

About the regulations, some things that we might need to fix:

A. Limit of terms for commission members. It now says (in Article 6):

- *All elections are for a term of three years.*
- *Chairs may not be re-elected to any position on the Commission beyond their term as Chair, and Vice Chairs/Secretaries may not be re-elected to the same positions nor be re-elected as an ordinary member - except in extraordinary circumstances, and, in such circumstances, special approval by the General Assembly is required. Ordinary members may be elected twice.*
- *Ordinary members of a Commission, who have served two terms and have been absent from the Commission for two terms, may be re-elected for no more than one further term.*
- *Service in all capacities shall not exceed three terms, whether or not those terms are consecutive.*
- *The General Assembly may grant exceptions to the provisions of Article 6 for those Commissions that undertake long-term projects or where continuity is particularly important.*

What about people who serve on a Commission and then are proposed to serve on another? Does the 9 year limit apply considering the various commissions a person might serve on? I think we should clarify that (in whichever way we think is best). Then, what about being “associate” (actually, invited, see below) member of a certain commission after having served as chair of another?

B. Some version of the internal regulations (not the last one, please check:

<https://iupap.org/documents/statutes-bylaws/regulations/>) talked about “invited members” rather than “associated” ones. I guess that had been chosen to distinguish it from the category of associate corporate members of IUPAP’s. The final name that has been chosen is “associated members” and there is no “invited member” category. The regulations also say that “*Associated members do not vote at Commission meetings and are not eligible for travel funds*”.

C. The section on nomination of commission members doesn’t quite fit within our use now of having the (most probable) names of commission chairs a year in advance. This is something that we started to do to help with the continuity of the work. I am quoting here the regulations related to the timing and/or deadline for the nominations:

7. Nominations

7.1 A call for nominations to Commissions and the Executive Council shall be sent to all Members (and in particular to Liaison Committees and Commissions) at least eight months before an in-person General Assembly preceding the end of the term of the present Commissions and Executive Council.

7.3. The nominations must be received by the Secretary-General for Administrative Affairs no later than on the date determined by the Executive Council and specified in the call for nominations. A statement of the candidate’s qualifications sufficient to allow an evaluation of the candidate must accompany nominations. Nominations should be submitted electronically on the appropriate website, but in special circumstances will be accepted if submitted by other means. The Executive Council may approve the acceptance of late nominations.

I understand that this “ahead of time appointment” does not exactly follow a nomination. Perhaps we could call it “pre-nomination of commission chairs” or something like that. We can then establish when we expect to receive those pre-nominations.