

ILGA Board Proposals - Standing Orders

Proposal No.	Current Wording	Wording proposed by the ILGA Board
BSO1	SO3: Standing Order 3: CHAIRING POOL	<p>Rationale: Currently the Standing Orders call for an “<i>election</i>” of the chairing pool at a meeting held before the first plenary session of the conference, and then “<i>approval</i>” by the conference during the first plenary session.</p> <p>For the Chairing Pool to carry out its tasks effectively, it needs to be selected before the conference in order to plan ahead.</p> <p>It is being proposed that the Executive Board selects the Chairing Pool members, subject to approval by the conference during the first plenary session.</p>
BSO1.1	SO3.3	Insert new SO as SO3.3 and combine with SO3.4.
	A meeting will be held prior to the first plenary session of the conference at which a chairing pool will be elected by simple majority of delegates of full member organisations. This meeting will be coordinated by the Executive Board and the host organisation.	<p>In order to allow the Chairing Pool the possibility to prepare and ensure the smooth running of the conference, the Executive Board will task the Regional Boards to nominate one member each for the chairing pool in accordance with SO3.2. The Executive Board will ensure that the chairing pool reflects the diversity of the membership, and will include persons experienced in chairing or familiar with the Constitution and Standing Orders of ILGA.</p>
BSO1.2	<p>SO3.4 The membership of the chairing pool should reflect the diversity of the membership, including diverse identities, and will include persons experienced in chairing or familiar with the constitution and Standing Orders.</p>	Delete SO3.4 as it is incorporated with SO3.3

BSO1.3	SO3.3 & SO3.5	<p>Currently, SO3.3 and SO3.5 are very similar.</p> <p>Renumber as SO3.4</p>
	<p>SO3.3: A meeting will be held prior to the first plenary session of the conference at which a chairing pool will be elected by simple majority of delegates of full member organisations. This meeting will be coordinated by the Executive Board and the host organisation.</p> <p>SO3.5: The chairing pool will be approved by conference at the first plenary session. Until this time, the conference will be managed by the Executive Board and the host organisation.</p>	<p>The chairing pool as proposed by the Executive Board will be approved by a simple majority of delegates of full member organisations at the first plenary session. Until this time, the conference will be managed by the Executive Board and the host organisation.</p>
BSO1.4	SO3.8	SO3.8 rewording and renumbered to SO3.7
	<p>The chairing pool will select at least one minute taker for each plenary session.</p>	<p>It is the responsibility of the Executive Board to ensure that the decisions of each plenary session are minutes and published in the official languages of ILGA.</p>
BSO1.5	SO3.9	SO3.9 rewording and renumbered to SO3.8
	<p>The chairing pool will decide the order in which proposals, workshop recommendations and other agenda items shall be dealt with at each of the plenary sessions, and present this to the plenary as an 'Order of Business'. The chair will take into account the feelings of the meeting and alter the order of business as they see fit.</p>	<p>The functions of the Chairing Pool, subject to these Standing Orders, shall be to:</p> <p>3.8.1 decide the order in which proposals, workshop recommendations and other agenda items shall be dealt with at each of the plenary sessions (the "order of business"), subject to the approval of Conference;</p> <p>3.8.2 ensure that the Constitution and these Standing Orders (relating to the business of the Conference in session) are observed, and notify the Presiding Conference Chair of any violation that may be brought to the Chairing Pool's notice;</p> <p>3.8.3 select at least two of its members, of which at least one shall be a woman, to chair each of the plenary sessions; [incorporating</p>

