

Article 14. The Executive Committee

14.01. The Executive Committee shall be composed of a President, a first, second, third and fourth Vice- President, a Secretary General, a Treasurer, and eight members who have been elected from among FIMS Individual or Associate members after nomination by the Member National Associations.

14.02. Elections of the Executive Committee

- a) All candidates to all positions of the Executive Committee will be elected by the Council of Delegates in the FIMS World Congress of Sports Medicine every four years.
- b) The candidates shall be nominated only by their Member National Associations. No Association may nominate more than one candidate for officer or member of the Executive Committee. Nominations for President, Secretary General, Treasurer, and Members will be presented to the FIMS Secretary General and nominations for Vice-Presidents of the Executive Committee will be presented to the Secretary General of the respective Continental Group.
- c) The candidates for President of FIMS should be an actual or past officer of FIMS (Vice-President, Secretary General, or Treasurer). The candidates for Vice-Presidents, Secretary General, or Treasurer should be an actual or past member of the FIMS Executive Committee.
- d) The FIMS President will be elected for a four year term, after which will stay in Executive Committee for another four years as FIMS Past President with voting privileges. Re-election for President of FIMS will not be allowed.
- e) Voting for each Officer shall take place by separate secret ballot. Those ballot slips that are not fully completed will be considered invalid.
- f) Candidates for Officers who are not successful are entitled to be candidates for election as Members of the Executive Committee.
- f1) If the result of any ballot for Officer results in a tie, additional ballots will take place until the tie is resolved.
- f2) Following the ballot for the 8 elected Members of the Executive Committee, the 8 nominees with the highest number of votes shall be so named. If there is a tie among the final position(s), a new ballot will be held for these candidates only. The number of Members of the Executive Committee from each Continental Association, except for Oceania, will be proportional to the number of Member National Associations affiliated for FIMS from the respective Continental Group (Africa, America, Asia, and Europe).
- g) The two candidates who have the highest number of votes after those who

are elected will be appointed Auditors and named substitutes. These substitutes shall replace elected Members of the Executive Committee if vacancies arise. If a vacancy occurs among the Officers, the Executive Committee shall elect one of its Members to the office for the balance of the unexpired term and that Member shall be replaced by the first substitute.

h) Officers and Members of the Executive Committee shall be eligible for immediate re-election in the same capacity only once with the exception of the President.

i) To participate in a meeting of the Council of Delegates and have the right to vote, a Member National Association must have the membership dues for the current fiscal year and all previous years of membership paid in full on the occasion of the FIMS General Meeting which is held prior to the FIMS Council of Delegates meeting at which an election will take place.

j) A list of Member National Associations eligible to participate in and vote at a meeting of the Council of Delegates must be made available to each Delegate of a FIMS Member National Association prior to the meeting at which an election will be held.

k) Each Member National Association eligible to participate in and vote at a meeting of the Council of Delegates may designate one person to serve as its Delegate. To become accredited as the official Delegate of a Member National Association for a particular meeting of the Council of Delegates, that person must present typewritten authorization to the Secretary General of FIMS identifying the person as its Delegate. The authorization must be presented on the official letterhead stationery of the Member National Association and signed either by its President or other designated officer.

l) The designated Delegate of an eligible Member National Association is the only person permitted to vote on behalf of that Member National Association.

m) A Member National Association in good standing that is not able to send a Delegate to a meeting of the Council of Delegates may be represented by the accredited Delegate of another Member National Association. Both Member National Associations must be eligible to participate as regards completion of payment of annual dues.

n) To grant proxy, a Member National Association must submit to the Secretary General an official FIMS Proxy Form signed by its President. On the form, the specified Member National Association to receive the proxy must be identified. Only the accredited Delegate of the Member National Association receiving the proxy may use this proxy vote. A copy of the proxy form will be included with each announcement of a meeting of the Council of Delegates as distributed to all Member National Associations by the Secretary General. (As stated in the statutes, an accredited Delegate is entitled to use only one proxy vote in addition to the vote of the Delegate's own Member National

Association).

o) Preparation for FIMS election:

1. Nominations must be received from Member National Associations at least two months in advance of the meeting of the Council of Delegates at which the election will be held.
2. The ballot of the nominations must be circulated, together with biographical information on each candidate, at least one month in advance of the election.

p) Accreditation of Delegates:

Each sheet of the official ballot must be co-signed for validation in the voting procedure by the Secretary General and one Member of the Executive Committee, as appointed by the President.

q) Order of voting:

1. Separate elections will be held by roll call in the following order:

The President

The Vice Presidents

The Secretary General

The Treasurer

The eight Members of the Executive Committee

2. If a candidate is running unopposed for the office of President, Secretary General or Treasurer, the election to that office may be accomplished by the Council's approval of a motion from the floor.

3. If there are only four nominations for the offices of the Vice Presidents, the election may be accomplished by approval of a motion from the floor after the determination of a method of designating the order of seniority as First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, and Fourth Vice President.

4. The ballot for the category of elected Members of the Executive Committee will list the candidates in alphabetical order by first letter of the family name.

r) Procedure for voting for each office:

1. Three Auditors will be elected from the Delegates of the Council of Delegates to receive and count the ballots. If more than three persons are nominated, an election will be held.

2. When the agenda item for elections is reached during the meeting of the Council of Delegates, the President shall solicit ballots for the election of Officers and Executive Committee in the order prescribed above.

3. For the collection of ballots for each of the elected positions, the name of each Member National Association given the privilege of voting (both those with Delegates present and those represented by proxy) shall be read in alphabetical order, at which time the Delegate of the Member National

Association or the Delegate carrying the proxy shall come forward and place the ballot in a closed ballot box.

4. The election Auditors will control that only one ballot at a time is placed in the ballot box and that the ballot carries the signature of the Secretary General and the appointed Member of the Executive Committee.

5. The votes for the each of the elected positions will be tallied separately and publicly in front of the members of the Council of Delegates by the election Auditors.

6. A blackboard must be available for this purpose that can be viewed by all the members of the Council of Delegates.