



Proposals to the General Assembly 2020/21

These suggestions concern the new Constitution.

Suggestion 1: Change of the time interval between the General Assemblies

Since this affects our flexibility we propose: **once per fiscal year**:

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§ 6.1 Annual General Assembly (AGA)

The ECRA members and the ECRA Board will convene annually at the invitation of the Secretary General for the Annual General Assembly. **Not more than 14 months** shall elapse between the annual meetings of the General Assembly.

The Secretary General shall give at least four months written notice of the date of the Annual General Assembly and at least two months written notice of the agenda to all members including received motions....

Andy Scheurer, Speleo-Secours Suisse

Suggestion 2: Change of the Header for Virtual Meetings

Proposal: **"Virtual Meeting for EGA"**

§ 6.6 Virtual Meeting

If a need arises an electronic session can be conducted following the timelines and procedures defined in '§ 6.5 Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA)', page 8.

Andy Scheurer, Speleo-Secours Suisse

Suggestion 3: Elimination of the limitation for eight years for the ECRA Board

We propose to eliminate the limitation for eight years.

Justification: well serving board members that enjoy their job are forced to leave, while capable candidates are difficult to recruit. Furthermore, incapable members could be removed any time by motion.

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All ECRA Board members shall come from a Full Member. The ECRA Board is elected by the Annual General Assembly for a period of four years. **No individual may serve on the ECRA Board for more than eight consecutive years.** No more than two members of the ECRA Board may be from the same country. The President, the Vice President and the Secretary General must be from different countries.

The ECRA Board can co-opt consultancy persons, which can be from any member category, but they will not have voting rights within the ECRA Board.

The ECRA Board is responsible for handling all necessary tasks that are not reserved for another Constituent Body, as defined in this constitution.

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Andy Scheurer, Speleo-Secours Suisse



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Suggestion 4: Elimination of the limitation for eight years for the Treasurer

This suggestion is obsolete with the confirmation of Suggestion 3.

I suggest to modify the requirements for the election of the Treasurer, to get more flexibility:

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Reason:

The required knowledge of the bank's business language strongly limits the possible group of people. Unless the business language of the bank is English, the scope of persons is usually limited to one country, with limited manpower in the background. This could significantly complicate or even block the installation of a new treasurer after 2 periods.

Excerpt from the new Constitution:

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§ 7.4 Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the proper administration and record keeping of all financial affairs of the ECRA.

The Treasurer shall report the audited accounts to the Annual General Assembly.

The Treasurer must be proficient in the language of communication used by the bank. Payments are transacted only with the consent of the President or General Secretary.

Kurt Dennstedt, Secretary General