

# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MATHEMATICAL GEOSCIENCES 2010 ELECTION



Thank you for your interest in the IAMG 2010 election. The election is now closed. This list of motions is presented for review only. This election was called by the IAMG Council during the IAMG 2009 Annual Meeting but the motions come from the entire membership. The opinions presented below some of the motions are scattered opinions received by the Secretary General and have been included in an attempt to provide a balanced view of the merits and drawbacks of each motion, but they do not represent any official opinion or recommendation.

## DESCRIPTION OF EACH MOTION TO BE VOTED

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**MOTION #1:** Modification to the Statutes, Article 10 (requires 2/3 of the vote).

DELETE: "The Editors-in-Chief and Website Editor are nonvoting members of the Council."

RATIONALE: These Council members are knowledgeable of IAMG affairs and should be allowed to vote.

OPINION IN FAVOR: Editors serve longer and have more experience than other councillors; they already participate in Council discussions and their vote would be valuable; the fact that they are appointed rather than elected makes no difference: the Secretary General is also appointed and does vote.

OPINION AGAINST: Editors are appointed for indefinite terms; they receive compensation for their job, creating the perception that they could align their vote with those who favored their appointment; all editors are now from North America, which biases diversity.

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**MOTION #2:** Modification to the Statutes, Article 11 (requires 2/3 of the vote).

REPLACE: "The Nominating Commission shall report its list of candidates for the **eleven (11) voting** members of Executive and Council as determined by Article 10."

BY: "The Nominating Commission shall report its list of candidates for the **ten (10) elected** members of Executive and Council as determined by Article 10."

RATIONALE: Article 10 specifies 12 voting members of which 10 are elected. The number "11" is incorrect.  
(No opinions)

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**MOTION #3:** Modification to the Statutes, Article 13 (requires 2/3 of the vote).

REPLACE: "The legal domicile of IAMG shall be **the place where the Secretary General conducts business**"

BY: "The legal domicile of IAMG shall be **established and published by the Council and shall remain in effect until the Council changes it**".

RATIONALE: The legal domicile of the IAMG is ambiguous, unpublished, and may change every 4 years.

OPINION IN FAVOR: Something as important as the legal domicile of the IAMG should be more clearly determined and not change with every new Secretary General.

OPINION AGAINST: The Secretary General should just publish the address where he/she "does business" for the IAMG, which need not be his/her place of work and need not change every 4 years.

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**MOTION #4:** Modification to the Bylaws, Article 11 (requires more than 1/2 of the vote).

REPLACE: "a committee, known as the Awards Committee, that consists of **five** members of the Association (**with the President, or a Council Member designated by the President, acting as non-voting member ex officio**)"

BY: "a committee, known as the Awards Committee, that consists of **six** members of the Association (**the chair, four ordinary members, and the President, or a Council Member designated by the President, acting as non-voting member ex officio**)".

RATIONALE: The number of members is ambiguous.  
(No opinions)

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**MOTION #5:** Modification to the Bylaws, Article 18 (requires more than 1/2 of the vote).

REPLACE: "a committee, known as the Publications Committee, that consists of nine members of the Association (**with the President, or a Council Member designated by the President, acting as non-voting member ex officio**), to coordinate matters pertaining to the Association's publications. **The three Editors-in-Chief, the Website Editor and the Editor of the IAMG Monograph Series are standing members of this committee. In addition to the Publications Committee Chair, two other IAMG members shall serve on the committee.**"

BY: "a committee, known as the Publications Committee, that consists of nine members of the Association (**the chair, the three Editors-in-Chief, the Website Editor, the Editor of the IAMG Monograph Series, two other IAMG members, and the President, or a Council Member designated by the President, acting as non-voting member ex**

officio), to co-ordinate matters pertaining to the Association's publications."

RATIONALE: The number of members is ambiguous.  
(No opinions)

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**MOTION #6:** Modification to the Bylaws, Article 19 (requires more than ½ of the vote).

REPLACE: "a committee, known as the Distinguished Lecturer Committee, that consists of **five** members of the Association (**with** the President, or a Council Member designated by the President, acting as a non-voting member ex officio)"

BY: "a committee, known as the Distinguished Lecturer Committee, that consists of that consists of **six** members of the Association (**the chair, four ordinary members, and** the President, or a Council Member designated by the President, acting as non-voting member ex officio)"

RATIONALE: The number of members is ambiguous.  
(No opinions)

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**MOTION #7:** Modification to the Bylaws, Article 20 (requires more than ½ of the vote).

(In reference to the members of the Georges Matheron Lecturer Committee)

DELETE: "The Director of the Ecole des Mines Centre Géostatistiques in Fontainebleau shall serve as non-voting member ex officio of this committee."

RATIONALE: This position no longer exists due to reorganization at the Ecole des Mines.  
(No opinions)

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**MOTION #8:** Modification to the Bylaws, Article 21 (requires more than ½ of the vote).

REPLACE: "a committee, known as the Student **Grants** Committee, that consists of **five (5)** members of the Association (**with** the President, or a Council Member designated by the President, acting as non-voting member ex officio)"

BY: "a committee, known as the Student **Affairs** Committee, that consists of **six** members of the Association (**the chair, four ordinary members, and** the President, or a Council Member designated by the President, acting as non-voting member ex officio)".

RATIONALE: The number of members is ambiguous, and the committee is referred to by two different names. The Council voted to use the name "Student Affairs Committee" in 2009.  
(No opinions)

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**MOTION #9:** Modification to the Bylaws, Article 22 (requires more than ½ of the vote).

REPLACE: "a committee, known as the **Studies** Committee, that consists of **five (5)** members of the Association (with the President, or a Council Member designated by the President, acting as non-voting member ex officio)"

BY: "a committee, known as the **Curriculum Quality** Committee, that consists of **six** members of the Association (**the chair, four ordinary members, and** the President, or a Council Member designated by the President, acting as non-voting member ex officio)".

RATIONALE: The number of members is ambiguous, and the Council authorized the committee's chair to change the name in 2009.  
(No opinions)

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**MOTION #10:** Directive of the General Assembly to the President (requires more than ½ of the vote).

"The General Assembly directs the President to:

- (1) recognize the elected Vicepresident as the Executive Vicepresident referred to in Article 10 of the Statutes, and
- (2) appoint two Council Members to serve as the two other Vicepresidents referred to in Article 10 of the Statutes."

RATIONALE: Article 10 requires 3 Vicepresidents, but only one was elected because the Article was not in effect during the election. This remedies that inconsistency.

OPINION IN FAVOR: The Statutes require three Vicepresidents; by appointing elected Council members to the two vacant positions, the Statutes will be honored without delay and the Council will work more efficiently.

OPINION AGAINST: The Vicepresidents should be elected as such by the entire membership; therefore the positions should remain vacant until the next election.

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