks prior to the meeting.

5 A number of members, jointly authorised to cast at least one-tenth of the votes, may request the Board in writing to convene the General Meeting within four weeks of that request. If the Board does not issue the invitation to the meeting within fourteen days of receiving the request, the applicants may convene the meeting themselves. The General Meeting called by members is entitled to take all decisions a meeting called by the Board would be entitled to take, with the restriction that the agenda as submitted shall be adhered to.

6 The Board may recommend, and the General Meeting may approve, standing orders for General Meetings and procedures for convening and conducting General Meetings and the Annual General Meeting.

9 The General Meeting: Conduct, voting and quorum

1 Each member is entitled to be present at General Meetings and has the right to speak and to present proposals. The meeting may also decide to admit other persons to a part or all of the meeting.

2 The Board shall make arrangements for members to participate in General Meetings by electronic means. A member who participates in the General Meeting electronically shall be counted as being present at the meeting and may participate in all the ways that members who are physically present may participate.

3 Every member has one vote and may vote via electronic means, on condition that the person entitled to vote can be identified via the electronic means of communication, can immediately see or hear the proceedings at the meeting and exercise the voting right. Electronic voting may be organised prior to the General Meeting. The period for electronic voting begins two weeks prior to the date of the General Meeting. Votes expressed electronically shall be considered as valid as votes cast in person at the General Meeting.

4 General Meetings are chaired by the President. In the absence of the President the Board appoints a Board Member to chair the meeting, and otherwise the meeting will appoint a member to chair the meeting.

5 Except as otherwise provided by law or by the constitution, decisions of the General Meeting shall be made by a simple majority of the votes cast.

6 The person chairing the meeting shall rule on the result of a vote. If the votes are tied in a vote that does not concern the election of persons, the proposal is defeated. If a majority is not obtained by a vote on the election of persons, successive votes are held until a majority is obtained.

7 Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings of each meeting by the Secretary General or another person appointed by the person chairing the meeting.

8 Resolutions of the General Meeting can only be adopted in a meeting in which at least sixty members participate in the meeting (quorum), whether they are present at the meeting or participate by electronic means.

10 The General Meeting: Amendments to the Constitution

1 The constitution may be amended by a resolution at the General Meeting, if the resolution generally conforms to the draft proposal sent with the notice of meeting, and if approved by a majority of valid votes cast.

2 The amendment does not become operational until a notarial deed has been drawn up. Every Board Member is authorised to sign the deed and thus to validate the amendment. An authentic copy of the deed of amendment and a continuous text of the amended constitution shall be filed with the Chamber of Commerce.

11 Merger, split and conversion

Resolutions of the General Meeting to merge or split in the sense of Title 7 of Book 2 of the Civil Code or to convert the association into another legal form in accordance with Article 2:18 of the Dutch Civil Code are, to the extent possible, to conform to the requirements of Section 10.

12 Dissolution and liquidation

1 Resolutions of the General Meeting to dissolve the association, to determine if a liquidator is to be appointed, and to determine the distribution of any assets consistent with the purposes of the association are, to the extent possible, to conform to the requirements of Section 10.

2 The Board is responsible for the liquidation of the assets of the association, unless a liquidator has been appointed by the General Meeting.

13 Regulations

1 Members or the Board may propose, and the General Meeting may adopt, regulations.

2 Regulations may not be in conflict with the law or with the constitution and may not contain provisions that must be regulated by provisions in the constitution.

14 Interpretation

1 The term 'Board Member' applies to the President, the President Elect, the Secretary General and the other members of the Board.

2 References to communications being 'written' or 'in writing' includes communication by post, by fax, by email or by any other common means of communication with which it is possible to transfer text.

15 When the constitution is silent

In all cases not provided for in the constitution, as well as in disputes about their interpretation, the General Meeting decides.

International Society of City and Regional Planners
Paper 3 accompanying the Notice of Special General Meeting to be held in
Stormen Concert Hall in Bodø, Norway, on 3 October 2018 at 0630 UTC

Arrangements being made for online participation and voting

This year's World Planning Congress will be special in many ways.

- It is being held in, and hosted by, a very attractive, progressive small city in a very special environment, north of the Arctic Circle.
- The City of Bodo is committed to city and regional planning at the highest level.
- The Local Organising Committee is making the final arrangements for a great event.
- The topics, the workshops, the tours and the keynote speakers address the most urgent planning issue of all time...

In the history of the International Society of City and Regional Planners, this Congress will be a landmark.

