

The Board are proposing changes to the current regulations to allow for flexibility to appoint (ex Officio) Vice presidents and related changes

Background

Following introduction of the Class Structure and with an increased level of activity [Regional Hubs, Policy advice collaboration]: the Board have agreed that the President should have the flexibility to appoint a Vice president(s) directly, to assist the Presidency in the discharge of their responsibilities.

The Articles of Association (our principle legal framework) define Vice Presidents as “Officers” of the Academy. Also, the Articles set out; that such “Officers” are to be elected by the members in General Meeting from a list proposed by the Council according to provisions described in the regulations.

The Articles delegate the defining of the number of Vice presidents to the Regulations.

This precludes the Board from appointing or otherwise co-opting and/or designating members as Vice presidents, other than through an extensive election process. This limits flexibility of response to developments within the AE.

Therefore, the Board wish to amend the current position. The intention is to retain elected Vice Presidents (officio) as now, but additionally to have the flexibility to appoint *ex officio* Vice presidents to take up specific roles and functions in support of a President, only for the duration of their period of office.

Therefore, in order to facilitate such flexibility and to avoid the delays associated with the need for elections of all VPs by an AGM and to allow an incumbent President the scope to appoint their own *ex officio* VP(s):

The Board propose changes to Regulations, that would allow the Board to determine the number of Vice Presidents (ex officio) and to either co-opt new or designate serving Trustees as Vice President (ex officio) that are linked to the term of the President. Elected Vice President(s) remain unaffected.

The Rationale for the changes: *To increase responsiveness to demands and changes in circumstances and to allow the President some flexibility to appoint specific Vice president(s) for the duration of their term.*

THE BOARD RECOMMEND THAT THE AGM ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION

Resolution: The members present and voting do adopt the changes to the Regulations (2009) of the Academia Europaea as set out below (*new wording in BOLD italics*).

Section 7 Vice Presidents

Paragraph 1. “There should be such number of Vice President(s), being not less than one, as may be determined from time to time by the **BOARD**. ~~individual members in a general meeting.~~”

Paragraph 2. “**A President may, after consultation with the Council and with the approval of the Board, co-opt member(s) to the Board, and/or designate the same, or serving Trustee(s) as ‘Vice president(s) ex officio’, to assist in the discharge of their Presidency, providing that the number of Trustees does not exceed the number as set out in the Articles of Association. The designation of Vice president ex officio, shall automatically cease with the ending of the term of the appointing President and shall be non-renewable. Excepting, that the term of any extant co-option or election/appointment as a Trustee shall continue to the end of the term of co-option as otherwise determined.** Vice President(s) **(other than ex officio)** shall be elected..... . A retiring Vice president **(other than ex officio)** shall be eligible..... .

Section 9. The Board

Paragraph 1. “The Board shall consist of the elected officers (...) and not less than three and not more than six members of the Council. **The Board shall determine the number of Council appointed Trustees.** Board members drawn from the Council..... . The Board may **at its discretion** recommend to co-opt not more than four additional members to the Board for specific purposes, **up to the maximum number of Trustees as allowed in the Articles of Association.”**