		<p>SO3.7]</p> <p>3.8.4 co-ordinate the conduct of elections held during the Conference;</p> <p>3.8.5 carry out such other tasks as may be necessary to give effect to these Standing Orders.</p>
BSO1.6	SO3.7	Delete SO3.7 as it's incorporated with SO3.8
BSO1.7		Renumber section according to approved proposals.
BSO2	SO4 Standing Order 4: WORKSHOPS AND CAUCUSES	<p>Rationale:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is being proposed that “general workshops” be renamed “decision-making workshops” to be understood widely. 2. It is being proposed that “experiential and information” workshops be changed to “Skill-sharing, educational and informational workshops” to better reflect the objectives of ILGA and its members.
BSO2.1	SO4.1	SO4.1
	The main discussion body of an ILGA Conference is the general workshop. Only general workshops may produce recommendations to the Conference.	The main discussion body of the ILGA Conferences is the Decision-Making Workshop, which is the only workshop that can produce recommendations regarding the Constitution, Standing Orders and other governance related issues to the Conference.
BSO2.2	SO4.2	SO4.2 Insert new Standing Order - SO4.2 on Decision-Making Workshops
		<p>Decision-Making Workshops are chaired by a member of the Governance Sub-Committee of the Executive Board.</p> <p>The main functions of these workshops will be to consider the relevant proposals and related amendments (as published in the agenda or otherwise referred to the workshop for</p>

		<p>consideration) and to make recommendations on them to a plenary session.</p> <p>All workshops and caucuses will be chaired by a person acceptable to those present at the workshop or caucus. If no chair is agreed the workshop/caucus may not proceed. The chair of the workshop/caucus will ensure the smooth running of the meeting.</p>
BSO2.3	SO4.2	Reword SO4.2 and renumber to SO4.3
	<p>Apart from the general workshop there are two other types of workshop: the experiential workshop and the information workshop. All these workshops may produce a report to be entered into the conference report. There are also caucuses.</p>	<p>The Conference programme shall also include skill-sharing, educational and informational workshops directly related to the work and development of ILGA and its members. These workshops may report to the Conference for information, but may not submit recommendations directly to a plenary session.</p>
BSO2.4	SO4.3	Reword SO4.3 and renumber to SO4.4
	<p>All workshops and caucuses will be chaired by a person acceptable to those present at the workshop or caucus. If no chair is agreed the workshop/caucus may not proceed. The chair of the workshop/caucus will ensure the smooth running of the meeting.</p>	<p>All decision-making, skill-sharing, educational and informational workshops and caucuses will be chaired by a person or persons acceptable to those present at the workshop or caucus, whose function it will be to ensure the smooth running of the workshop, the appointment of a minute taker and the recording of any recommendations.</p>
BSO2.5	SO4.4	Delete SO4.4
	<p>SO4.4 No workshop or caucus may change its status to a general workshop without giving prior notice of this to the Conference in a plenary session.</p>	
BSO2.6	SO4.5	Amending SO4.5 to reflect proposed renaming of “general

		workshops” and streamlining of functions
	<p><i>General Workshops:</i></p> <p>SO4.5.1 General workshops will appoint a minute-taker for the workshop. If no minute-taker is appointed, the workshop may not report or make recommendations to the Conference.</p> <p>SO4.5.2 General workshops may make recommendations to plenary sessions. Usually recommendations will be agreed upon by consensus; but if this is not possible, then any recommendations must be approved by a simple majority of votes cast for and against by members in the workshop, entitled to vote. Voting totals will be noted in the minutes for the workshop.</p> <p>SO4.5.3 The main discussion on the proposals and amendments that are on the agenda shall take place in general workshops designated for that purpose. The main functions of these workshops will be to consider the relevant proposals and related amendments (as published in the agenda or otherwise referred to the workshop for consideration) and to make recommendations on them to a plenary session.</p> <p>SO4.5.4 Such workshops may recommend the approval or rejection of a proposal and/or amendment, or may recommend adoption subject to specified changes.</p> <p>SO4.5.5 The minute-taker primarily and the Chair are responsible for reporting back to the plenary session the proceedings of the workshop.</p> <p>SO4.5.6 The minute-taker must ensure that the minutes of the meeting are available for circulation within 24 hours of the workshop.</p>	<p>Decision-Making Workshops:</p> <p>SO4.5.1 Decision-Making Workshops will appoint a minute-taker for the workshop. If no minute-taker is appointed, the workshop may not report or make recommendations to the Conference.</p> <p>SO4.5.2 Decision-Making Workshops may make recommendations to plenary sessions. Usually recommendations will be agreed upon by consensus; but if this is not possible, then any recommendations must be approved by a simple majority of votes cast for and against by members in the workshop, entitled to vote. Voting totals will be noted in the minutes for the workshop.</p> <p>SO4.5.3 The main functions of these workshops will be to consider the relevant proposals and related amendments (as published in the agenda or otherwise referred to the workshop for consideration) and to make recommendations on them to a plenary session.</p> <p>SO4.5.4 Such workshops may recommend the approval or rejection of a proposal and/or amendment, or may recommend adoption subject to specified changes.</p> <p>SO4.5.5 [Delete if SO4.5.1 is amended]</p>