- This will be the first General Meeting when all members, anywhere in the world, have the opportunity to participate online.
- EXCO is making arrangements for members online to be able to see and hear the proceedings of the meeting, to speak to the meeting, and to contribute by text.
- The big issue will be the adoption of the updated constitution. There is a growing consensus that our constitution needs to catch up with the realities of the Society as an online global network of the world's city and regional planners.
- When the time comes for a decision, it will be possible for members online to cast a secure vote for or against the motions that will be considered by the meeting.
- In this way the General Meeting will be a test run for next year's Annual General Meeting, when (for the first time) all members will be able to vote in Board elections. There will be four vacancies on the Board in a year's time.

Systems are being organised and trialled to ensure that online participation and online voting will work smoothly.

- Members will be informed of the matters that will be taken to a vote.
- Members will be sent information on how to participate in the meeting and how to vote online.
- There may be test meetings and votes.
- Prior to voting opening, each member will be sent a link to join the meeting once it begins.
- Each member will also be sent a link to the voting platform, to enable them to vote prior to the meeting or during the meeting.
- We are likely to approach a small number of members to ask them to be ready to present, from their computer to the meeting room and to everyone participating online, a brief presentation on current planning issues, controversies and successes in their city or country.

Please watch out for more information on these topics. Please read the material and try out the systems.

And please pay this year's invoice if you haven't done so already. Only paid-up members will be able to participate in the meeting, and vote on the updated constitution.

See you online in Bodø!!!

International Society of City and Regional Planners
Paper 4 accompanying the Notice of Special General Meeting to be held in
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**Submissions made on isocarp.org relating to the draft 2018 constitution,
with summaries and actions recommended by the Constitution Committee.**

Author	Submission	Summary by JD	Recommended action
Brigitte Schmelzer	<p><i>Brigitte Schmelzer</i> July 10th, 2018</p> <p>Having been involved in the change of the statutes for some years and reading now the new Constituion Draft I agree in general.</p> <p>Using the electronic media is the need of the time.</p> <p>One member -one vote was heavily discussed.</p> <p>Electronic attendance to the General Meeting is a real revolution. I will do so this year, because I can not travel anymore so far.</p> <p>– President and Secretary General as representatives of the society !!!</p> <p>The "government " of the society:</p> <p>– The Board</p> <p>– The Executive Comm.</p> <p>– The General Meeting</p> <p>? The call for a General Meeting by a group of Members may be an experiment.</p> <p>I wish a successful discussion Brigitte Schmelzer</p>	<p>1 Support, particularly for access to general meetings and voting, and structure.</p> <p>2 Query representation by President and SG.</p> <p>3 It's an experiment to enable a GM to be called by a group of members.</p>	<p>1 Noted.</p> <p>2 Agreed. Change provisions re representation – see new clause 6.3.</p> <p>3 Noted. This is required by the civil code.</p>
Judith Ryser	<p><i>Judith Ryser</i> July 11th, 2018</p> <p>Proposed New Constitution for Isocarp</p> <p>comments from Judith Ryser, head of UK Isocarp delegation</p> <p>p2-3 Isocarp does not represent 200 countries nor 1000s of members, is there or some six hundred members from some eighty countries at present. (please insert exact numbers which are not transmitted automatically to country delegations).</p> <p>Considering the discrepancy of these numbers between reality and 'theory' the number of board members is too large for such a small society.</p> <p>p 2 it has to be made clearer that board members can only serve a maximum of two terms, namely six years. This is important to provide spaces for other members and therefore maintain diversity and enabling broader member participation.</p> <p>p 3 the tyranny of simple majority has not proven to be conducive to democratic principles. A greater majority is needed and some assurances that the minority is not disadvantaged by such decisions and excluded from the society's management and activities.</p> <p>I am not sure whether it is wise to give a single board member the power to convene a meeting of the board. Moreover, the three 'clear'? day's notice may not be appropriate either. Practising members may be absent from their practises or engaged elsewhere, or on holiday, so not necessarily easily available for a board meeting (even an electronic one).</p> <p>p3 executive committee: perhaps an odd number would be better in case there is disagreement among the committee members.</p> <p>p5 General meeting: individual members should have an opportunity to add items to the agenda of the general meeting besides the proposals by the board.</p> <p>p5 "electronic voting may has to be organised prior to the General Meeting".</p> <p>p5 60 members as quorum represents some 10% of the total membership, a very low number.</p>	<p>1 Board is too large</p> <p>2 Maximum two terms</p> <p>3 Some (all?) decisions should require more than a simple majority.</p> <p>4 Query one board member being able to convene a board meeting.</p> <p>5 Query three days' notice of a board meeting being sufficient.</p> <p>6 Query even number of members of the executive committee.</p> <p>7 Members should be able to have items included on the agenda for a general meeting.</p> <p>8 What is the meaning/purpose of organising online voting prior to the general meeting?</p> <p>9 Query whether a quorum of 60 is too low.</p>	<p>1 The board is now the online parliament of the Society, not the management committee, and needs to be able to reflect many regions.</p> <p>2 Clause 4.4 covers this (see below)</p> <p>3 EXCO needs to consider which decisions should require more than a majority.</p> <p>4 EXCO needs to consider whether one board member can convene a board meeting (maybe this depends on the civil code).</p> <p>5 Noted. The three days' notice is merely the statutory minimum; in practice the board will specify what notice is required.</p> <p>6 Agreed. Under proposed Clause 6.2 the Executive Committee has five members and the quorum is three; the President has a casting vote;</p> <p>7 Agreed. Clause 8.3 has been modified to make this clearer.</p> <p>8 Noted. This mainly applies to elections: voting can begin before the AGM and conclude at the AGM.</p> <p>9 It has been at 60 since the changes in 2012. Since then it has been a challenge to get 60 to an AGM. We'll see if we can improve on this, with online participation, starting this year in Bodo. This is a question for future annual general meetings.</p>
Daniel Kinnoch	<p><i>Daniel Kinnoch</i> July 15th, 2018</p> <p>All board members, including the President and the Secretary General should only be able to serve a maximum of two terms, and this should be made more explicit. I agree with Judith that this enables broader member participation, especially from those who may be younger.</p>	<p>1 The President should only be able to serve a maximum of two terms.</p> <p>2 The President, Secretary General and Board members should only be able to serve a maximum of two terms.</p>	<p>1 There appears to be a consensus that the President has a term of three years only, with a prior year on the board as president elect.</p> <p>2 Clause 4.4 covers this: 'The President is elected for a single term of three years... Other Board Members are eligible to re-nominate for one consecutive term.'</p>

