

## Extract from the FIG Internal Rules on the election of Commission Chairs and Commission 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. *(Approved by General Assembly in Eilat 3 May 2009).*

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

11.6 Each commission chair shall attend and submit a report to each meeting of the General Assembly, and may participate in debate but shall not have voting rights.

11.7 The Council shall promulgate guidance notes for commission chairs.

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. *(Approved by General Assembly in Eilat 3 May 2009)*

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.

11.10 The Commission chair-elect will appoint a minimum of three chairs of Working Groups prior to the General Assembly in which he or she will take over the chairmanship of the Commission. These Working Group chairs will be given the status of a Commission Vice Chair. In addition the chair-elect may also appoint a person to provide administrative and communication support to the work of the Commission. This person will also be given the status of a Commission vice chair.

11.11 The chair of each commission shall prepare a work plan setting out the various activities of the commission together with inter-commission activities proposed for the four year term. The work plan shall be prepared and submitted to Council between the time of the General Assembly when the chair is elected and commencement of the term of office.

11.12 In the event that a chair, chair-elect or a vice-chair is unable to fulfil the responsibilities of the office the Council shall make such arrangements as it deems necessary to ensure the continuity of that commission's work, including the appointment of a new chair, new chair-elect or new vice-chair if necessary.

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.