



# International Federation for Emergency Medicine

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO IFEM BYLAWS – SEPTEMBER 2021

### ARTICLE VII: IFEM BOARD

#### Section 3: Casual Vacancies

In the event of any vacancy in the membership of the Board, including the Officers of the Executive, caused by anything other than by the retirement of a Director at the end of their term, the Board may appoint a qualified person to fill the remainder of the unexpired term. Any Officer or Director so appointed will hold office only until the conclusion of the next Assembly meeting of the Assembly meeting following the unexpired term at which the members of the Board are elected, but will be eligible for election at such meeting without a penalty of their elected term length for time served as an appointee.

#### Section 4: In-person Meetings of the Board

Members of the Board will attend regular meetings a minimum of (1) time every year. One (1) meeting will occur during the biannual International Conference on Emergency Medicine (hereafter ICEM). ~~The other regular Board meetings will be scheduled during the American College of Emergency Physicians Annual Scientific Assembly.~~ Additional meetings may be scheduled if accepted by at least two-thirds of the current voting members of the Board. Additional meetings may be proposed either during regular meetings or via e-mail. If a meeting is proposed by e-mail, Board members will be required to return their vote within 14 days. At least 60 days' notice must be given to each Board member prior to such an additional meeting.

### ARTICLE XIII: FELLOWSHIP AND AWARDS

#### Section 2: Humanitarian Award

##### 2.1 Criteria for Humanitarian Award

The purpose of the IFEM Humanitarian Award is to recognize an individual or organization that has conducted work related to international emergency medicine which has led to major humanitarian or public health benefits or positive effects. As the development of the specialty of emergency medicine and of emergency care systems within a country or region is a collaborative effort, a nominator should consider the contributions of both local and international leaders and teams, when considering a candidate for this award. It is essential that feedback about any individual being considered for this prestigious award be obtained from local people who have been involved in the work that has led to this nomination.

## **ARTICLE XI: SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)**

### **Section 1: General**

In response to a petition by at least ten (10) interested individuals, the Board by majority vote may decide to establish Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to provide an IFEM forum for those with special areas of interest within the field of emergency medicine. Each SIG will function in compliance with Terms of Reference and Operational Guidelines established and approved by the Board. The SIG will report to a relevant IFEM Standing Committee as determined by the IFEM Board. The Chair of the SIG will be elected by a majority vote of the members of the SIG at the biennial meeting. The term of office of the Chair will be two years and is renewable for a further two-year term (in total four years). Meetings are expected to coincide with the ICEM Conference. The need for each SIG should be reviewed at least once every four (4) years by the IFEM Board and the relevant IFEM Standing Committee overseeing the SIG. The IFEM Secretariat will keep a list of SIGs (with SIG membership lists) on the website.

[Each Special Interest Group will act in accordance with its Terms of Reference and Operational Guidelines](#)

## **ARTICLE XII: TASKFORCES:**

The Board by majority vote may appoint members of the Board or other persons to a taskforce to undertake a specific project behalf of the IFEM. The proposal for a taskforce must detail the intended task, potential membership and include a defined endpoint for completion of the task.

[A Taskforce must act in accordance with its Terms of Reference and/or Operational Guidelines](#)