Jeremy Dawkins	<p>Reply Jeremy Dawkins July 27th, 2018</p> <p>Thanks for the comments Brigitte (and hello!). I have suggested that capacity to commit the Society (that's essentially what representation means) should rest with the board and the executive committee (see below). I'd like to see this in the final draft.</p> <p>Hello Judith, very helpful proposals. I don't know where those big numbers came from; we generally refer to 600 members from 80 countries. Both numbers would actually be a bit less. But until 2010 both were growing strongly, and it seems right that the society for the world's city and regional planners should continue to grow and become much more representative.</p> <p>I'm an optimist: I think that the next period will see a resumption of growth, diversity and relevance. So at two officers and eight ordinary board members, it's barely enough to have one board member from each continent, or to reflect the 15-20 main regions of the world. More importantly, the role of the new executive committee (see below) is to manage, while the role of the board, meeting primarily online, is to set directions and policies etc – to me, representativeness, and opportunities for members to be part of the board, are more important than keeping it small enough so it could make day to day decisions.</p> <p>As you say, it's 'important to provide spaces for other members and therefore maintain diversity and enabling broader member participation.' Daniel says it too: we should enable 'broader member participation, especially from those who may be younger'. In that case, I'd make the board bigger, not smaller, and the General Meeting can do that.</p> <p>As for a limit of two terms, this is what the constitution says in clause 4.4: 'The President is elected for a single term of three years... Other Board Members are eligible to re-nominate for one consecutive term.' Like most of the constitution, the old and the new are the same. Doesn't that meet the need for turnover?</p> <p>Now that we will have a small executive committee to manage the Society, the board needs to give the committee its own constitution (the executive committee exercises the powers and functions, and follows the procedures, assigned to it by the board – clause 6.1).</p> <p>Inter alia, I think that the rules should say (i) minutes of all meetings of the executive committee are immediately distributed to the board; (ii) a quorum is three members (otherwise the president and SG could run everything between themselves), and (iii) decisions are by a majority, with the president having a casting vote [only applies when all four members participate]. I think that those rules, together with the board appointing two of the members of the executive committee (effectively as the board's representatives), means that there will be effective supervision of the committee by the board.</p> <p>I agree, we must give further thought to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what decisions require more than a simple majority • whether a single member can convene a meeting of the Board • whether three 'clear' (at least 72 hours) days is sufficient minimum notice for a board meeting (the board can stipulate more notice in its standing orders; this is just the constitutional minimum in cases of urgency) • ensuring that individual members can place items on the agenda of the general meeting. <p>Last point: the quorum. It has been at 60 since the changes in 2012. A quorum has been reached only once, in Perm in 2012, when there were 90 people at the AGM, which enabled electronic voting, etc, to be added to the constitution. It's quite a challenge to get 60 to an AGM. We'll see if we can get much better at this, with online participation, hopefully starting this year in Bodo.</p>	n/a	See proposed actions above and below.
Charles Lambert	<p>[Dr Charles Lambert, a great ISOCARPIan, posted a most interesting comment in the forum elsewhere in this members area. I've copied Charles's comment to this place so we can read it as part of this discussion. JD]</p> <p>"Concerning the project of a new constitution: I just read the draft and the presentation by our dear and venerated colleague Jim Colman. Everything is clear . It is quite clear that the first governance rules should be adapted to the total change of scale, number of countries and communications conditions.</p> <p>"So with thanks to those among our colleagues having taken much time to consider these changes, I will agree on these proposals.</p> <p>"As some of us could remember, when i used to act in the EXCO and in plenty occasions later on I tried to speak for an attempt to create a kind of "regional life" within ISOCARP Members which seems to become a more pertinent level than the so called "National Delegations" which life is often delicate as national grouping of planners has been developed in the meantime. I was not successful and I failed to convince the AGM about 15/20 years ago . It still seems to me that it would be interesting to open ways (to give way or to prepare ways) to some experimentations initiatives of such regional experiences in the new Constitution.</p> <p>"Regards , and Amitiés à tous. "Dr Charles LAMBERT – 18.07.2018"</p>	<p>1 Support.</p> <p>2 Now we should try out ways to create multinational regional structures.</p>	<p>There is likely to be support for ten to twenty multinational regions with nominate representatives. EXCO needs to consider how to begin this discussion.</p>

