

## Council proposal to the General Assembly to change FIG Statutes and Internal Rules in regard to the voting of Commission Chairs Elects

FIG Internal Rules state:

*11.8 The election of chair-elect shall be decided by a vote of the General Assembly at the meeting which takes place two years prior to the General Assembly at which chairs are elected.*

According to the internal rules elections for Commission Chairs Elects should take place at the General Assembly in 2024. This is 2 years prior to the elections as Chair which will take place in 2026 with official start of their term of office on 1.1.2027.

During the past two FIG terms the election of commission chairs elects have been postponed for various reasons.

- The election that should have taken place in 2016 was postponed to 2018 due to a Task Force on the future structure of the commissions. This means that the chairs who were elected in 2018 for a 4 year term expiring in 2022 were never chairs-elects.
- The next chair-elect election should have taken place in 2020 – however because the Working Week was postponed due to the COVID19 pandemic, the current chairs were elected “chairs elects” in 2021, thereby giving them 18 months to organise before their term of office as chair started on 1.1.2023.

The current chairs have discussed succession planning and have found it difficult to consider this shortly after their own start and while they were still preparing their 4-year Work Plan. FIG Council has been attentive to this and has decided to postpone the election to FIG Working Week 2025 in Brisbane, Australia.

It is now the third time that an exception has been made. Even though there have been good reasons for each of the exceptions, it is not optimal to continuously not follow the statutes. This has brought Council to consider whether there is a need for a permanent change of statutes and internal rules.

There can be several good reasons for this, among others:

- Time has changed – being a chair elect for 2½ years (with several years before to get into the work of a commission) and hereafter chair for 4 years are many years to commit to, and today this might be more difficult, hence it might be good to cut down the term with one year.
- Having elections in year two of a term means that the chairs need to think of their succession planning already in their first year as chair. This can be challenging. Postponing the election one year would give the chairs two Working Weeks to include interested persons in the commissions and find potential candidates.
- In year 2 there is already one election taking place – for two Vice Presidents. Separating these two elections of Vice Chairs and Chairs Elects might give better time in the General Assembly to focus on the potential Vice President Candidates.
- Moving the election of the Commission Chairs Elects will bring in extra excitement in the General Assembly in year 3.

Hence, Council would like to propose to the General Assembly to consider a change of FIG Statutes and Internal Rules that the election of Commission Chairs elects will take place in year 3 of the term instead of year 2.

This would mean a change in the Internal rules to:

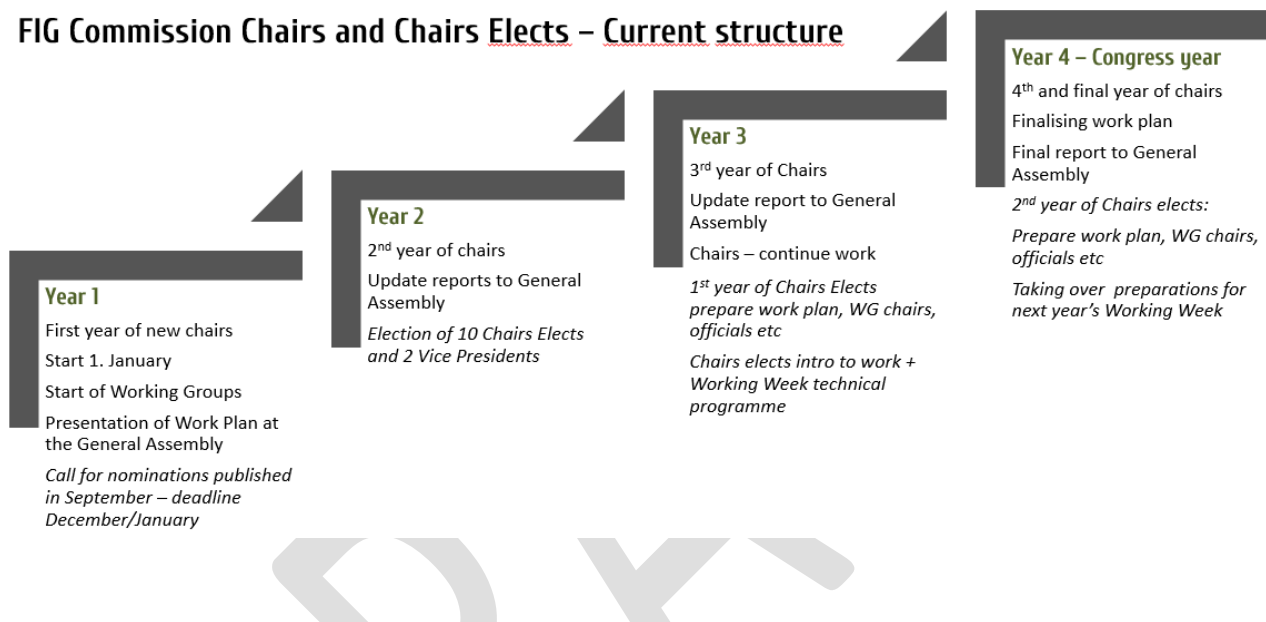
11.8 The election of chair-elect shall be decided by a vote of the General Assembly at the meeting which takes place ~~two years~~ **one year** prior to the General Assembly at which chairs are elected.

If actioned, this will be subject to a General Assembly vote at the General Assembly in 2025.

Below, a schematic illustrates the current timeline to elect chair-elects, as embodied in the Statutes, and an alternative timeline for the election process.

### Appendix: Schematic Overview of current and proposed new structure

#### FIG Commission Chairs and Chairs Elects – Current structure



#### FIG Commission Chairs and Chairs Elects – Alternative structure