		SO4.5.6 The minute-taker must ensure that the minutes of the meeting are available for circulation within 24 hours of the workshop.
BSO2.7	SO4.6: Experiential and Information Workshops	Delete SO4.6
	<p>Experiential and Information Workshops:</p> <p>SO4.6.1 An experiential workshop is a workshop where people share experiences rather than formulate policy. These workshops are intended as discussion and sharing sessions.</p> <p>SO4.6.2 Experiential workshops may appoint a minute-taker only if every member attending the workshop agrees.</p> <p>SO4.6.3 An information workshop will consist of one or more people making presentations to those attending and an ensuing discussion.</p> <p>SO4.6.4 Both types of workshop may make recommendations only to general workshops.</p>	
BSO2.8	SO4.7 Caucus Meetings	Renumber to SO4.6 Proposed wording to clarify function of caucus meeting.
	<p>SO4.7. <i>Caucus Meetings:</i></p> <p>SO4.7.1 Any collective body may meet together to discuss any subject of mutual interest. Such a meeting shall be a caucus.</p> <p>SO4.7.2 A caucus may decide who shall and shall not be allowed to participate. It shall give advance notice of any restrictions on participation.</p> <p>SO4.7.3 The running of these meetings will be wholly determined by those attending the caucus.</p>	SO4.6.1 Any collective body may meet together to discuss any subject of mutual interest. Such a meeting shall be called a caucus meeting

	SO4.7.4 A caucus may make recommendations to, but not to a plenary session.	SO4.6.4 A caucus meeting may include recommendations on proposals on the agenda. However, if it wishes to recommend changes to any proposals on the agenda, any such recommendations shall initially be considered by the Decision-Making Workshop on proposals before being considered by the plenary.
BSO3	SO5 Standing Order 5: PROXY VOTES	Rationale: 1. Rewording to include all Secretariats 2. Clarification of process of proxy votes
	<p>SO5.1 A full member not present at the conference who would otherwise be entitled to vote, and mixed organizations sending a delegation of only women or only members who do not identify as women, may nominate an individual participant or the Women's Secretariat or the Trans Secretariat to exercise by proxy either one or both of its votes.</p> <p>SO5.2 A letter of authority provided by the full member organisation to the nominated representative must be presented before proxy voting cards will be issued.</p> <p>SO5.3 Any individual may exercise up to four (4) proxy votes.</p> <p>SO5.4 The Women's and Trans Secretariats may exercise up to ten (10) proxy votes.</p> <p>SO5.5 The Women's and Trans Secretariats may nominate other individuals to exercise those proxy votes nominated to it, provided the member has agreed to this in advance in writing.</p>	<p>SO5.1 A full member which is not represented at the Conference and which would otherwise be entitled to vote, may nominate a person attending the Conference or one of the Secretariats to exercise by proxy the vote or votes to which the organisation is entitled, in accordance to SO6.</p> <p>SO5.2 The full member organisation must submit the required notification and provide the person or the Secretariat with a letter of authority. The nominated representative must present the letter of authority in order to receive proxy voting cards.</p> <p>SO5.4 The Secretariats may exercise up to ten (10) proxy votes each.</p> <p>SO5.5 The Secretariats may nominate other individuals to exercise those proxy votes nominated to it, provided the member has agreed to this in advance in writing.</p>

