

## IAMAS BACO 4

# Overview of Proposed Statute Changes

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**Decision:** The IAMAS Assembly is invited to ADOPT the proposed changes to the IAMAS statutes.

**Background:** This document provides some background information on the rationale behind the changes proposed in 2025 to the IAMAS statutes.

Section 2 Membership of the association. The use of the terms Scientific Member and Individual Member within the statutes is confusing and we propose to simplify this to just use Individual Member to denote those scientists who are active in the atmospheric sciences and have registered for one of our meetings or have had their application for membership accepted by the Bureau.

Section 4 on General Assemblies. At the moment, the statutes read as though all participants will be physically present at a GA, with no mention of remote participation. We propose changing this to indicate that *where possible* the GAs will be hybrid, with National Delegates able to take part, comment and vote remotely.

Section 8.3.2. Currently the statutes only allow a Special Deputy SG to be established for a 9-month period to deal with the transfer of responsibilities to a new SG. We propose that the Bureau has the option of creating a longer-term Deputy Secretary

position to assist the Secretary General in financial and other matters associated with the management of the association.

Section 15.2.1. In the 2019 statutes, only the President and Secretary General have the right to sign cheques and make digital transfers from the IAMAS bank accounts. We feel that there is merit in having a Deputy Secretary General who can assist the Secretary General in managing the financial transactions of the association and to do this we propose that the Deputy Secretary General has signing authority on cheques and can make digital bank transfers.

Section 17 on the duties of the Assistant Secretary General. At the moment the Assistant Secretary General has signing authority for IAMAS cheques. However, in reality the duties of the Assistant Secretary General are mainly secretarial and we propose to limit signing authority to the President, Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General. In Section 17.2 we remove the text giving the Assistant SG authority to sign cheques.

Section 18. The Early Career Scientist Representative plays an important part in helping to bring the next generation of atmospheric scientists into IAMAS and promote the association amongst early career scientists. In light of this, we propose that the Early Career Scientist Representative be a member of the Executive.

By-law IV. item 1.1. Current text is 'which will be recognized by a suitable memorial the Association.' Corrected.

By-law V. item 5 'official transmittal of resolutions of the Association to those to the entities to whom the resolution is addressed.' Two words need deleting in this. Corrected.