

## WHY THE CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION?

It has been recognized by the committee and members of IFTA that, due to changes within the fire community, and new legislation, the constitution of IFTA no longer meets the requirements of an organization such as IFTA. Added to this is the fact that the constitution being spread across two differing documents was fragmented and in some cases repetitive. Therefore, this document (the constitution) requires reviewing and updating accordingly.

Therefore, this document encompasses the summation of the review and proposed updates and changes.

### PROPOSALS:

This document is open for comment and proposals. Any paid up member of IFTA is free to submit his/her proposals and or comments for consideration.

All proposals and comments can be directed to:

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Note: Any proposals or comments that do not fully comply with the methodology section on the next page will not be considered.

## METHODOLOGY

The following is a description of the methodology to be followed in proposing changes to the constitution of IFTA

The original constitution (document) numbered section (including its number), shall be shown in green text.

The proposed changes are presented as follows:

The proposed text and or item to be changed is underlined. Items to be removed are struck through ~~remove~~.

Directly under each the proposal for each section shall appear the following:

Proposer: Mr./Mrs./Ms. Initial. Surname  
Proposed change: in black text  
Motivation: (by proposer) in *dark grey italics*

Comments are added as follows:  
Person commenting: Mr./Mrs./Ms. Initial. Surname  
Comment (with sequential number) in blue text:

### SAMPLE

7.4.1            **The assotiation were the best Association**

Proposer: Mr. J. Soap  
Proposed change: Change spelling and phrasing  
Motivation: *Words spelled incorrectly and phrasing incorrect.*  
Commenter: Mrs. B. Prim  
Comment: 1. I believe the phrasing correct

## Notes from the revising author:

1. All the items that appeared in the By-laws and Branch Rules have been imported and integrated into this single document.
2. Spelling and grammatical errors have been corrected whenever we have become aware of them.
3. None of the meaning or intent of the original documents has been lost.
4. New items have been added in the interest of fairness and transparency to the members of the Association.
5. Although all additional items, and the format as in this proposed Draft, are those of the person tasked with revising the document, I. Kvale, all proposed changes are being issued to all the paid up members who are being asked to read the document and are encouraged to comment and suggest amendments and or new items that we may have missed.
6. Some items may have been repeated/duplicated in various sections. These are being sought out to avoid unnecessary repetitions. Should we have missed any please inform us.
7. If it is felt that certain items are located under the wrong heading, please inform us of where you believe it belongs and why.

Thank you for your valued input

Ivar Kvale

## ITEMS REQUIRING FINALIZATION

1. The Official end of the financial year for the Association (see 4.8.7)
2. Make provision for instructions on electronic banking (4.8, 4.8.5)
3. proxy votes to be with the MEC no later than 2 days prior to AGM or SGM (6.4 Voting for Constitutional amendment proposals).
4. Item 13.2.1.4 members eligible to vote at the Main Executive AGM (13.2.1 Branch – Powers & Functions). Also clarify in conjunction with 17.1.4 MEC AGM, members eligible to vote. How are we going to vote for the leadership of the MEC (who can vote for them?).
5. (14.1.3.4) The Chairperson shall not allow any speaker to speak a second time on the same motion, but the proposer of a motion has the right to reply. In the event any new facts are represented a second round of q & a per member shall be allowed. The summarize and vote.
5. (14.4.1.20) before June ?? of each year dispatch to all Members accounts pertaining to annual subscriptions due.
7. A section on electronic banking is required.
8. (15.1.2) Resolutions taken at the Main Executive Committee meetings shall be deemed carried by a two-third-majority vote in their favour.
9. (18.1.1.1.1) The Main Executive Committee shall elect, at an annual meeting of the Association, a Vice Chairperson Elect. He shall also ipso facto be the next Vice Chairperson and thereafter Chairperson.

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS 2014



10. (18.1.2) Main Executive Committee members shall be elected by ballot on the day of the Annual General Meeting of the Committee by the ~~Branch and Committee~~ members present at the meeting.

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