

Options for transition to a staggered ISC Governing Board arrangement

22 October 2023

Noting that:

1. The ISC membership has expressed support for the mandates of the Governing Board to be staggered for the sake of continuity;
2. Ordinary sessions of the General Assembly, subject to approval of the membership, should in the future be held at four-year intervals;
3. The next General Assembly is scheduled for January 2025, but subsequently the General Assembly should revert to an October date, starting in October 2028;
4. There is currently no president-elect, as the president-elect elected in 2021 stepped down from the post to allow for an unencumbered revision of the statutes;

The Working Group on Constitutional Revision has considered options for transition to a staggered arrangement and is proposing two main options for the consideration of the Members.

Option 1

The current Board steps down in its entirety in January 2025 and an entirely new Board, including a new president and a president-elect, is elected and takes office immediately, with half of the members elected for 1.75 years until October 2026 (to allow for staggering to begin and to come back in line with an October GA) and half for 3.75 years until October 2028.

The president-elect takes office as president in October 2026.

Two vice-presidents and five ordinary members are selected/elected and take office in October 2026.

The Working Group notes that with this option there would be no continuity in the transition from the current to the next Governing Board.

Option 2

Half of the officers and half of the ordinary members of the current Board step down in January 2025, with the other half, including the current president, continuing until October 2026 (meaning a five-year term).

A president-elect is elected in January 2025 and takes office as president in October 2026.

Two officers (vice-presidents) and five ordinary Board members are elected in January 2025 and remain in office until October 2028 (a 3.75-year term).

Two vice-presidents and five ordinary members are selected/elected and take office in October 2026.

The Working Group notes that this option would ensure continuity in the transition to the staggered arrangements.