

Proposal to improve FIDE functioning

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In order to improve the functioning of FIDE, the following proposals are suggested. These will make the decision making process more transparent as well as making it more efficient. They will also give members quick access to the decisions of the governing bodies of FIDE, and increase the accountability of these bodies to the member federations.

These proposals will supersede the following statutes:

Chapter 4 Art. 4.12

The President shall send the minutes of the **General Assembly** to the members and the FIDE officials and organizations at the latest three months after the closing of the General Assembly. The President shall send the participants the complete agenda and the relevant documents at the latest six weeks prior to the opening of the General Assembly.

Chapter 5 Art. 5.5

The Agenda of the meetings of the **Executive Board** and the summary of decisions at the meetings, shall be published by the FIDE Secretariat on the official FIDE web-site. (GA 98)

Chapter 7 Art. 7.4

The Agenda of the meetings of the **Presidential Board** and the summary of decisions at the meetings, shall be published by the FIDE Secretariat on the official FIDE web-site. (GA 98)

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1 - Preparation of meetings

For the GA and the EB meetings, **the agenda, as well as all the relevant documents,** shall reach the members of the GA or the EB at least eight weeks (the Statutes currently provide for six weeks) before the meeting (or be published on the official website of Fide). No item may be discussed if it is not included in the agenda and accompanied by documents. **No other item may be discussed except in an emergency situation whose evidence must be established and with the approval by a 2/3 vote of those present, including proxies**

For the PB meetings, **the agenda, as well as the relevant documents,** shall reach the members of the PB at least four weeks before the meeting (or be published on the official website of Fide). **Any other item will be banned from discussion, except in an emergency situation whose evidence must be clearly established and is approved by a 2/3 vote of those present.**

2 - Reports to the GA and the EB

All reports (including those of the President and the Continental Presidents) shall be considered as documents for the GA, the EB or the PB to examine and discuss. They all **shall be written** and shall reach (or be published on the FIDE website) the members of the GA or EB in due time as mentioned above.

Commission's draft reports shall also reach the members of the GA or EB at least three months before the meeting. They will be considered as **final** when examined at the Commission's meeting during the session of the GA or the EB.

The same shall apply to reports made by the Commissions to the PB. However the time limit shall be shortened to one month.

3 - Action items

Moreover, **every task, every assignment, whatever the purpose and the assigned person, shall be followed by a written report** and submitted to the Secretariat **within one month after execution.** It will be considered as a relevant document for reimbursement of costs when applicable.

4 - Decisions

All decisions taken by the GA, EB or PB will be given an alpha-numeric designation. This will allow FIDE members to know which body made the decision, and when the decision was made. For instance a decision taken by the first PB in 2008 would have the designation PB-1/08/item. A decision taken by the GA in November 2008 would have the designation of GA-/08/item.

Decisions taken by the governing bodies of FIDE shall appear on the FIDE website within one week of their approval by relevant body.

5- Minutes

Before any GA, EB or PB meeting is closed; a summary of all the decisions taken shall be made and formally approved.

This summary shall be published in the Fide website no later than one week after the meeting is closed.

The complete transcript of a GA or EB meeting shall be prepared and circulated to all concerned within one month after its conclusion. Members of the meeting will have one month to suggest corrections and make comments on the draft transcript. The final minutes shall be published no later than three months after a meeting is closed.

The complete transcript of a PB meeting shall be prepared and circulated to all concerned within one week after its conclusion. Members of the meeting shall have one week to suggest corrections and make comments on the draft transcript. The final minutes shall be made public no later than one month after a meeting is closed.