



ILGA OCEANIA
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM



PROPOSAL NAME: AREMOVAL OF THE ALTERNATES

Proposer: ILGA Oceania Board

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A) PREAMBLE – A brief procedural history of the proposal itself. (optional)

At the 2023 ILGA World Conference [Monday – Friday, 2-6 May 2022, Los Angeles (California, United States)] the ILGA World Board proposed to remove all the alternate positions in the ILGA World Constitution and leave the decision as to who will replace the departing ILGA region’s representative to the mechanisms of each ILGA region’s rules.

B) PURPOSE – A short summary of what the proposal intends.

This proposal intends to remove the alternate positions from the ILGA Oceania constitution.

C) BACKGROUND – A background of the issues surrounding the proposal itself.

There is no reason for the ILGA Oceania constitution to elect its own ILGA Oceania alternative co-chairs, if the ILGA World constitution no longer operates using these positions. Since the ILGA World board backed ILGA World conference proposal [Monday – Friday, 2-6 May 2022, Los Angeles (California, United States)] removes this position from the ILGA World constitution, leaving it up to the replacement to be elected by the region according to their procedures, then the ILGA Oceania constitution needs to be amended to reflect this reform.

The removal of the two Co-Chair’s alternate positions means that the ILGA Oceania board is reduced by two positions, making the ILGA Oceania board more manageable and quorum easier to obtain for ILGA Oceania board meetings.

D) CHANGES – State the change you are desiring to make.

Documentary changes: **Green** for any additions and **Red** for any deletions.

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PART 1 - Preliminary

1. *Definitions*

(1) *In this Constitution:*

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'Senior Executive' means the Co-Convenors, ~~Alternates~~, Secretary, and Treasurer.

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16. Composition and Membership of the Executive Board

(1) The total number of Executive Board members is to be **14**, consisting of the following positions:

Senior Executive

- (a) two (2) Co-Convenors, at least one of whom identifies as a woman;
- (b) ~~two (2) Alternates, at least one of whom identifies as a woman;~~
- ~~(e)~~ one (1) Secretary;
- ~~(d)~~ (c) one (1) Treasurer;

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(7) No delegate can exchange the position they hold with another position (either held by a delegate on the Executive Board or a vacant position) unless the procedures for filling a casual vacancy are followed (including advertising any vacant position to all full members of ILGA Oceania). ~~The exception is the alternate position, which automatically fills the corresponding convenor position when that convenor position is vacated.~~

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17. Election of the Executive Board

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Convenor/~~Alternate~~ Election

(7) If the initial election for the female convenor position does not elect a candidate that is indigenous, then the election of the second convenor position must only be amongst indigenous candidates. ~~Likewise, when conducting the elections for the alternate positions, one of those positions must end up being held by an indigenous candidate.~~

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18 Co-Convenors ~~and Alternates~~

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(2) ~~The alternates shall, unless the Executive board directs otherwise, perform the following functions:-~~

- ~~(a) represent the Oceania region on the ILGA World Executive Board, if a co-convenor cannot attend.~~
- ~~(b) prepare, or assist in preparing, a report on the regional progress for the ILGA World Executive Board, for the ILGA World Executive Board meeting they attend.~~

~~(3)~~ In the event that a co-convenor cannot attend a meeting of the Executive Board, the Executive Board the co-convenor concerned, in coordination with the ILGA World Secretary Generals, must facilitate one of the existing Executive Board members alternates to take that exiting co-chairs their place, keeping in mind that out of the ILGA Oceania delegates sent to attend an ILGA World Executive board meeting, one must identify as a woman.

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25. Executive Board Meetings and Quorum

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(9) At a meeting of the Executive Board, in the absence of both Co-Chairs, one of the remaining members of the Executive Board as may be chosen to preside, by a vote amongst the members present at that Executive Board meeting.

~~At a meeting of the Executive Board:-~~

- ~~(a) a Co-Convenor or, in both Co-Convenors' absence, one of the alternates is to preside; or~~
- ~~(d) In the event one of the alternates is not able to substitute for a given convenor, either one of the Secretary or Treasurer may act as an emergency alternate; or~~
- ~~(e) if the Co-Convenors, Alternates, and the Secretary or Treasurer are absent or unwilling to act, such one of the remaining members of the Executive Board as may be chosen, by the members present at the meeting, to preside;~~