



Proposals for FAI Statutes Changes GC 2015

1. Creation of "committees"

- **Proposal by:** FAI Hang Gliding and Paragliding Commission (CIVL)
- **Reason :** Request for addition of Committees to the ASC structure.
- **Action :** The SWG was directed to propose wording to adapt the FAI Statutes accordingly.
- **Statement of FAI Executive Board :** the EB supports the adoption of this proposal

Statutes

Statute 5.1.2.3.

Current

Permanent Working Groups and Permanent Subcommittees, established for a special purpose;

Proposed

*Permanent Working Groups, **Permanent Committees** and Permanent Subcommittees, established for a special purpose;*

Statute 5.1.2.5.

Current

FAI Commissions may establish or disestablish Permanent Working Groups and Permanent Subcommittees by a 2/3 majority vote of the delegates present or represented and for an indefinite period of time.

Proposed

FAI Commissions may establish or disestablish Permanent Working Groups, **Permanent Committees** and Permanent Subcommittees by a 2/3 majority vote of the delegates present or represented and for an indefinite period of time.

Statute 5.1.2.6.

Current

FAI Commissions shall be responsible to the FAI General Conference. Permanent Working Groups and Permanent Subcommittees shall be responsible to the body which established it.

Proposed

FAI Commissions shall be responsible to the FAI General Conference. Permanent Working Groups, **Permanent Committees** and Permanent Subcommittees shall be responsible to the body which established it.

Statute 5.1.3.1.

Current

Temporary Subcommittees or Temporary Working Groups may be established for a special purpose and a definite period of time as follows:

Proposed

Temporary Committees, Temporary Subcommittees or Temporary Working Groups may be established for a special purpose and a definite period of time as follows:

Statute 5.1.3.5.

Current

Temporary Working Groups or Temporary Subcommittees shall be responsible to the body which established it.

Proposed

Temporary Working Groups, **Temporary Committees** or Temporary Subcommittees shall be responsible to the body which established it.

Statute 5.4.

Current

PERMANENT WORKING GROUPS AND SUBCOMMITTEES

Proposed

PERMANENT WORKING GROUPS, **COMMITTEES** AND SUBCOMMITTEES

By-Laws

By-law 3.5.

Current

RULES FOR COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Proposed

RULES FOR COMMISSION **COMMITTEES**, SUBCOMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

By-law 3.5.1.

Current

The presidency of subcommittees and working groups shall usually be held by Delegates to the Commission which created the subcommittee or working group. Depending on the term of office chosen by the Commission (according to Statutes 5.1.2.8), Presidents shall be elected for one-year or two-year terms by the parent body and may be re-elected.

Proposed

The presidency of **committees**, subcommittees and working groups shall usually be held by Delegates to the Commission which created the **committee**, subcommittee or working group. Depending on the term of office chosen by the Commission (according to Statutes 5.1.2.8), Presidents shall be elected for one-year or two-year terms by the parent body and may be re-elected.

By-law 3.5.2.

Current

In the event that the presidency of a subcommittee or working group is not to be held by a Commission Delegate, the nomination shall be subject to the agreement of the Delegate from the prospective electee's FAI Member.

Proposed

In the event that the presidency of a **committee**, subcommittee or working group is not to be held by a Commission Delegate, the nomination shall be subject to the agreement of the Delegate from the prospective electee's FAI Member.

By-law 3.5.3.

Current

Any proposal by a subcommittee or working group shall be subject to the approval of the Commission concerned.

Proposed

Any proposal by a **committee**, subcommittee or working group shall be subject to the approval of the Commission concerned.



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2. Nile Gold Medal

- **Proposal by:** FAI Executive Board after proposal received from FAI Education Expert Group
- **Reason :** Move the Nile Gold Medal from the By-Laws (where awards are connected to Air Sport Commissions) to the section of the Statutes that covers FAI general awards since the FAI Aviation and Space Commission does not exist
- **Action :** The SWG was directed to adapt the FAI Statutes accordingly
- **Statement of FAI Executive Board :** the EB supports the adoption of this proposal

Current By-Law

7.12. AWARDS FOR AVIATION AND SPACE EDUCATION

(subject to approval by the FAI Aviation and Space Education Commission)

7.12.1. THE NILE GOLD MEDAL

7.12.1.1. History. This Medal was established in 1972. It is donated annually by the Aero Club of Egypt to the FAI.

7.12.1.2. Eligibility. It may be awarded to a person, group of persons or organization to reward distinguished work in the field of aviation and space education, particularly during the year preceding its award.

