

(Proposal made by Noureddine Tabbane FIDE General Secretary)

To change FIDE Electoral Regulations

(Chapter 04 of FIDE Statutes)

1. Election for the offices of President, Deputy President, (4) Vice Presidents, General Secretary and Treasurer shall each be made individually in the order as stated herein.
2. A candidate may be nominated on Nomination Day for as many offices as he wishes. Once elected, nominations for the remaining posts shall be withdrawn.
3. All candidates for these eight (8) offices will have the same privileges :
 - a) Each candidate is entitled to appoint one observer for the counting of the ballots.
 - b) If defeated each candidate may accept nomination for the office of Continental President.

Reasons :

A/ Since 2002 Bled General Assembly Presidential Board consists of 17 persons :

8 persons elected by FIDE General Assembly

The President
The Deputy-President
4 elected Vice- Presidents
The General Secretary
The Treasurer

4 persons elected by Continental General Assembly

4 Continental Presidents

4 persons nominated by the FIDE President

2 Vice-Presidents
2 Honorary Vice-Presidents

and The Honorary – President

The addition of three (3) new Vice-presidents requires the definition of the electoral regulations relating to their election.

Will they be elected on a purely individual basis or will they be part of the presidential ticket?

B/ The increase of the number of the offices elected by the General Assembly, from 5 to 8, will certainly make the constitution of several tickets harder

C/ It has become a known fact that for Ticket Elections, the period up to the Election Day was unproductive due to candidates spending their time and energy on politicking rather than service to FIDE and the chess world.

Individual Elections allow delegates to vote for the best candidates which present the most competence to serve FIDE.

Good candidates who dislike politicizing are encouraged to come forward to serve FIDE as individual candidates.

D/ Ticket Elections do not permit to a good candidate from being nominated on more than one ticket. It forces politicizing which had been unhealthy in FIDE for several years.

Ticket elections obliges the candidates to choose a team. They politicise obligatorily the candidatures and concretise the reign of the candidates to FIDE Presidency. A good candidate must be selected according to his personal qualities and not because of his team membership.

E/ There may be more than one good Presidential candidate but because of Ticket Elections, only one candidate prevails.
Thus FIDE loses the services of the other candidates who wish to be useful without being implied in the political quarrels..

F/ The individual election is more democratic. It allows the election of the candidates according to the General Assembly choice's.

The acceptance of this proposal needs the change of the five (5) articles 1, 3, 5, 6 and 11 as follow :

Actual articles 1, 3, 5, 6 and 11:

Article 1:

Nominations for the offices of President, Deputy President, Vice President, General Secretary, Treasurer and Continental Presidents must reach the FIDE Secretariat at least three months before the opening of the General Assembly. To be elected, each candidate shall be nominated by his federation. He should have been a member of his federation at least one year before the General Assembly.

Article 3:

All nominations for the offices of President, Deputy President, Vice President, General Secretary or Treasurer shall specify the proposed holders of all those offices on one combined ticket

Article 5:

The elections for the offices of President, Deputy President, Vice President, General Secretary and Treasurer shall be held prior to the other elections. (GA '95)

Article 6:

A defeated candidate for the offices of President or Deputy President may accept nomination for the offices of Continental President immediately following the election.

Article 11:

Each Presidential candidate is entitled to appoint one observer for the counting of the ballots. (GA '93)

Proposal for New articles 1, 3, 5, 6 and 11 from Chapter 04 : Electoral regulations

New Article 1:

Nominations for the offices of President, Deputy President, (4) Vice Presidents, General Secretary, Treasurer and Continental Presidents must reach the FIDE Secretariat at least three months before the opening of the General Assembly. To be elected, each candidate shall be nominated by his federation. He should have been a member of his federation at least one year before the General Assembly.

New Article 3:

For the offices of President, Deputy President, (4) Vice Presidents, General Secretary or Treasurer a candidate may be nominated, on Nomination Day for as many offices as he wishes. Once elected, his nominations for the remaining posts shall be withdrawn.

New Article 5:

Election for the offices of President, Deputy President, (4) Vice Presidents, General Secretary and Treasurer shall be held prior to the other election and shall each be made individually in the order as stated herein.

New Article 6:

A defeated candidate for the offices of President, Deputy President, (4) Vice Presidents, General Secretary and Treasurer may accept nomination for the offices of Continental President immediately following the election.

New Article 11:

Each candidate is entitled to appoint one observer for the counting of the ballots.