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Motion presented at IFATSEA 2024 General Assembly by the German's Affiliates GdF, German's Affiliates GdF is therefore the **Proposer**.

It is confirmed that France is therefore the **Secunder** of this motion.

This motion is supported by Canada, Romania, Switzerland and USA.

Subject: Announcement of regular presidential elections

WhereAs an early announcement allows potential candidates to prepare thoroughly for the presidential election and gives them and their member associations sufficient time to consider a candidacy, develop a programme, exchange ideas with IFATSEA members and gather support,

WhereAs a timely announcement gives the IFATSEA members enough time to find out about the candidates, get to know their visions and plans and actively participate in the democratic process, which promotes the commitment of the members and strengthens their loyalty to the association,

WhereAs an early announcement of the presidential election contributes to the transparency and fairness of the election process, gives all potential candidates an equal opportunity to prepare and run,

WhereAs with a sufficient lead time, the Executive Secretary and the Election Commission can efficiently plan and organise the election process, clearly communicate the election procedures, prepare election materials, and ensure that the entire process runs smoothly,

WhereAs a timely announcement of the presidential election contributes to stability and continuity in the association and gives the members and the executive board sufficient time to prepare for a possible upcoming change in leadership and to ensure a smooth transition period,

WhereAs a timely announcement of a presidential election helps to promote a democratic, transparent, and effective election process that strengthens member engagement and ensures the long-term stability and continuity of the association.

Therefore, be It Resolve; That regular presidential elections will be announced in writing to the member associations and on the website at least six months before the first day of the General Assembly at which the elections are to take place.

Therefore, be It Also resolve; That this procedure would also apply to the regular election of the Vice President

Amend Article V, Section 2, Eligibility and Election, Paragraph 1

The Officers of IFATSEA shall be Members in good standing or officers of an Association affiliated to IFATSEA and have the written support of their Association. They need not be Assembly Members.

Changed to:

The officers of IFATSEA (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasure, and Regional Director) shall be members in good standing or officers of an association affiliated to IFATSEA. Nominations for IFATSEA officers shall be supported by their association and must be submitted in writing by electronic means to the IFATSEA Executive Board. Nominations must be received no later than sixty (60) days prior to IFATSEA General Assembly. Thirty (30) days prior to the General Assembly the Secretary will publish the nominated list sent out to all affiliates.

Article V, Section 2, Eligibility and Election Paragraph 2

Officers shall be elected by secret ballot at Assembly as set out in Article IV, Section 1(a). Nominations may be accepted from the floor. Affiliates may not nominate a candidate for Regional Director from outside their region.

Changed to:

Officers shall be elected by secret ballot at Assembly as set out in Article IV, Section 1(a). Affiliates may not nominate a candidate for Regional Director from outside their region.

Article V, Section 2, Eligibility and Election Paragraph 3

In order to ensure continuity of expertise not more than 50% of the Elective Officers will be elected at any Assembly. The Executive Board will decide at their **first meeting of the year** which Officers will retire that year. **Elective Officers vacancy elections will be announced in writing to the member associations and on the website at least six months before the first day of the General Assembly at which the elections are to take place.** Retiring Officers may be nominated for re-election.

Add the table below:

Year 1	Year 2
President	Vice-President
Secretary	Treasure
Europe Regional Director	Africa Regional Director
Asia Regional Director	America Regional Director

Article V, Section 2, Eligibility and Election, Paragraph 6

In the event of the resignation or retirement of an Officer during his term of office, the vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Board until the next regular election for the vacant position.

Changed to:

In the event of the resignation, retirement, or death of an Elective Officer during his term of office, the vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Board until the next general assembly. During such time

a special election will be held for the vacant position and shall be filled for the remainder of the term by a new election in accordance with the IFATSEA Constitution and By-Laws. Elective Officers vacancy elections will be announced in writing to the member associations and on the website at least in a timely manner before the first day of the General Assembly at which the elections are to take place.

Therefore, be it also resolve; That this rule is to be valid starting with the preparation of IFATSEA GA 2025