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Fédération Internationale des Sociétés Magiques  
International Federation of Magic Societies

# FISM Newsletter

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**To all Presidents of the FISM member-societies  
and Delegates in the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the FISM**

Dear Mr. President, Dear Friend in Magic,

## RESULTS OF THE BALLOT

The online consultation conducted from December 1<sup>st</sup> to December 25<sup>th</sup> took place according to the rules: 89 out of a total of 114 delegates responded (78.07 %), representing 422 of a total of 488 votes (86.48 %)

4 votes will not be taken into account due to non-payment of the triennial subscription.

All proposed changes have been approved, and we thank you for your cooperation and interest in our federation's democratic process. [You can download the complete new 2025 statutes here.](#)

Vote for changes or amendments to the FISM statutes (Approved article)	YES	NO	ABST.	% of total nr. of votes IN FAVOUR
Art. 4.4) The ultimate directive authority for the conduct of the affairs of the FISM is vested in the General Assembly, consisting of a representative (delegate) per Member Society and the Continental Presidents. A meeting of the General Assembly is presided over by the International President who shall be elected and appointed by the General Assembly. If the candidate is not part of the General Assembly, a sponsoring letter of a FISM affiliated magic society of his/her country is necessary. Preferably from their midst the General Assembly further appoints two International Vice Presidents, one of whom shall handle the financial affairs of the FISM while the other shall deal with the general affairs of the FISM. The FISM Board can appoint a consultant to help the Vice President of Finance. If the candidate (either General Affairs or Finance) is not part of the General Assembly, a sponsoring letter of a FISM affiliated magic society of his/her country is required. The International President and the International Vice Presidents shall be appointed for an initial period of six years, after which they can be re-elected for a consecutive term of three years. However, the service of the International President shall be limited to one such consecutive three-year term.	374	26	22	88,63%
Art. 4.5) 4.5 The International President and the two International Vice-Presidents constitute the Board of Directors BoD, which is presided over by the International President. The Board of Directors represents the FISM in all its external relationships; endorses the Rules of Conduct of the Continental Divisions, initiates strategic alterations and shall be responsible for the preparation and implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly. The Board of Directors is responsible to the General Assembly. The International President and the two International Vice-Presidents constitute together the Board of Directors (the BoD) which is presided over by the International President. The BoD represents the FISM in all its external relationships including the entering into contracts, endorses the Rules of Conduct of the Continental Divisions, initiates strategic amendments to the FISM rules and regulations to stay current with modern times and propose required alterations, and is responsible for the preparation and implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly. The BoD reports to the General Assembly.	351	16	55	83,18%
Art 4.5.1) 4.5.1 NO ART. Should for any reason one of the BoD members be temporarily unable to exercise his/her duties, then the remaining two Board members are empowered to conduct the BoD business until the absent member resumes his/her duties or until further notice. If the incapacity is expected to be of a permanent nature, or if the BoD member resigns or is otherwise unable to continue in office, the BoD shall formally announce the vacancy to the General Assembly. Until the vacancy is filled, the remaining BoD members shall continue to fulfill their duties, ensuring the BoD remains operational. The position will remain vacant until the next scheduled triennial elections, at which time candidates may apply for the position, regardless of the original term's expiration associated with that position.	385	17	20	91,23%

