

International Melges 24 World Council AGM 2012
Helsinki, Finland, 24 November 2012

Composite Constitution Change Proposal Document
Linked Items Are Indicated By A Red Line In The Right Margin

In order to streamline the business of the meeting the Constitution change proposals submitted by the National Classes and Executive Committee are combined here in a single overview document. All proposals have been imported in their original format and no edits or amendments have been made. Where more than one proposal on the same subject has been submitted these are grouped together and highlighted with a red line in the margin. The original submissions from can be seen on the Agenda at <http://melges24.com/node/6583>

Submitted by the IMCA Executive Committee

Addition of new item in section 10. World Council

10.7 Each NCA must inform the IMCA Secretary of the name of their appointed World Council member or proxy substitute by not less than 6 weeks before the date of the AGM.

Subsequent paragraphs in section 10 to be renumbered.

Note - This change is proposed to help with planning for the meeting in terms of numbers and to ensure that the correct individuals receive copies of all paperwork and any logistical notifications about the coming meeting.

Counter Proposal Submitted by the USMCA

We support the various changes proposed, except the addition of 10.7, which we feel is unnecessary and inflexible.

Submitted by the IMCA Executive Committee

11. Election of Officers

At its AGM the World Council shall elect an Executive Committee consisting of a Chairman, 2 Vice Chairman from two (2) different continents and ~~two (2)~~ three (3) Ordinary Members from three (3) different continents, a Secretary and Treasurer. The composition of the Executive Committee should as far as possible reflect the distribution of the fleet globally so that all active Melges 24 sailing continents are represented. They shall be elected for their skills to fulfil the requirements of the

position. They need not be the representatives of their NCA. All Executive Committee members shall be full members of their NCA.

Note - Traditionally the Melges 24 Executive Committee has comprised representatives from the European and North American fleets as these were the only significant fleets racing. The 2 Vice Chairman and 2 Members have represented Europe and North America. Now that Australasia is a fully active Melges 24 sailing continent and with Asia and South America beginning to develop, these changes to the constitution are proposed to ensure that the membership of the Executive Committee continues to reflect the views of the majority of the sailors worldwide.

Submitted by the IMCA Executive Committee

11.8 At the AGM the World Council shall appoint a Chairman to the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee Chairman, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a Committee of not less than three (3) and not more than ~~six (six)~~ **ten (10)** people who have the knowledge and the experience to serve on the technical committee. The Technical Committee Chairman shall be appointed for his skills in fulfilling the position. The members of the Committee shall be actively involved with the class, but need not be boat owners. They may be employed within the Marine Trade.

Note - This is a housekeeping change to reflect the growth of the class internationally into Australasia, South America and Asia and the addition of the Builder's Rep to the Exec Comm whose presence on the Tech Comm would be very beneficial. In the near future an International Measurer based in Australia will be appointed and other Int Measurers will be added as the class grows in other continents.

Submitted by the IMCA Executive Committee

13.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, two (2) Vice Chairmen, two (2) Ordinary Members, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Technical Committee. Decisions shall be made by a simple majority vote on the basis of one vote per person irrespective of the number of positions held (e.g. Secretary and Treasurer). **In addition a Builder's Representative will be appointed by the builder's to represent them on the Executive Committee. The Builder's Representative will be a non-voting position.** In the event that a simple majority cannot be reached, the Chairman shall have the casting vote. Should a member of the Executive Committee not fulfil their term of office for any reason, their vote shall not be transferred to any other member. The Executive Committee may fill any casual vacancies among the officers and any persons so appointed shall hold office until the next AGM.

Note - This is a housekeeping change to correctly reflect the decision made at the 2011 IMCA World Council AGM to include a non-voting Builder's Rep on the Exec Comm (not Federico Michetti was appointed to this post in 2011)

Submitted by the IMCA Executive Committee

14.5.2 There shall be not less than ~~20~~ **4** weeks notice given of the Technical Committee meeting. If there are specific subjects to be discussed and rule proposals

to consider these should be circulated not less than ~~4~~ 2 weeks before the meeting.

Note The current constitution requires 20 weeks notice for a Technical Committee Meeting. This is an extremely long notice period and in reality can hamper the work of the Technical Committee who may need to meet at short notice to deal with urgent issues. Sufficient notice of a meeting must be given to allow delegates to plan their attendance and review the issues and it is felt that 4 weeks should be more than adequate bearing in mind modern communication options.

Submitted by the Italian Class

8. Suspension, Expulsion and Disciplinary action against NCA's

~~8.5 Should a minimum of 25% of the full members of an NCA lobby the IMCA, the IMCA will investigate the complaints against the officers of that NCA and decide on a course of further action.~~

We propose to delete the rule entered in the IMCA Constitution at 2011 AGM. In a democratic system the elected officers are responsible for their actions and the electors must delegate them the administration and the conduct of the Class. Any wrong action by NCA officers must be managed inside the same Association by the relevant constitution procedure.

Submitted by the Italian Class

16.4 If then approved by ISAF, the Secretary shall communicate notification of such changes to NCA's within fifteen (15) days of the ISAF notification. ~~If then not approved by ISAF, the Secretary shall send copy of ISAF communication to NCA's within seven (7) days of the ISAF notification and no change shall apply.~~

The new rule will permit to update all NCA's about any ISAF issue concerning IMCA proposals of rule modification. In case ISAF will not approve IMCA proposals, no modification or new rule will apply.