

NFOG Board propose Amendment of Statutes at General Assembly 2021.

NFOG Board propose amendments in the current NFOG statutes §3.1 and §5.1 on the NFOG General assembly June 16, 2021.

The current statutes §3.1:

Each national member society shall pay the Federation an annual fee, based on the number of **non-superannuated registered members of the society.**

The Board propose §3.1 of the statutes to be revised to the following:

Each national member society shall pay the Federation an annual fee, based on the number of **non-retired registered members of the society.**

The argument of revising §3.1 of the statutes:

The Board has during several meetings discussed the definition and meaning of non-superannuated registered members. Therefore, The Board believes the term non-retired is easier to understand, with a reduced risk of misinterpretation.

The current statutes §5.1:

Each national member society shall possess a number of votes, proportional to the number of its members, according to the following table:

<i>Number of registered members</i>	<i>Number of votes</i>
-100	1
101- 300	2
301 -500	3
501 -900	4
901 -	5

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Each national member society shall possess a number of votes, proportional to the number of its members, according to the following table:

<i>Number of registered members</i>	<i>Number of votes</i>
-100	1
101- 500	2
501 -750	3
751 – 1000	4
1001 - 1250	5
1251- 1500	6
1501 -	7

The argument of revising §5.1 of the statutes:

The Board has on several occasions discussed a more reasonable calculation of the proportional votes during the general assembly, based upon the actual number of members of

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each national society. The Board has received a specific proposal from SFOG. This is identical proposal above, supported by the Board.

NFOG has already proportional votes within the statutes. Therefore, the proposed amendment of the statutes, do not change any principles within NFOG. The board finds this proposed amendment to be more reasonable in calculation of the votes during the General Assembly. Currently, SFOG has twice as many members, compared to NGF, DSOG and SGY, respectively. According to the current statutes, SFOG contributes with a significantly higher membership fee compared to all other national societies, without gaining additional votes during the general assembly.

The representatives from the all the national societies within the Board supported the proposal from SFOG. The Board believes the proposal will not cause a significantly alteration in the balance of power within the association. In all important NFOG matter, the society has a Nordic tradition to find unanimous decisions during board meetings and the General assembly. Consequently, the proportional votes in the general assembly have a more symbolic, rather than a practical consequence.

The board informs of inaccurate formalities regarding amendment of statutes.

According to NFOG Statutes §9, a proposal for the amendment of the current statutes shall be in the hands of the Board not later than three months before the General Assembly at which it is proposed that such an amendment should be resolved. In addition, the proposal for amendment of current statutes shall be appended to the notice to attend the General Assembly, together with the Board's statement.

The Board is obliged to inform that the proposals for amendment of statutes at the General Assembly 2021 was received later than the three-month rule. Accordingly, the General Assembly is entitled to decide not to handle or amend the statutes, due to irregular formalities in this matter.

On the other hand, all national societies of NFOG are unanimous in favor of the proposed amendments of statutes. Furthermore, an extraordinary general assembly can be held after three months to deal with this matter. Therefore, the Board finds the incorrect formalities not sufficient to reject that the proposed amendment of statutes to be handled at the NFOG General Assembly June 16, 2021. Consequently, the Board asks the General assembly to decide if the proposed amendment of statutes shall be accepted and voted upon.

On behalf of NFOG Board

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