

Current text:

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Proposed revision:

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1. The Conference Planning Committee shall consist of a chair and three additional appointed members, serving for four-year terms with one member selected each year. The chair shall normally be chosen from the members who have already served the first two years of their terms. The Vice-President shall sit as an ex officio member of the Conference Planning Committee with full voting rights, but shall not be eligible to serve as chair.

Rationale:

After almost a decade working under the new constitution, the Executive Committee has come to realize that a closer collaboration between the Executive Committee and the Conference Planning Committee is required to guarantee effective fulfilment of this critical strategic function. Since the Vice-President will be the officer mainly responsible for overseeing the implementation of the decisions made by the Conference Planning Committee, their presence as an *ex officio* member seems like an appropriate way of securing this closer collaboration. In keeping with the spirit of the constitution, we suggest adding an *ex officio* member to the committee's existing structure, rather than replacing one of the appointed members. We thus hope to ensure that the Conference Planning Committee will continue to comprise a broad set of voices and perspectives, and that its work will remain outside the direct purview of the Executive Committee.