

EXTRACT FROM THE ECPC STATUTE REGARDING THE ELECTIONS

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF THE NEW BOARD

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The ECPC elections are governed by the statute approved at the ECPC AGM 2015 in Brussels, which entered into force on the 20th January 2016, following the registration within the Belgian authorities ([click here](#)).

- **Article 3.3, Term of office and eligibility of ECPC Board Members/Audit Committee Members:**

The term of office for all positions within the Association is three years. The individual involved may subsequently be reappointed two consecutive terms of three years. On completing the third consecutive term of office on the Board or a committee, the respective individual cannot be appointed to another position on the Board or that committee until a term of three years has lapsed.
- **Article 4.6, Voting rights:**

All members have the right to participate at the General Assembly but only the “full members” have the voting rights. They have no rights other than those granted to them under the statute. Unless provided otherwise, associate members have the same obligations as full members.
- **Article 7.1, Number of Board Members:**

The Board consists of at least five and at most nine individuals. The General Assembly decides on the number of Board Members, one year before the election of new Board.
- **Article 7.4, Number of cancer patients and cancer survivors in the Board:**

At least half the number of Board members must have cancer or have had cancer. The Board shall check that candidates meet this requirement before being elected.
- **Article 7.5, Nomination of Board Members candidates:**

Candidates to the position of Board member may be nominated until 45 days before the date on which the General Assembly convenes.

 - Each “full member” may nominate one candidate for election. The nomination has to be sent to the Board in writing
 - 30 days before the elections, the Board makes available the list of candidates to all ECPC full members.
- **Article 7.6, Voting procedure:**

To elect the Board, ECPC full members have to submit their vote in writing (letter or email, whether the sender can be clearly recognised as the full member legal representative) to the ECPC siege, no later than 10 days before the Annual General Meeting.

 - The Board is responsible to collect the votes.
 - The Board, fulfilling the article of the statute, drafts the final classification.
 - The Board informs in writing the newly elected candidates of their appointment.
 - During the Annual General Meeting, the newly elected Board Members present themselves to the General Assembly.
 - Records of the voting have to be attached to the Annual General Meeting minutes.
- **Article 7.7; Criteria for appointment of Board Members:**

Board members cannot be appointed until they have provided:

- A certificate of good conduct, stating that they have no pending criminal record and have fulfilled their tax obligations in their country of origin;
 - A declaration of interests, stating that they do not have or pursue any personal interests in institutions or authorities as referred to in article 4, paragraph 5, sub paragraph d., or have another conflict of interest with the Association;
 - A list of related activities and subsidiary activities performed during the last three years before their nomination. If the individual involved has worked for or in the pharmaceutical industry, the list of activities and ancillary activities must cover a period of at least five years prior to the nomination.
 - If, after their appointment, it turns out that a Board member has provided inaccurate or incomplete information regarding the items under sub-paragraphs 7a up to 7c, he or she may be suspended for that reason. The suspension may be reversed within thirty calendar days if the association which nominated the suspended Board Member provides a response stating that they do not approve the suspension. In the latter case the suspension shall be put to a vote of the General Assembly by simple majority.
- **Article 15.2, Quora:**
Unless the articles of association or regulations provide otherwise, resolutions shall be adopted at meetings by a regular majority of the votes cast. 'Majority' shall be understood to mean no more than half of the votes cast by members holding the right to vote, rounded up if necessary. If the votes are tied, no majority shall have been secured.
 - **Article 15.4 Voting rights:**
Unless the articles of association provide otherwise, each member holding the right to vote shall cast one vote at the relevant meeting. Each member having voting rights has the power to be represented by another member at the general meeting and, to that end, ground a power of attorney (written or in electronic form) in order to vote on his behalf.
 - **Article 15.5, Voting on people:**
Votes concerning people are cast by secret ballot. Votes concerning business matters are cast in polls by raising hands or by acclamation. In either case, the meeting may decide to vote in a different manner than prescribed. Votes shall in any event be cast by ballot if a member holding the right to vote requests a vote by ballot.
 - **Article 15.8, Electoral Committee:**
When voting by ballot at the General Assembly meeting the chairperson shall establish an "electoral committee" consisting of the representatives of three members who may not be Board members. The electoral committee shall check the validity of the votes cast, calculate the result and report to the meeting's chairperson.

INSTALLATION OF THE NEW BOARD

- **Article 3.3 and Art. 7.8 Term of office:**
The term of office for all positions within the Association is three years.
Board members' mandate ends on the day of the General Assembly meeting at which their term of office ends.
- **Article 7.2, Composition of the Board:**
The Board consists of at least a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer.

- **Article 7.3, Division of roles among Board Members:**

The Board shall elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer from its midst. The Board members shall divide the remaining duties among themselves. The Board shall inform the members of the division of Board duties by means of an official notice.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

- **Article 10.4, Election of Audit Committee Members:**

The “audit committee” consists of three members to be elected from its members by the General Assembly. “Full members” and “associate members” can be appointed as members of the audit committee. A majority of full members shall compose the Audit Committee. The audit committee is charged with the activities outlined in article 12. An audit committee member cannot simultaneously sit on the Board.

- The members of the audit committee shall be elected at the same General Assembly meeting as the Board and shall have terms which coincide with Board member terms.
 - The term of office of members of the audit committee shall not be longer than for two consecutive terms.
 - After consulting the Board, the audit committee may call in the assistance of an external expert. If the audit committee and the Board fail to reach an agreement on the associated costs, the General Assembly shall decide.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

- **Article 10.5, Nomination of the Scientific Committee:**

The “Scientific Committee” consists of at least three and maximum five expert members. Only “expert members” can be appointed as members of the Scientific Committee. The Past President is a member ex officio of the Scientific Committee. The Scientific Committee is a consultative body to the Board. The Board can consult the Scientific Committee for the development and implementation of scientific activities of the association, in line with the norms fixed by the General Regulation.

- Members of the Scientific Committee shall be nominated by the Board and shall have terms which coincides with the Audit Committee.
- Each ECPC Member can suggest candidates for the Scientific Committee, among the ECPC Experts Members;
- The resolutions adopted by the Scientific Committee do not bind the Board;
- The Scientific Committee is chaired by the ECPC President.