

MILSET STATUTES & INTERNAL RULES – MODIFICATIONS

REVIEW PROCESS

- The MILSET Executive Committee gave a mandate to Carole Charlebois to completely review the Statutes and the Internal Rules, to consult with similar organizations and to modernize our governance process.
- Main important targets proposed by the MILSET Executive Committee: removal of the Board of Directors; process to insure the continuity and at the same time to insure the recruitment of new Executive Committee members with different expertise; the review of the membership process.
- Both Statutes and Internal Rules modifications were first unanimously approved by the MILSET Executive Committee and proposed to the MILSET Board of Directors.
- New modifications were added to better address differences in management and governance in the regions.
- Both documents were approved by the MILSET Board of Directors.
- Next step: Ratification of the modifications to the Statutes at the MILSET General Assembly in September 2019.
- The Internal Rules will be in force only after the ratification of the revised Statutes and they do not require to be approved by the General Assembly; if modifications are proposed and approved to the Statutes during the General Assembly, the Internal Rules could be modified if needed.

MAIN MODIFICATIONS – STATUTES & INTERNAL RULES

General

- Quite a large number of modifications' proposals are related to duplication between the 2 documents, or articles which needed to be transferred from one to the other.

Board of Directors

- Modification to the governance structure: Removal of the Board of Directors.

Executive Committee

- Composed of 7 to 9 members, including the President who is appointed; no more official representatives from the Regional Offices; candidates nominated from each of the MILSET geographical regions.
- Criteria for the recruitment of candidates.

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- Nominating Committee to recruit candidates to the election of Directors to seat on the Executive Committee; proposal to be presented, for vote, at the General Assembly.
- Composition of the Nominating Committee: 2 members from the Executive Committee; representatives from 3 member organisations; all regions represented; members of the committee not eligible for election.
- Election – Voting process; during the General Assembly.
- Directors will be eligible to maintain office for a maximum of 8 years, as measured from the 2017 General Assembly; would be eligible to return after being absent for 2 years
- The article 9.0 of the Statutes will be implemented over a 2-year transition period. The existing EC members will continue their mandate during that period.
- The next election will be held during the 2021 General Assembly.

Standing Committees and Special Committees

- Possibility for the Executive Committee to put in place Standing Committees to consider and recommend actions and to propose policies in the functional areas under their mandate.
- Example of future possible Standing Committees: one regrouping the presidents (or their representatives) of all regional offices; one regrouping youth representatives from each region.
- Special Committees (temporary mandate): mandate and composition to be defined by the EC.

Membership

- Only one class of membership.
- The Regional Offices shall have the authority to decide the types of organisations allowed as candidates for memberships.
- National and Regional organisations are preferred as members.
- Local organisation should be an exception and a process is defined.
- Approval of new members by the Regional Offices must be ratified by the MILSET Executive Committee.
- Abide to MILSET Statutes, Internal Rules, Policies and Programs Standards.
- If a membership fee remains unpaid 2 years after the issue of the invoice, the member shall be suspended till he pay back the due fees;
- Associate organisations definition would be maintained: Candidates during the preliminary phase of an application of membership and Organisations having an interest in MILSET, but not as member

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Regional Offices

- Statutes and Internal Rules consistent with MILSET ones.
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