

Revising and Updating the Articles of Association (Überarbeitung und Aktualisierung der Vereinsstatuten)

Consultation Round 1: Call for Proposals

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Over the past two decades, the Swiss LSE Alumni Association (SLSEAA) has evolved from a small club into a large national membership organization with a diverse program of activities and events and a sizable portfolio of benefits and services geared towards LSE alumnae and alumni. Our Articles of Association, however, have remained unchanged since 2001.

A few constitutional amendments have been proposed by members over the years. As any require the support of a three-fourths majority of all Ordinary Members, they cannot be easily effected.

We take the start of our third decade as an opportunity to make all the desired changes in one large revision of our Articles of Association. Before the postal ballot, members will be consulted repeatedly, starting with this first overview of some of the already proposed changes as a call for your own proposals and comments.

Language

What? Switch the Articles of Association document from English to a national language accompanied by an English translation

Why? Aid communication and satisfy new legal needs

Interaction with ...	English:	National language with English translation:
LSE alumnae and alumni	😊	😊
Swiss corporate partners	😐	😊
Swiss private institutions	😐	😊
Swiss government agencies	😞😞😞😞	😊

Purpose

What? Update the Association's purpose statement

Why? Reflect the current Association

	Current:	New:
Point of contact	X	rephrase for Internet age
Strengthen network	X	X
Assist School	X	X
Enhance visibility	X	X
Organize activities and events		specified separately
Offer benefits and services		specified separately
Support the scholarship foundation		specified separately

Democracy

What? Introduce General Meeting voting by postal ballot, additional voting methods

	Current:	New:
In person	Yes	Yes
By postal ballot	No	Yes
By e-vote	No	Yes
By proxy	No	Yes

Why? Participate in democratic decision-making even if you cannot attend a General Meeting

Membership

What? Changes to how membership starts and ends

	Current:	New:
Start of membership	by application	by application and election by the Officers
End of membership	through resignation	
	by expulsion	
	at death	
		by expiration upon non-payment of dues

Why? Further decrease the incidence of the membership-at-large having to cover dues left unpaid by individual members

Officers

What? Introduce lines of succession

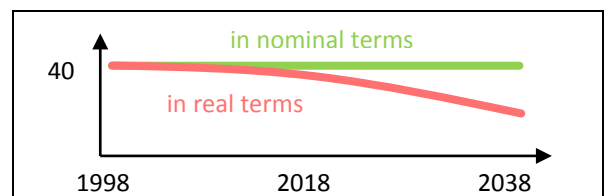
	Current:	New:
Become an Officer ...		
by election	X	X
through the line of succession		X

Why? Avoid that a critical Officer position remains vacant upon resignation, removal, incapacitation or death of the incumbent or from the lack of candidates for election

Dues

What? Adjust the annual dues

Why? Compensate for inflation



Your Proposals and Comments

Would you like to see a provision amended, added or removed from the Articles of Association?

Do you have other input you would like the Officers to address?

Submit your proposals and comments to:

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