



# International Amateur Radio Union, Region 1

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| <b>Subject</b>    | IARU (Global) Restructuring      |                      |            |
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#### Introduction

IARU global need be dissolved. It is unable to address the requirements of the global amateur radio service community. No annual reports, no financial reports, possibly rogue operations in the clandestine "Swiss" association created without Member Societies' approval in 2017. Very elitarian, arrogant behaviour. High risk of reputation damage.

During the Conference, IARU will outline possible amendments to its 1989 Constitution and By-Laws to better serve the Amateur Services. This paper provides brief background, summarizes the proposed amendments, and sets out a possible timeline for a vote by all member-societies.

Additional details will be provided at the Region 1 Conference in Vienna.

The current Constitution and By-Laws can be found at

<https://www.iaru.org/reference/iaru-constitution/>.

as well as the constitution of the covert IARU-global deposited at the Registry of Commerce in Zug/Switzerland since 2017.

#### Background

note: there has NEVER been a discussion including the Member Societies!

IARU restructuring has been discussed for more than 20 years. In 2004, as newly appointed Vice President, I was asked to address member-society concerns that global-level changes were needed. We then formed a multi-jurisdictional "2025 Committee." behind closed doors

Although no formal structural changes followed, the work clarified the relationship between IARU and the Regions. It produced a task matrix for IARU and Regional volunteers, confirmed that IARU, through the AC, sets policy, and supported common branding. The matrix remains the most useful result, enabling a more coordinated response to spectrum challenges.

Restructuring was revisited at the 2019 AC meeting in Lima, where several committees were formed. The original goal was to make IARU more global and less reliant on regional structures. That approach was later dropped in favour of global-level changes, including a new Constitution and By-Laws, which have not been amended since 1989.

At the 2023 AC meeting, committees were established to consider implementing a new Constitution. The work later moved to a single "Committee" tasked with drafting governance documents. Its work concluded earlier this year and included the President, Regional representatives, and the International Secretariat.

The Committee first considered moving IARU global from an unincorporated association to a

agent? hidden from Member Societies, not approved by them.

registered company. Since 2017, IARU global has used a Swiss Association as its agent for ITU and some RTO registrations. The agency agreement confirms that IARU remains the governing body and that the Swiss Association acts only as its limited-purpose agent. illegal in Switzerland

The Swiss Association was created in 2017 to meet ITU sector-member requirements for fee-exempt status. not true. ITU never required this from IARU

The Committee also considered making IARU itself a Swiss Association, but governance and operational concerns made this difficult. Swiss law has much higher standards than U.S.

The Committee now proposes amendments to IARU's current Constitution and By-Laws to strengthen governance and help IARU address future challenges.

### The Proposed Amendments

The Committee is considering the following amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws:

1. Revise the Constitution's objectives to reflect the recommendations developed by the working groups between 2019 and 2022. these were never published. why not?
2. Clarify definitions and update outdated language, including replacing confusing terms such as "Calendar" with "Circular." ridiculous.
3. Create additional committees, beyond the Spectrum Matrix, with global representation from member-societies. These could include Public Relations and Governance committees.
4. Amend the By-Laws to make it easier to remove member-societies that are non-paying or no longer operational, particularly where an active organization that meets IARU requirements is prepared to assume the responsibilities.
5. Adjust officer terms to four years, potentially with staggered terms to support continuity.

Further details on the proposed changes will be presented at the Conference.

why not before the conference to allow Member Societies time for study ?

### Next Steps

Following the presentation at the Region 1 Conference in September, similar presentations are expected to be made to Region 2 and Region 3 member-societies, most likely virtually, before year-end. After feedback is considered, the current schedule is to submit each proposed change for a vote in the first quarter of 2027.

Each proposed change will be voted on separately rather than as part of a single cumulative vote. The Committee recognizes that some amendments may be more controversial than others.

As a reminder, amendments to the IARU Constitution require a 2/3rds majority of the Member-Societies who have submitted, within the specified time, a vote or abstention, either on that proposal or in response to one of the three preceding issues of the Calendar which

contained proposals for consideration by the Member-Societies. Changes to the By-laws require a simple majority on the same criteria.