7.12.1.3. Frequency and Number. Only one Medal shall be awarded each year.

7.12.1.4. Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

Proposed Statute

10.10. THE NILE GOLD MEDAL

10.10.1. History. This Medal, established in 1972, is donated annually by the Aero Club of Egypt to the FAI.

10.10.2. Eligibility. This medal may be awarded to a person, group of persons or organization to reward distinguished work in the field of aviation and space education, particularly during the year preceding the award.

10.10.3 Frequency and Number. Only one Nile Gold Medal may be awarded annually.

10.8.4. Nomination and Approval Process. Procedures for nomination and approval shall be as described in Chapter 9. Awarding of the medal is subject to approval by the Education Expert Group.

Note: Approval of this proposal will require re-numbering of By-law Chapter 7 and Statute Chapter 10.



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3. Proposal to clarify responsibilities of the Air Sport Commissions GAC and CIACA

- **Proposal by:** FAI Executive Board
- **Reason :** editorial corrections
- **Action :** The SWG was directed to adapt the FAI Statutes accordingly.
- **Statement of FAI Executive Board :** the EB supports the adoption of this proposal

Statutes

Statute 5.2.3.3.7.2

Current

FAI GENERAL AVIATION COMMISSION

All matters relating to general aviation (except helicopters) and to air touring and air racing.

Proposed

FAI GENERAL AVIATION COMMISSION

All matters relating to general aviation (except helicopters).

Statute 5.2.3.3.7.11

Current

FAI AMATEUR BUILT AND EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT COMMISSION

All matters relating to amateur and home built experimental aircraft, and the restoration of vintage aircraft.

Proposed

FAI AMATEUR BUILT AND EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT COMMISSION

All matters relating to amateur, home built and experimental aircraft, and the restoration of vintage aircraft.



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4. FAI Executive Board Elections

- **Proposal by:** NAC Sweden
- **Reason :** To make the working terms for the Executive Board more stable and that not all can or will be changed at the same time.
- **Action :** The SWG was directed to propose wording to adapt the FAI Statutes accordingly.
- **Statement of FAI Executive Board :** this proposal is not endorsed by the EB

Statutes

Current

Statute 6.2.1.1

Six Executive Directors shall be elected for a two-year term by the General Conference.

Proposal

Statute 6.2.1.1

There shall be six Executive Directors of FAI, three of which shall be elected for a two-year term at every General Conference.

Transitional provision – *the following provision will be part of the Statutes until 2017, when it will automatically expire*

6.2.1.1.b

At the General Conference in 2016 there shall be an election of three Executive Directors for three-year terms followed by an election of three Executive Directors for two-year terms.



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5. FAI Executive Board Terms

- **Proposal by:** NAC Sweden
- **Reason :** To make the text more clear.
- **Action :** The SWG was directed to propose wording to adapt the FAI Statutes accordingly and made the following remark :
 - o This amendment is not required. Since no limit is being placed on the length of time in office, the reference to completion of a first term is unnecessary. The use of the term “re-elected” indicates that the individual has previously been elected
- **Statement of FAI Executive Board :** this proposal is not endorsed by the EB

Statutes

Current

Statute 6.2.1.2

Executive Directors may be re-elected for an unlimited number of further two-year terms

Proposed by NAC Sweden

Statute 6.2.1.2

Executive Directors may on completion of his first term, the Executive Directors may be re-elected for an unlimited number of further two-year terms.



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6. Advisory Group on Women in Airports

- **Proposal by:** NAC Sweden
- **Reason :** establish the Advisory Group on Women in Airports, based on the proposal to the GC 2014.
- **Action :** The SWG was directed to review the proposal. The report of the SWG will be provided later on.
- **Statement of FAI Executive Board :** this proposal is not endorsed by the EB

Proposed addition to the FAI Statutes

5.4.3 Advisory Group on Women in Airports

5.4.3.1 The Advisory Group on Women in Airports is a Permanent body of the FAI General Conference established by the 108th FAI General Conference under the provisions of Statute 5.1.2.4.

