

International Mathematical Union

Circular Letter #3/2006

Date: April 21, 2006

To: Adhering Organizations
Committees for Mathematics
Delegates to the 15th General Assembly

From: Executive Committee of the International Mathematical Union

Re: Statute Changes

The Executive Committee of the International Mathematical Union has reviewed the existing Statutes and will ask the General Assembly to approve several changes. Attached please find the IMU Statutes with the proposed changes underlined and in red and the deletions italicized and in blue. These proposed changes will be discussed and then put to vote at the General Assembly. Minor changes have been made to the Statutes to clarify existing procedures and to include gender-free language. The significant changes are highlighted below:

A) Associate Membership - #7-12

The Executive Committee is seeking to encourage a greater number of developing countries to become members of the Union and therefore has developed an IMU membership category called Associate Membership. An Associate Member will adhere to the Union through an Adhering Organization and will need to identify a Committee for Mathematics. However, an Associate Member will not pay dues and will not have voting rights. A country will be an Associate Member for a period of four years, renewable for an additional period of four years, with the expectation that the Associate Member then become a full member of IMU.

B) Increasing the number of Executive Committee Members-at-Large from five to six - #23

In order to broaden geographical and mathematical coverage, the Executive Committee recommends increasing the number of Members-at-Large from five to six people. If approved, this Statute change will become effective immediately following the vote, therefore allowing the General Assembly to choose six Members-at-Large.

C) Dues unit changes - #25

The Executive Committee will ask the General Assembly to approve a change in the dues unit contribution for Groups IV and V. If approved, beginning in January 2007, Group IV will pay 8 times the single dues unit and Group V will pay 14* times the single dues unit. (Currently Group IV pays 7 times the single dues unit and Group V pays 10 times the single dues unit.) Circular Letter #4 will be sent shortly outlining the proposed 2007-2010 IMU budget, accompanied by a detailed explanation.

**Since this Circular Letter was published, the IMU Executive Committee has adjusted the Group V proposed dues from 14 times a single unit to 12 times a single unit. The current proposed dues increase is on page 3 in Circular Letter #5/2006.*

D) Statute changes - #35

Unless indicated otherwise, all Statute changes become effective immediately following the closing of the General Assembly where such Statutes are approved.

Please review all of the Statute changes carefully in order to be prepared for the Statute change discussion and subsequent vote.

Sincerely,
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