<p>Art. 4.5.2) The title of Honorary President will be automatically given, upon retirement, to those FISM presidents who served on the FISM Board for at least 12 years. It may be given, with a vote of the General Assembly, to a retired president who does not reach that period but has rendered great service to FISM. The title of all Honorary Presidents is always limited to a period of six years. The Honorary President is not part of the General Assembly. Nevertheless, he can attend the meetings, but has no vote. The title of Honorary President may be given, with a vote of the General Assembly, to a retired president who has rendered great service to the FISM. The title of all Honorary Presidents is for their lifetime. The Honorary President is not part of the General Assembly. Nevertheless, he/she can attend the meetings, but has no vote.</p>	378	19	25	89,57%
<p>Art. 4.6) The six Continental Presidents, together with the Board of Directors, constitute the FISM EXECUTIVE BOARD (FEB). Meetings of the FEB will be presided over by the International President. The Continental Presidents provide input to the Board of Directors about any major shift of FISM strategy. The following issues can only be decided by the General Assembly: the election and appointment of the International President and the International Vice-Presidents; the dissolution of the FISM; alterations to the Statutes and to the "FISM Competition Rules and Procedures"; the approval of the accounts and the budget for a new period; the election of the venue of the next FISM World Championship of Magic, which issues will be determined by the General Assembly. The six Continental Presidents, together with the BoD, constitute the FISM EXECUTIVE BOARD (FEB). Meetings of the FEB will be presided over by the International President. The Continental Presidents provide input to the BoD. The following issues can only be decided by the General Assembly: the election and appointment of the International President and the International Vice-Presidents; the dissolution of the FISM; alterations to the Statutes and to the "FISM Contest Rules and Procedures"; the approval of the accounts of the past period and the budget for a new period; the election of the venue of the next FISM World Championship of Magic, which issues will be determined by the General Assembly.</p>	386	16	20	91,47%
<p>Art. 6.2) Whenever it has not been possible to hold a FISM World Championship of Magic, the International President shall convene a meeting of the General Assembly not later than 12 months following the date on which the convention should have taken place. Whenever it has not been possible to hold a FISM World Championship of Magic, the International President shall convene a meeting of the General Assembly not later than 12 months following the date on which the convention should have taken place. In case of matters of urgency, the BoD may decide to conduct an online General Assembly (e.g. by Zoom, Teams or any other technological communication solution).</p>	385	16	21	91,23%
<p>Art. 8.4) The Statutes can only be altered by decision of the General Assembly on demand of the Board of Directors, the FEB, a Continental President or on demand of at least three Member Societies of three different countries. In order to be adopted, the amendments to the Statutes must obtain both the majority of the votes cast and the majority of the voting Societies, each Society counting for one vote. The Statutes can only be altered by decision of the General Assembly at the request of the BoD, the FEB, a Continental President or at the request of at least three Member Societies of three different countries. To be adopted, the amendments to the Statutes must obtain both the majority of the votes cast and the majority of the voting Societies.</p>	385	16	21	91,23%
<p>Art. 10.1) A Magic Society can apply for membership of the FISM providing the society has a minimum of ten members and has existed for at least three years. A Magic Society cannot apply for membership of a Continental Division directly. Once accepted, a Magic Society will automatically become a Member Society of the Continental Division of the continent in which the Society is based. A Magic Society can apply for membership of the FISM provided that it has a minimum of ten members and has existed for at least three years. A Magic Society cannot apply for membership of a Continental Division directly. Once accepted by the General Assembly, a Magic Society will automatically become a Member Society of the Continental Division of the continent where the Society is based.</p>	380	16	26	90,05%
<p>Art. 11.4) Candidatures for Host Society status of a FISM World Championship of Magic must be received at least six months before the meeting of the General Assembly at a FISM World Championship of Magic. The application for Host Society status must enclose: a copy of the accepted option for the reservation of the planned premises; a detailed estimated budget for the Convention; a list of planned activities; the name of the person in charge of organizing the Convention and of the person who would replace him in case of unavailability; a list of at least four officials in a Committee that will be in charge of the organization of the Convention; a commitment to accept and scrupulously respect the supervision of the FISM Board of Directors and the 'FISM Contest Rules and Procedures'; a commitment to sign the agreement as mentioned in Article 11.3, once the Society has been elected Host Society. Candidatures for Host Society status of a FISM World Championship of Magic must be received at least six months before the meeting of the General Assembly at a FISM World Championship of Magic. The application for Host Society status must include: a copy of the accepted venue and the reservation of the planned premises; a detailed budget for the Convention; a list of planned activities; the name of the person in charge of organizing the Convention and of the person who would replace him in case of unavailability or emergency; a list of at least four officials in a committee that will be in charge of the organization of the Convention; a commitment to accept and duly respect the supervision of the FISM BoD and of the "FISM Contest Rules and Procedures"; an undertaking to sign the agreement as mentioned in Article 11.3, once the Society has been elected Host Society.</p>	385	16	21	91,23%

Art. 11.5) The candidate Society shall inform at the earliest possible date, the time that at least two members of the Board of Directors can visit the planned premises and examine the accommodation and hotel possibilities in order to report to the General Assembly. The candidate Society shall inform at the earliest possible date and time that at least two members of the BoD must visit and validate the planned premises (venue) and examine the hotel accommodation and facilities in order to be able to report to the General Assembly. Should serious reasons or exceptional circumstances necessitate a change of venue by the organizer, it is mandatory that the FISM BoD be promptly notified. A member of the FISM BoD or an appointed delegate must visit the proposed new venue swiftly to assess its suitability. Following this assessment, the delegate is required to report all relevant details of the new venue to the General Assembly	385	16	21	91,23%
Art. 11.6) The Host Society shall, immediately following the end of the Championship, forward a payment of 1,5 % (one and a half percent) of the gross convention fees to the International Vice President responsible for the financial affairs of the FISM Immediately following the conclusion of the Championship, the Host Society shall transfer a payment of 1,5% (one and a half percent) of the gross convention fees directly to the FISM bank account.	383	16	23	90,76%
Art. 11.7) In addition to the payment mentioned in Article 11.6, the following expenses have a priority claim on the receipts of the Championship: the expenses of the organization of the General Assembly; the expenses of the FISM-contest, including the printing of the necessary Jury forms, the drinks and meals for the jury during the judging process, a jury meeting room and all the technical facilities and administration costs in order to be able to judge according to the "FISM Contest Rules and Procedures"; further reasonable expenses in the interest of the FISM, to the judgment of the Board of Directors. In addition to the payment mentioned in Article 11.6, the following expenses have a priority claim on the receipts of the Championship: the expenses of the organization of the General Assembly; the expenses of the FISM contest, including the printing of the necessary Jury forms, the digital arrangement for the jury voting system, the drinks and meals for the jury during the judging process, a jury meeting room and all the technical facilities and administration costs in order to be able to judge according to the "FISM Contest Rules and Procedures"; further reasonable expenses in the interest of the FISM such to the sole judgment of the BoD.	385	16	21	91,23%
Art. 11.9) If the FISM World Championship of Magic should end in a total deficit, the FISM will waive the claim on the 1.5% pay over and may be requested to contribute toward compensation for the deficit. If the FISM World Championship of Magic should end in a final deficit, the FISM could waive the claim on the 1.5% pay over.	358	42	22	84,83%
Art. 14) As long as the organizational structure (cf. article 4.2) is not fully operational, all matters pertaining to the concerned clubs, can be treated by the BoD in the best interest of the clubs. As long as the organizational structure (See Article 4.2) is not fully operational, all matters related to the Membership Societies can be dealt with by the BoD striving to act in the best interest of the FISM	365	37	20	86,49%

Kind Regards,

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FISM International President



Fred Roby & Angela's Fund

