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Proposed amendments to By-laws by Executive Board

Three amendments to the By-laws are proposed as follows.

1. With regard to the IAWE Awards

Current IAWE Bylaws provides that:

18.1 Senior Awards and Junior Awards may be awarded at each International Conference, in accordance with policies laid down by the General Assembly.

The Executive Board thinks it is better to award one or two senior and junior researchers each annually rather than every four years for the following reasons.

- 1) The function of the Awards is not limited to prompting the activities of the wind engineering community: it also provides good chances to promote Wind Engineering and the Association itself to the world. At this point, awarding every four years implies that we waste the opportunity to promote ourselves three times every four years. It seems reasonable to award annually as is done many other international associations.
- 2) In current IAWE Awards policies, the junior awardees should be younger than 40 years. This seems really unfair to some young researchers: those who are under 40 at a particular conference would be eligible for an award, but those who turn 40 during the following four years would be ineligible at the next conference. However, young researchers may develop very fast within this age range. This problem will be solved if the awards are awarded annually.
- 3) IAWE has official conferences every year, so it is possible to have an award ceremony, if necessary, every year.

Thus, the Executive Board proposes to amend Art 18 as follows:

Art. 18 AWARDS

18.1 Senior Awards and Junior Awards may be awarded annually at one of the following events: ICWE or BBAA or Regional Conferences or CWE, in accordance with policies laid down by the General Assembly.

18.2 In agreement with the policies laid down by the General Assembly, the Executive Board is vested with the responsibility of carrying out the procedures and the operations aimed at the conferment of the IAWE Awards.

Accordingly, the IAWE Awards Policy is modified.

2. On the terminology of “Individual Supporting Member”

Currently, IAWE has three kinds of memberships: Member Organisations, Corporate Supporting

Members and Individual Supporting Members. Art 4.15 defines that, individuals, in particular those belonging to countries that do not have a Member Organisation, may be Supporting Members of the Association.

However, it is not necessary to financially support IAWE's activity to become an "Individual Supporting Member". Since there is no financial issue with regard to an Individual Supporting Member, the Executive Board suggests using the name Individual Associate Member rather than Individual Supporting Member, in order to avoid any misunderstandings.

Thus, the Executive Board proposes to amend the Bylaws by changing "Individual Supporting Member" to "Individual Associate Member".

3. On the member of the Executive Board

The Executive Board thinks it is reasonable to include the immediate past Chair of the International Conference into the Executive Board in order to transfer the experience of organizing the conference. Thus, the Executive Board proposes to amend Art 12 as follows:

Art. 12 EXECUTIVE BOARD

12.1 The Executive Board consists of the following members:

- (a) the President;
- (b) the Immediate Past President;
- (c) the Chair of the International Conference;
- (d) the three Regional Co-ordinators;
- (e) the three Regional Representatives;
- (f) the Chair of the CWE Symposium;
- (g) the Chair of the BBAA Colloquium;
- (h) the Secretary General; and
- (i) Consultative Members co-opted by the President, namely:
 - (i.1) the Editor of the Official Journal of the Association;
 - (i.2) the Chairs of the Regional Conferences;
 - (i.3) the immediate past Chair of the International Conference; and
 - (i.4) suitably qualified persons.