



Reforming the INF-FNI's Statutes and Rules

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What this presentation covers

- The working group
- Aim of the statute review
- Timetable
- Main proposed changes



Working group



- Established following the World Congress in Slovenia, 2021
- Members are:
 - Hervé Begeot, president of the INF Law Council
 - Leslie Rabuchin, vice-president of the Law Council
 - Harald Seiss, Austria
 - Edwin Kilby, UK, INF-FNI Vice-president



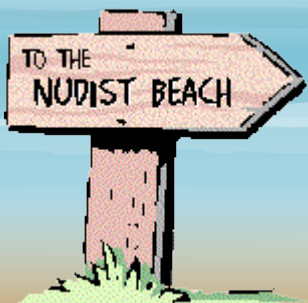


Aim of the review

- To update and modernise the language of the INF-FNI's governing documents and make them fit for many years to come

Language

- Working language of the group is English
- Proposed new Statutes and Rules will be professionally translated before being submitted for adoption



Timetable



- Draft statutes and rules were circulated in July 2023. Comments requested by 30 September
- A further redraft will be circulated in the autumn
- If there is interest, a videoconference in early 2024
- Motion for the World Congress to be circulated in spring 2024
- Decision to adopt at World Congress in Mexico, October 2024

We need your input!

- We need feedback on the draft in good time, so the version taken to Congress is agreed by the Federations.
- We cannot do it on our own!



Significant proposed changes



- One document incorporating Statutes and Rules for General Assemblies
- Drafting points:
 - New definitions section
 - “Extraordinary members” become “Associate members”
 - “Account checkers” become “Auditors” (English only)
 - “INF-FNI” referred to as “the Association”



Significant proposed changes



- Extended “purpose” section
- Explicit reference to correspondents
- New sections on failure by members to meet obligations, and on conflicts of interest
- New sections dealing with appeals to the Law Council
- Rules explicitly apply to other bodies within INF-FNI, like EuNat
- Clear procedure for Law Council in dealing with disputes



Other content of the Statutes



- The draft Statutes also include
 - The General Assembly and its functions
 - The Central and Executive Committees and their functions
 - The Auditors and the Law Council



Purpose of the INF-FNI (1/3)



1. The purpose of the Association is to promote Naturism.
2. To that end, the Association
 - a. supports and facilitates cooperation among its members and associate members
 - b. promotes the international cooperation of all Naturists.



Purpose of the INF-FNI (2/3)



The Association strives to achieve its purpose by:

- a. Supporting the worldwide recognition of Naturism, among other things by campaigning and lobbying national and international authorities and, where expedient, working with other organisations towards its goals
- b. Working to protect naturism from threats
- c. Encouraging and facilitating the foundation of naturist federations and organisations
- d. Representing its members
- e. Publishing information about Naturism



Purpose of the INF-FNI (3/3)



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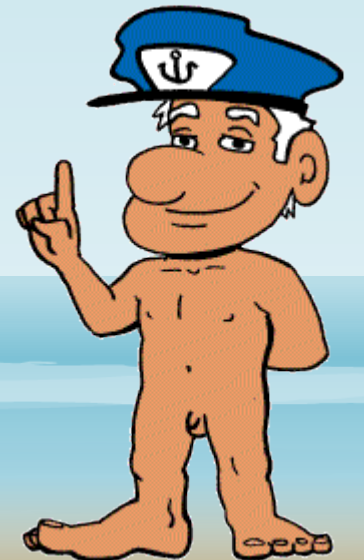
- f. Promoting the organisation of events, social activities, sport and youth work
- g. Promoting body positivity
- h. Encouraging a healthy lifestyle
- i. Promoting the protection of nature and the environment
- j. Taking other actions that promote Naturism.

QUESTION: Is anything missing?



Membership and Financing

- Being considered by a separate working group led by Christo Bothma
- Its recommendations will be included in the proposed new Statutes

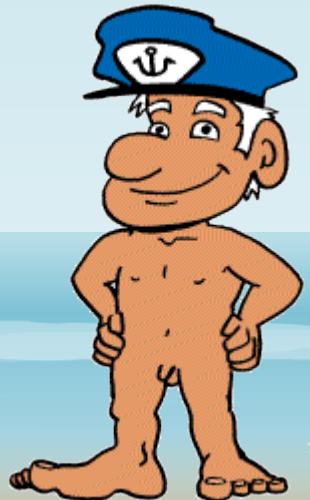


Members' rights and duties



1. Members are expected

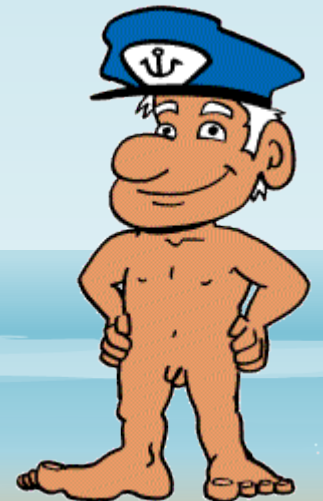
- a. to support the aims of the Association
- b. to support the Association's activities
- c. to pay their membership fees promptly
- d. to act in accordance with these Statutes.



Failure to meet obligations

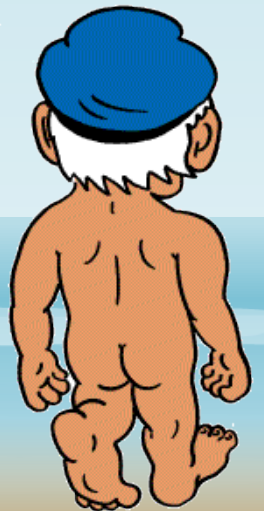


- A new provision sets out clearly what should happen if a member (Federation or associate member) fails to meet its obligations
- It also provides a clear route for complaints and appeals to the Law Council



Conflicts of Interest

- All officers of the Association must declare any business or other interests that could influence their duties; these must be recorded in a Register
- Members of the Executive Committee (president(s) and vice-presidents) cannot represent their Federations at meetings
 - Question: should this be extended to the entire central committee?
- Federation representatives must declare any conflict of interest at meetings



Languages



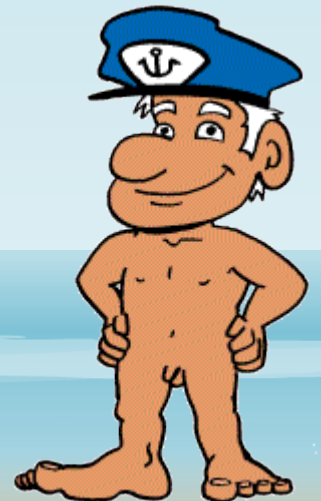
- No change to the three official languages
- All three language versions of the Statutes would be equally valid.



Rules for General Assemblies (1/2)



- Rules become explicitly part of the Statutes
- Deadlines for submitting motions etc to be examined – some are thought to be too long (for example 4 months for motions)
- Explicit reference to discussion points
- Proposals for the location of future meetings must be submitted as motions, including financial impact etc
- Matters raised at the meeting may be discussed and voted on if a 2/3 majority agrees they are urgent



Rules for General Assemblies (2/2)



- New provision proposed stating when motions agreed at the Assembly should come into effect. Options:
 - Immediately after the close of the meeting, or
 - After the minutes have been agreed by the Federation
- Chair may impose time limits on interventions
- The rule that allows only one person from a federation to speak is omitted





Questions/comments?



Thank you!