

Proposal for revision of Scand-LAS Bylaws to the AGM 27th of April 2018

1. Change of start of terms of office after election of president and board members and others

Background

At present, the newly elected president and board members start their two-year terms of office immediately after having been elected by the AGM. In the same moment, the previous ones immediately leave the board. This is problematic for mainly two reasons. Firstly, it does not leave any room for a proper handing over from the previous board member to the newly elected. Secondly, the society's accounting year and activity year is based on the calendar year (from 1st January to 31st December, and having the terms of office of the president and board member ending in the middle of an accounting year makes it more difficult to plan for board members' roles in different activities.

Therefore, the board proposes to revise the bylaws, so that president and board members start their terms of office 1st January the subsequent year after the AGM where elected.

In connection to this, the board also proposes to revise the bylaws so that the election of nomination committee and auditors occurs in the same way, so that the nomination committee and the auditors are elected for an accounting year, and to make it clear for which accounting year they are being elected.

Proposal for revised reading in the bylaws

In order to make these changes possible, the bylaws has to be revised as described below.

Present reading	Proposed new reading
<p>§17. The Board</p> <p>(...)</p> <p>The President, National Board members and their substitutes hold office for two years. The Period of Office starts from the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected. The President and the Board members may hold the same post within the Board for a maximum of three consecutive periods.</p> <p>(...)</p>	<p>§17. The Board</p> <p>(...)</p> <p>The President, National Board members and their substitutes hold office for two years. The Period of Office starts 1st January the subsequent year to from the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected. The President and the Board members may hold the same post within the Board for a maximum of three consecutive periods.</p> <p>(...)</p>
<p>§19. Auditors</p> <p>Scand-LAS shall have two (2) auditors and substitutes for these.</p>	<p>§19. Auditors</p> <p>Scand-LAS shall have two (2) auditors and substitutes for these. The auditors and their</p>

<p>(...)</p>	<p>substitutes hold office for one year. The Period of Office covers an accounting year and starts 1st January the subsequent year to the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected.</p> <p>(...)</p>
<p>§23. The Nomination Committee</p> <p>(...)</p> <p>Each National Nomination Committee is elected by the AGM and consists of 3 members. These committees appoint their own chairmen. The National Nomination Committee collects the nominations in national level and the chairman takes the nominations to the Nomination Committee.</p>	<p>§23. The Nomination Committee</p> <p>(...)</p> <p>Each National Nomination Committee is elected by the AGM and consists of 3 members. The National Nomination Committee members and the convener for the Nomination Committee hold office for one year. The Period of Office covers an accounting year and starts 1st January the subsequent year to the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected.</p> <p>These The National Nomination Committees committees appoint their own chairmen. The National Nomination Committee collects the nominations in national level and the chairman takes the nominations to the Nomination Committee.</p>

2. Change of Editor-in-Chief's appointment of national editors

Background

At present, the journal's Editor-in-Chief appoints national editors from each country according to a rotating scheme regulated in the bylaws. This system has shown to be too cumbersome to uphold, and limits the flexibility and possibilities for the Editor-in-chief to maintain a well-working editorial board. Therefore, the board proposes to revise the bylaws, so that the Editor-in-Chief can appoint and replace the national editor when there is need for it.

Proposal for revised reading in the bylaws

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<p>§24. The Journal</p> <p>(...)</p> <p>The Editor-in-Chief appoints National Editors, one from each member country. National Editors are regularly replaced, one each year, and each National Editor normally serves for 6 years.</p> <p>(...)</p>	<p>§24. The Journal</p> <p>(...)</p> <p>The Editor-in-Chief appoints National Editors, one from each member country. National Editors are regularly replaced, one each year, and each National Editor normally serves for 6 years.</p> <p>(...)</p>

On behalf of the Scand-LAS board

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