5.4.3.2 The mission of the Advisory Group on Women in Airports is:

5.4.3.2.1 - to consider the participation of women in airports and airport organizations under the purview of the FAI and make recommendations to the Executive Board and the General Conference concerning promoting the participation of women.

5.4.3.2.2 - to provide advice and support to Members of FAI and to Air Sport Commissions on issues related to the participation of women in airports when requested. Such advice and support will be on a cost-recovery basis when required.

5.4.3.2.3 - to report to each General Conference on the activities of the Advisory Group in the previous year.

5.4.3.3 Each Active Member of FAI and each Air Sport Commission is entitled to appoint one delegate to the Advisory Group on Women in Airports upon undertaking a commitment to provide such financial and operational support as may be agreed with the delegate.

5.4.3.4 The Advisory Group on Women in Airports shall elect the following officials from among its members: a Chair, one or more Vice-Chairs and one or more Secretaries.

5.4.3.5 Expenses for activities of the Advisory Group on Women in Airports, including travel expenses, will be covered by the FAI as long as the travel is authorized in advance by the Secretary General. Expenses for activities undertaken in support of a specific Member or Air Sport Commission will be covered by the Member or Air Sport Commission.



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7. Working Group "Women in World Airsports"

- **Proposal by:** Executive Board
- **Reason:** establish a Working Group instead of an Advisory Group
- **Action :** The SWG was directed to review the motion from the EB. The report of the SWG will be provided later on.
- **Statement of FAI Executive Board :** the EB supports the adoption of this proposal

Motion to establish a Permanent Body under Statute 5.1.2.4. to be called "Women in World Airsports Working Group"

The FAI Executive Board, following on from a proposal put forward in 2014 by the Temporary Working Group "Women in FAI" would like to thank Sweden for resubmitting the proposal this year and consequently keeping the matter in front of the General Conference.

However, whereas the Executive Board feels that the reason behind the initial creation of a temporary working group and the proposal to create something more permanent remains the same, the Board recommends a slightly different approach to that proposed last year.

It has been established that, without a doubt, less women participate in airsports than men. As reasons vary from country to country, so do the actions taken, if any, to remedy this situation.

Although there is a clear aim of the FAI is to bring together airsports men and women in international competition, there is nothing in our aims and objectives that brings us in line with the IOC Charter regarding the principle of equality of men and women (Rules 2 §7: *"The IOC encourages and supports the promotion of women in sport at all levels and in all structures, with a view to implementing the principle of equality of men and women"*).

Rather than set up an Advisory Group, the EB proposes to set up a Permanent Working Group with a clear mission.

Proposed addition to the FAI Statutes

5.4.3. Women in World Airsports Working Group

5.4.3.1. The Women in World Airsports Working Group is a Permanent Working Group of the FAI General Conference established by the 109th FAI General Conference under the provisions of Statutes 4.2.2.10 (a working group to support the EB in its work) and 5.1.2.4 (a permanent body established by the General Conference)

5.4.3.2. The mission of the Working Group is to encourage and support the promotion of women in airsports and airsports governance with a view to implementing the principle of equality in men and women.

5.4.3.3. The rules and procedures of the working group will be defined in the FAI By-Laws.



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8. Conflict of interest for Executive Directors

- **Proposal by:** FAI Executive Board
- **Reason :** Statutes 6.2.1.7. is quite restrictive and goes beyond what can be perceived as conflict of interest.
- **Statement of FAI Executive Board :** the EB supports the adoption of this proposal

Statutes

Current

Statute 6.2.1.7

An Executive Director in office shall no longer represent, at FAI events, the Active Member or Air Sport Commission for which he served as a delegate or in any other capacity. That FAI Active Member or Air Sport Commission may nominate another representative.

Proposed by FAI Executive Board

Statute 6.2.1.7

Upon election to the FAI Executive Board or as soon as possible thereafter and never later than the Annual General Meeting or Plenary Meeting following that election, an Executive Director must relinquish any elected office on the board of an FAI Member or an Air Sport Commission. While in office, he / she also shall not represent nor hold voting powers at FAI meetings for an FAI Member or Air Sport Commission.