

EUROPEAN FOLK NETWORK

INTERNAL REGULATIONS: ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

1. The legal position

Article 7 of the EFN legal constitution states:

Governance of the association is by the Board of Directors, composed of a minimum of three members.

The members of the Board of Directors are appointed by the General Meeting. Their terms of office and length of service are determined by the Internal Regulations agreed by the members and currently in force.

Article 8 states:

The Board of Directors elects a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer from among its members. The Chair convenes and chairs the meetings.

Article 9 states:

The Board of Directors determines the initial Internal Regulations that it deems necessary. Subsequent changes or amendments can be proposed by members of the Board of Directors at the General Meeting and shall be decided upon by a majority vote of those present at the General Meeting.

2. Proposed Internal Regulations

Board membership

The Board of Directors shall be composed of a minimum of three and a maximum of nine members.

Board elections

Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the subscribing members at the General Meeting for a term of three years and can stand for election again after that term but can only serve a maximum of three terms.

Board rotation

At each annual General Meeting of the subscribing members one-third of the Board of Directors shall retire from office. If the number of Board members is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office.

The Board members to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any Board members were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot.

The first election

At the first General Meeting of the members at which these Internal Regulations are adopted, all members of the founding Board of Directors shall retire from office and an election shall be held, in which the members of the founding Board of Directors shall be eligible to stand.

After this first election, the elected Board members shall begin the process of rotation by one-third by deciding amongst themselves which of them should serve an initial term of one, two and three years. This process may also be decided by drawing lots.

Co-option

At any time during the year the Board may decide to appoint a Board member by co-option, to replace a Board member who has retired or add a member to the Board, providing the total number of Board members does not then exceed the maximum of 9.

Board members who have been co-opted during the year must retire at the next General Meeting but will be eligible to stand for election at that meeting. The retirement of a co-opted Board member shall not count towards the determination of which Board members should retire by rotation at that meeting.

Procedure

A call for candidates for election shall be issued before each General Meeting at which an election is to be held. Members wishing to stand for election can nominate themselves by submitting a statement of their candidacy to the Administrator via info@europeanfolknetwork.com no later than 23 days in advance of the date of the election. The Administrator shall issue notification of the candidates and their statements to all EFN voting members no later than 21 days in advance of the election date.

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