Alexandr Izarov	<p>Datum: 30. Juli 2018 15:23:40 MESZ An: "vancutsem@isocarp.org" <vancutsem@isocarp.org> Dear Sir / Madam,</p> <p>I am grateful for this opportunity to be involved in the new ISOCARP Constitution discussion. This is an evolutionary process that will give a really new stage of the organization development, contribute to the expansion and strengthen of the existing links and relationships in the professional community, also allow the integrated implementation of the New Agenda, UN HABITAT, as well as share best practices between members of the organization and stakeholders.</p> <p>Having thoroughly studied the new ISOCARP 2.0 Constitution Draft, firstly I have to mention that the complex and systematic preparation was done. My offers are extremely complementary and are not aimed at criticizing or modifying an existing Draft.</p> <p>The offers I have prepared are directed to the community promotion at both levels – the international and national, therefore it consists of the following four blocks:</p> <p><i>Block 1. General principles and tasks of the organization development</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation and publication of the Annual ISOCARP Declaration, which reflects its agenda and the main topics. Formation of a tasks list arising before the organization and its members for a calendar period. To initiate of the preparation and adoption of the International Code of Urban Planners. Regarding to the urbanization growth, to initiate the Code of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms of the Urban Community and its residents preparation and adoption. <p><i>Block 2. International policy of organization.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Formation of regional representations on the basis of national delegations. Preparation and signing of cooperation memorandums with national delegations. Expansion of the ISOCARP basic principles at the national level by authorized local self-governmental bodies and professional organizations. <p><i>Block number 3. Information policy of organization.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Enlargement of the organization presence and activities in the information space by filling out the organization's website with content, additionally websites or pages of national delegations. Translation the web-site content into the languages of all national delegations or regional representations and assign responsibilities for representatives of national delegations on the timely updating of information. <p><i>Block number 4. Educational policy of organization.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce accredited certification programs for the training and improvement of knowledge about Urban Planning via online courses, including interdisciplinary programs involving representatives of scientific organizations and the universities. Creation of an educational interactive course with the participation of accredited ISOCARP specialists and invited international experts for the Members of the organization, including professional communities, citizens and representatives of local government. <p>I sincerely hope that my offers contribute to the realization of the organization main task and its further development. Once again I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the new constitution discussion. Yours sincerely, Alexandr Izarov</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the draft as is. Develop the following document: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> an annual agenda, list of topics, list of tasks; International Code of Urban Planners; Code of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms of the Urban Community and its residents. MoU with national delegations; recognition of local self-governed bodies and professional organizations. Add content to the website; add websites or pages for national delegations; add websites or pages in the languages of all national delegations, and appoint representatives to update them. Offer online courses leading to certificates; offer interactive courses for members. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. Refer to the board for consideration. Refer to the board for consideration. Refer to the board for consideration. Refer to the board for consideration.
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