<p>BSO4</p>	<p>SO6 Standing Order 6: VOTING</p>	<p>Rationale:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Currently the voting process makes several assumptions about delegates' gender, gender identity, gender expression, as well as their sexual orientation and sexual identities. It also sees these as stand-alone without taking into consideration any other intersecting factors in that person's life, including race and ethnicity, disability, socio-economic contexts, and several other intersections. 2. The current voting process continues to exclude groups / communities that are already marginalised within the LGBTIQ movement, and at ILGA Conferences. 3. This proposal aims to make the voting process more equitable and inclusive, by recognising that trans, intersex, and bisexual people have been underrepresented at ILGA conferences and its decision-making processes. 4. Furthermore, whilst recognising that this does not address all the gaps, this proposal acknowledges the intersections and complexities that delegates and their organisations represent.
<p>BSO4.1</p>	<p>SO6.3 Every full member organization will have two votes, but a mixed organization sending a delegation of only women or only members who do not identify as women, will have only one vote unless it has provided written confirmation that the other group(s) in that organization have approved the delegate(s) exercising both votes. In either case, the women or people who do not identify as women in a mixed organization may instead nominate a proxy in accordance with Standing Orders.</p>	<p>SO6.3 Each full member organisation shall have two votes. In all cases, full member organisations may nominate a proxy in accordance with the Standing Orders.</p>
<p>BSO5</p>	<p>SO7 Standing Order 7: ELECTIONS</p>	<p>Rationale: Inclusion of SO about nomination process and clarification of election process, following section C7 of the Constitution.</p> <p>Inclusion of new section SO7.1 Election of Secretaries General and Secretariats; renumber accordingly</p>

BSO5.1		<p><i>SO7.1 Election of Secretaries General, Secretariats and Alternates</i></p> <p>SO 7.1.1 Nominations for candidates for election to the Executive Board may be submitted by full member organisations in accordance with the Constitution. All candidates must be members of a full membership organisation at the time of their nomination. Candidates can be nominated by another organisation than they are members of.</p> <p>SO7.1.2 The deadline for the receipt of nominations shall be the same as the deadline for the submission of amendments and shall be included in the timetable published under Standing Order 2.</p> <p>SO7.1.3 A list of all such nominations received shall be sent to full members with the final agenda.</p>
BSO5.2	SO7.1 The Chairing Pool will be responsible for coordinating the election of the Secretaries General, and the Women's, Trans, Intersex and Bi Secretariats.	SO7.2 The Chairing Pool will be responsible for coordinating the election of the Secretaries General, and all the Secretariats.
BSO5.3	SO7.3.2 If there are more than two candidates, there will be two rounds of voting. At the close of the first round the two candidates with the highest number of votes will stand in a second round in which the election will be decided by a simple majority of those voting for one or the other	<p>SO7.4.2 If there are more than two candidates, there will be two rounds of voting, unless one candidate gets more than 50% in the first round.</p> <p>If no candidate gets more than 50% in the first round, the two candidates with the highest number of votes will stand in a second round in which the election will be decided by a simple majority of those voting for one or the other.</p>
BSO6	SO8 Standing Order 8: CONFERENCE PROCEDURE	Reword to refer to all Secretariats
	SO8.1.1 Full members, the Women's, Trans, Intersex and Bi-sexual Secretariats, Regional Executive Boards	SO8.1.1 Full members, the Secretariats , Regional Executive Boards and the Board may submit proposals or amendments on

	and the Board may submit proposals or amendments on matters which have arisen since the relevant deadline for the receipt of proposals or amendments in the timetable published under SO 2.1.	matters which have arisen since the relevant deadline for the receipt of proposals or amendments in the timetable published under SO 2.1.
BS07	SO9 Standing Order 9: MISCELLANEOUS	Add new SO9.3 as an instruction to the Regions
		SO9.3. If a Region of ILGA has not adopted their own Standing Orders, they will follow ILGA's Standing Orders.