

FIG 32<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly in Eilat, Israel, 3-8 May 2009

**FIG Internal Rules**

Geosuisse from Switzerland has sent the Council a letter in July 2008 proposing two changes to the FIG statutes and internal rules.

**Proposal 1:** Candidate shall decide clearly for which function he/she will apply and to omit multiple choice applications.

**Change to internal rules:**

*Proposal:*

New Internal Rule 9.4 *No individual may be nominated for election to more than one position at any General Assembly. No serving Commission Chair or Chair Elect may be nominated for a position on Council if this would result in overlapping terms of office as a Council Member and Commission Officer.*

**Proposal 2:** Same association should not lead more than one commission at the same time.

**Change to internal rules:**

*Current:*

Internal rule 11.4 Each commission shall be presided over by a chair who shall take office at the start of the year following a congress and serve for a four year term. The election of chairs of commissions shall be decided by a vote of the General Assembly. In the case of each commission, nominations may be made by a member association. Nominations shall normally be called for at least four months in advance of the General Assembly at which the elections are to be held to enable the Council to ensure that the nominees command the support of their member associations and the relevant commissions. A nominee shall preferably have played an active part in the activities of the commission for which he or she is being nominated as chair, and shall have demonstrated possession of the personal and professional capabilities needed to lead the work of the commission. In addition, the Council shall assure itself as to the nominees' practical availability for service and that they have sufficient financial and administrative support. In the event of no nomination being received for the chair of a particular commission, the Council shall take such action as may be needed to ensure that the position is filled.

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Internal rule 11.4 Each commission shall be presided over by a chair who shall take office at the start of the year following a congress and serve for a four year term. The election of chairs of commissions shall be decided by a vote of the General Assembly. *For each four year term, each member association may nominate one person for a position of a Commission Chair.* Nominations shall normally be called for at least four months in advance of the General Assembly at which the elections are to be held to enable the Council to ensure that the nominees command the support of their member associations and the relevant commissions. A nominee shall preferably have played an active part in the activities of the commission for which he or she is being nominated as chair, and shall have demonstrated possession of the personal and professional capabilities needed to lead the work of the commission. In addition, the Council shall assure itself as to the nominees' practical availability for service and that

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*Current*

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