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Introduction

This paper sets out a possible way of amending the IARU Region 1 Constitution to give effect to the views expressed at the San Marino Region 1 Conference that term limits should be introduced for EC members.

Background

At the San Marino Conference the EC was tasked to consider the question of setting a limit on the number of years that an EC member might serve for. It was recognised that, even if such a limit were introduced, there would need to be scope for exceptions, and the following proposal allows for this. Term limits were felt to offer the advantage of refreshing EC membership on a regular basis, whilst allowing a sensible period for EC members to make a contribution to the affairs of the Region.

The EC therefore supports the concept of term limits for EC members, and this paper proposes amendments to the Constitution of IARU Region1 to introduce such limits.

Recommendation

That the Region 1 Constitution be amended by the addition of an extra clause in the Constitution and a matching one in the Bylaws, together with renumbering of subsequent clauses in the Bylaws. Should there be insufficient number of member Societies present at the 2005 General Conference to approve this change, then the Secretary be authorised to conduct a postal ballot on the matter.

The new policy, if approved, would become operational from the term of office starting after the 2005 Region 1 Conference.

New Clause for the Constitution:

A.4.14 Each Executive Committee member shall normally serve no more than three consecutive terms of office. One term of office is the period of office as defined in A.4.13. Exceptionally (for example when no suitable candidate is available for appointment) the outgoing Executive Committee may decide to propose to the General Conference that a particular member of the EC should be allowed to stand for election for a further term of office in excess of the three consecutive terms. The justification for such exceptional circumstances shall be explained to the General Conference by way of a paper from the Executive Committee and the decision of Conference on the matter shall be by a simple majority of those voting.

New Clause for the Bylaws:

B.5.4 Candidates standing for election for the Executive Committee shall meet the requirements set out in Article A.4.14 of the Constitution.

Clauses B5.4 – B 5.12 shall be renumbered as a result of this addition