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### FIG Internal Rules

#### for the Election of the President, Vice Presidents and Commission Chairs

##### **Election of President and Vice Presidents**

9.1 The president is elected by the General Assembly in the year of a Congress. Each nomination shall be made by the member association of which the nominee is a member. The Council will write to member associations asking for nominations and giving the closing date for their receipt by the Office. This will normally be four months prior to the General Assembly.

9.2 The four vice presidents are elected by the General Assembly. The election will take place on a phased basis so that two posts are filled at the General Assembly held during a congress year and two posts at the Assembly held two years later. Each nomination shall be made by the member association of which the nominee is a member. The Council will write to member associations asking for nominations and giving the closing date for their receipt by the Office. This will normally be four months prior to the General Assembly.

9.3 The Council shall prepare a template document specifying the background information required from each candidate for any open post on the Council. This document shall be available on the FIG web site. Additional information may be provided at the discretion of the candidate and member association. All nominations must be accompanied by a letter from the candidate consenting to the nomination together with a completed template document.

9.4 No individual may be nominated for election to more than one position at any General Assembly. No serving Commission Chair or Chair Elect may be nominated for a position on Council if this would result in overlapping terms of office as a Council Member and Commission Officer.

9.5 The General Assembly shall vote for each candidate of their choice. The first vote shall be between all candidates for the post in question. If no single candidate for that post gains an absolute majority of the votes cast, a second vote will be held between the two candidates that have the most votes. In the event of a tie on that vote, the final decision shall be made by selecting a name by blind ballot.

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##### **Election of Commission Chairs/Chairs Elects**

11.4 Each commission shall be presided over by a chair who shall take office at the start of the year following a congress and serve for a four year term. The election of chairs of commissions shall be decided by a vote of the General Assembly. For each four year term, each member association may nominate one person for a position of a Commission Chair. Nominations shall normally be called for at least four months in advance of the General Assembly at which the elections are to be held to enable the Council to ensure that the nominees command the support of their member associations and the relevant commissions. A nominee shall preferably have played an active part in the activities of the commission for which he or she is being nominated as chair, and shall have demonstrated possession of the personal and professional

capabilities needed to lead the work of the commission. In addition, the Council shall assure itself as to the nominees' practical availability for service and that they have sufficient financial and administrative support. In the event of no nomination being received for the chair of a particular commission, the Council shall take such action as may be needed to ensure that the position is filled.

11.5 No one member association shall normally hold a chair of the same commission for two consecutive terms.

11.8 The election of chair-elect shall be decided by a vote of the General Assembly at the meeting which takes place two years prior to the General Assembly at which chairs are elected. For each four year term, each member association may nominate one person for a position of chair-elect of a Commission. Nominations shall normally be called for at least four months in advance of the General Assembly at which the elections are to be held to enable the Council to ensure that the nominees command the support of their member associations and the relevant commissions. A nominee shall preferably have played an active part in the activities of the commission for which he or she is being nominated as chair, and shall have demonstrated possession of the personal and professional capabilities needed to lead the work of the commission. In addition, the Council shall assure itself as to the nominees' practical availability for service and that they have sufficient financial and administrative support. In the event of no nomination being received for the chair of a particular commission, the Council shall take such action as may be needed to ensure that the position is filled.

11.9 The General Assembly shall vote for each candidate of their choice. The first vote shall be between all candidates for the post in question. If no single candidate for that post gains an absolute majority of the votes cast, a second vote will be held between the two candidates that have the most votes. In the event of a tie on that vote, the final decision shall be made by selecting a name by blind ballot.

11.13 All persons appointed to, or nominated for, the posts of chair, chair-elect or vice-chair of a Commission or Inter-Commission activity must be a member of and have the formal support of their Member Association.