

Proposals for Statutes

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Statutes

Introduction

Following the general information about the Academy, I would add some historical references regarding its founding and development (Aldo Mieli, subsequent permanent secretaries, the journal **Archives**, etc.).

Article 3

Clarify the aims in point (d) more precisely, also mentioning the “new” sciences. For example (inserted the underlined phrase):

(d) “to contribute to the establishment and maintenance of links between the different branches of disciplines studying the history of the natural and brain sciences (psychology, neuroscience, artificial intelligence, etc.), while aiming for gender balance and geographical and cultural diversity.”

Article 6

I would reword point **6.1** as follows:

“The Academy has only one category of elected members: full members.

In the initial phase, competitions reserved for ‘long-standing’ corresponding members will be organized to give them the opportunity to become full members. Those who do not become full members after at least two rounds of such reserved competitions will remain in a transitional category of members who continue to pay the annual fee. Should they fail to pay this fee for at least five years, they will cease to be members of the Academy”.

The following sentence may be added to point **6.3**: “The annual fee may be reduced, upon request, for those members whom the Administrative Council considers to be experiencing financial difficulties”.

In point **6.4**, I would clarify the activities of non-active members in greater detail, for example: “Non-active members – like active members – have the right to participate in all scientific activities organized by the Academy, to propose new ones and, in agreement with the Administrative Council, to organize events and collaborations, and to obtain research grants”etc.

At the end of point 6.4, I would also add that “non-active members forfeit their rights if they fail to pay the fee for 5 consecutive years”.

Consequently, in point **6.5**, I would **not include** amongst those who lose their status as effective members those who “fail to pay the fee for 5 consecutive years”.

Article 15. The three Vice-Presidents.

The following could be added to this article: “On the President’s proposal, the General Assembly shall, at its first meeting, assign a specific role to each of the three Vice-presidents.”

Electoral rules

Article 1.2 Nomination

To further emphasize the possibility of electing new members from under-represented disciplinary fields (such as, for example, the history of psychology, neuroscience, artificial intelligence, etc.), I would write:

“The Administrative Council, having carried out research into under-represented disciplinary fields, reserves the right, if necessary, to limit the election of new full members to these fields. In this case, nominators should follow this recommendation.”