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Motions Package

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General Assembly Part 1: May 15, 2021

Motion 1: Liquidation of the Dutch Association

Moved by: Justin Patrick

Whereas at the May 2020 General Assembly, IAPSS members voted to recommend that the Executive Committee start a process to relocate IAPSS by suggesting a country for relocation at a future General Assembly;

Whereas at the December 2020 General Assembly, IAPSS members voted to recommend the Executive Committee to relocate to Canada;

Be it resolved that this Dutch Association be liquidated according to the applicable clauses in its statutes;

Be it further resolved that all memberships, assets, funds, inventory, physical and online infrastructure, bank accounts, digital accounts, websites, branding, designs, documents, digital files, and other resources be transferred to the new Canadian not-for-profit corporation;

Be it further resolved that any member may opt-out of the transfer, whereupon their membership would remain in the Dutch association until the Dutch association is liquidated or their membership expires, whichever occurs first;

Be it further resolved that the liquidators be the current IAPSS board consisting of the President, Treasurer, and Secretary General.



April 2021

Amendment of regulations regarding discrimination

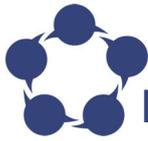
by Jan Behrens

It is common sense in (zoological and anthropological) science that amongst human beings there is no valid distinction in “races” or with other words that every human being who is currently living on planet earth belongs to only one single “race”. Using the word in context of statements based on a contrary conviction can imply the verifiable existence of such a distinction.

In that perspective, the word itself can be seen as social construction based on “racism”. For that reason, in the German language it is common sense and mainly accepted to use the term “racism” to describe a behaviour based on mentioned distinction.

Also the German government is going to change the mentioned word that contrary to its handling is still used in the German constitution since its initial ratification in 1949.

As a result, with this proposal I would like the General Assembly decide to delete the words “Race including” in §4 (letter j) of the Code of Conduct by voting in favour of my proposal because the meaning of “racism” is already sufficiently defined in that paragraph.



April 2021

Reimbursement for legal expenditures

by Jan Behrens

I would like to kindly ask for that the members may decide in favour of giving me a reimbursement by the association for the legal expenditures I unfortunately had due to misconduct by the Board (and Advisory Board) and their unfair expulsion decision against me that the competent Dutch court finally declared for unlawful and thus invalid.

After numerous one-sided conversations and talks it was ultima ratio to take legal action which have not only cost me a lot of money but also an incredible amount of time and nerves that I heartly wished I could have spent for quite more valuable things.

You have to know that though the court completely awarded my legal case, in a financial respect I still e.g. have to take the extra financial effort to deliver the court summons due to a wrongly recorded legal address of the association deposited at the Dutch chamber of commerce so that I am only referring to my reasonable and crucial legal expenditures.

Background

For many years and though good qualification I have been unsuccessfully trying to apply for a coordinator position. The ExCom repeatedly used opportunities to (unlawfully) prevent this. In 2018 for example, my application was just ignored and a second call for application was promoted, both after my submission and after the end of the previously set deadline for applications.

In 2019 for another example, my application was even intentionally withhold from the entire ExCom so that the members were not even aware of my application.

On 28th December 2019, during the General Assembly, I was claiming that subsequently to that application of mine the instead selected candidate should not have been preferred to me due to formal conditionne. I have quoted the statutes, among other evidences, as proof. The members of the ExCom who were present refused to acknowledge and even to think about my argument. I tried to build a bridge in suggesting to offer me an additional coordinator position as a compromise but nobody was willing to seriously going into it.

In the end I still tolerated the breach of statutes even without getting a compensation and had no further contact to the association since then.

Almost four (4) months later, I was notified via e-mail about the legal representatives already having decided to definitely expell me from the association because of an alleged infringement of the association's code of conduct by myself. I was unable to understand that behaviour.

It turned out that during the meeting described above my voice was unlawfully recorded by the current President (to that time Secretary) without of my knowledge and consent. One single sentence of my long intervention four months earlier was completely cut out of context and as so it was presented by another ExCom member in its misinterpretation as



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Expulsion of Mr. Patrick as member of the Board/ExCom

The General Assembly may decide to expell Mr. Patrick as member of the association according to both independently §6 (number 4) of the Statutes and §3 (letter c) of the Regulation 10 of the legal framework by voting in favour of this proposal.

Reasons:

The aforementioned member of the association has demonstrated repeatedly and over a duration of about two years in a continuous manner harming the interests of the association.

Examples were the following:

- **unlawfully expelling** a member from the association (including: without giving the member opportunity to defend against the invalid decision before)
- **unlawfully amending the statutes** of the association
- **unlawfully recording the voices** of members during an Assembly without having neither informed them nor received the consent for doing so, which is a **criminal act** not only under Dutch law and the General Data Protection Regulation by the European Union
- against the statutes intentionally **abusing power of hierarchical position** in extending the own mandate as President clearly beyond the set limit of duration
- invalidly selecting a coordinator **against the articles of association**
- intentionally **withholding an application** by a member from the entire ExCom
- **discrimination** of members based on specific heritage by excluding them from activity

The shown actions of gross misconduct are serious enough to merit expulsion from the association and are not to be tolerated by the members and thus the General Assembly.



Dischargement of Mr. Patrick as member of the Board/ExCom

The General Assembly may decide to discharge Mr. Patrick as member of the Board/ExCom of the association according to both independently §6 (number 4) of the Statutes and §3 (letter c) of the Regulation 10 of the legal framework by voting in favour of this proposal.

Reasons:

The aforementioned member of the association has demonstrated repeatedly and over a duration of about two years in a continuous manner harming the interests of the association.

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The shown actions of gross misconduct are serious enough to merit at least discharge-ment from the leading position as President at the very top of the association and are not to be tolerated by the members and thus the General Assembly



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Dischagement of Paola Navarro Villa as member of the Board/ExCom

The General Assembly may decide to discharge Paola Navarro Villa as member of the Board/ExCom of the association according to both independently §6 (number 4) of the Statutes and §3 (letter c) of the Regulation 10 of the legal framework by voting in favour of this proposal.

General Assembly Part 2: May 22, 2021

Motions submitted for General Assembly Part 2 will be added here by April 22, 2021.