



ICOMOS international Secretariat
Att: Gaia Jungeblodt

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Consultation on the reform of the ICOMOS Statutes

ICOMOS Sweden wishes to make the following comments on the proposals sent to the Advisory Committee and transmitted in the E-news no. 62.

We are in agreement with most of the proposals, but have a supplementary or different view on the following items

Members

3. We favour the proposed distinction between members and patrons. Members should always have voting rights and it is sufficient with the three categories: individual, institutional and honorary. If there is a need for association of individuals, for example to attract students who do not meet the professionalism requirements, this then is a matter solely for the NC's, and there should be no mentioning of such a membership category in the statutes with an ensuing obscurity as to who are the ICOMOS members. If NC's opt to bring in associates with a national status as their own members, they do in a way change their format from NC's into another legal personality, and must not mix the two personalities.

Executive Committee

6 and 9. We question the need for co-opted members. The only reason for co-optation is in cases of demise or demission. Then replacements could be found either in the line of non-elected candidates at the last GA or in a pool of specially elected reserves. If the ExCom needs reinforcement for special issues it should feel free to call in observers with a right to take part of the deliberations but without voting rights.

Advisory Committee

18. The addition of the International Scientific Council and the Academy should make it clear that these bodies are optional and not necessary for the functioning of the AdCom.

Amendment of the statutes

22. No reason has been given for the unusual proposal that statutes may be amended by a simple majority. We disagree, as this could cause instability. The current order is quite acceptable. However, the time limit could be shortened to two months.

Other

In view of the fact that under the Eger-Xian principles the ISC's may take in their own membership there is no longer a need for the ExCom to ratify membership as provided for in Article 14 (b).

Rules of procedure for the GA

28. We do not understand what is being proposed here. Given that under the present system one voting member with four proxies constitutes the necessary five to call a secret ballot, is it proposed that the number should be augmented to 90? This seems to be a bit extraordinary. A possible solution may be to keep the present number, but in these issues not recognising the proxies. Five individuals present should be the decisive number.

Final comments

It is good that statutory change is finally coming to a turning point. The ExCom should now put together a complete draft of texts to be communicated four months ahead of the GA in Paris.

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