

BACKGROUNDER

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws

The following document provides an overview of the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws for ratification at the 30th WDO General Assembly in Torino, Italy in October 2017.

As per Article 15 of WDO's Constitution:

The Board will inform all members of the proposed amendments and the proposer(s) thereof not less than three months before the date of the general assembly.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Article 5: Aims, Vision and Position Statement

Under Article 5 c) Position Statement, the term “solutions economy” has been replaced by the more generic term “international development agenda” to avoid trendy language that enters and exits our lexicon from year to year, such as for example solutions economy, circular economy and good economy.

Article 6: Membership

d) Corporate Member

The final sentence of this clause is difficult to enforce and therefore has been slightly modified (i.e. addition of the words “where possible”) to reflect this reality, as follows:

A for-profit company or business involved in the trade of goods, services or both to consumers that employs at least one (1) full-time professional industrial designer. A corporate member must be represented, where possible, by a trained industrial designer.

Article 10: General Assembly

This article provides an overview of the processes of the general assembly and highlights voting procedures. It has been updated to incorporate our new democratic electronic voting process, ensuring all members are able to cast their own votes whether in person or electronically and de facto eliminating the need for proxies. Member organizations can still name a voting delegate to physically represent them in Torino and vote on their behalf on GA motions.

Please note that this overview highlights those changes that affect the meaning of the Constitution and By-laws. There are also minor edits in wording, grammar that do not change but merely update the language in line with our new name and mission. Please consult the full version of the Constitution and By-laws available on the WDO app and in the members' only area of wdo.org.

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