

## 2022 Proposal to Change the Bylaws (Operating Procedures) of the ICTM Study Group on Ethnochoreology

Dear Study Group members.

The Executive Committee has worked this year to update our bylaws, to reflect current practice and the reality of more online engagement, to reflect newly elaborated ICTM standards, to help our Symposia run more smoothly and consistently, and for editing. Here is a summary of the changes and an explanation of the intent. You may find that the most important and substantial changes are the ones in **blue**.

This editing process resulted in many proposed changes:

Text is **bold and underlined** if proposed as an addition.

Text is ~~crossed-out~~ if proposed for deletion.

Changes have several layers, each coded with a colour:

- 1. Terminology:** Several changes of terms and titles are proposed.
- 2. Substantive:** updating how the Study Group is managed, and to reflect the new realities of hybrid formats.
- 3. Substantive:** to reflect ICTM standards, as they have been elaborated recently.
- 4. Editorial:** minor changes for grammar, flow, or clarity.

### 1. Terminology.

1.1 [title, para 9] "**Bylaws**" << "~~Operating Procedures~~" We usually call our rules this way anyways, and this word is used in the ICTM Memorandum on Study Groups.

1.2 [para 2] "**anthropology of dance**" << "~~dance anthropology~~"

1.3 [para 3a] "**New Member Form**" << "~~Study Group Information Form.~~" This form is working effectively: 40+ new members in recent years.

1.4 [para 3b] "**Associates**" [**new term**]. To identify people active temporarily but not (yet?) paid in ICTM during the calendar year. Different than official Active Members, and Inactive Members. We have numerous "Associates" in practice, in Etnokor, etc.

1.5 [para 6, 6a, 6b] "**Programme Committee**" << "~~Symposium Programme Committee.~~" For convenience, and we usually use this term anyways.

1.6 [para 5a, 5c, 5d, 6a, 6c] "**Chair**" << "~~Leader~~". For the Local Organising Committee, Programme Committee, and Publishing Committee. This gives those colleagues more recognition, credit.

### 2. Substantive StG:

2.1. [para 3a] New Member forms go to Chair **and Secretary**. Current practice.

2.2. [para 3d] **Proposal:** Business meetings will **normally be in person and online**. There has been strong support to include members who have not / can not travel, to allow them to discuss and vote. Counting of attendees includes both in-person and virtual attendees for quorum counting, voting, etc.

2.3. [para 4c] **Proposal: Nominations electronically only** (no longer by post nor from the floor during the meeting). Nominations open between 60 and 14 days prior to the meeting.

2.4 [para 4d, 9] **Proposal: Voting electronically and/or on paper (as organised by the Executive Committee)**. Our new proposal is for electronic voting to be open for about 10 days, prior to the meeting, open until the morning of the Business meeting. During hybrid Business meetings, those Active Members physically present, and who haven't voted yet, can vote on paper. This allows for what some have desired: oral presentations, discussions, interactions. Then the meeting organisers will add the electronic and paper votes for each candidate, and check that members only vote once. It also means that there is no pressure at the Meeting site for everyone to have their own computers and access online simultaneously. Stating **and/or** in the Bylaws, without more detail, allows future Exec Committees to adjust the voting practices as needed.

2.5 [para 6] **Guidelines** have now been developed/revised for each committee. Produced by Executive Committee, **posted, discussed at subsequent Business meeting**. New.

2.6 [para 6a]. **Proposals to host a symposium**. This has been the practice for numerous years, and a guideline document has been developed to assist proposals.

2.7 [para 6a] **Next Symposium location voted on at Business Meeting, Executive Committee confirms location after details developed**. This has been the practice for numerous symposia already. Formal commitment cannot be made until details developed. The person who made the proposal for the location normally becomes the Chair of Symposium Organising Committee.

### **3. Substantive ICTM:**

3.1 [para 3d, 8] Business meetings to be held **at** symposia. Clarification to make text of 3d consistent with para 8 and conform with the ICTM Memorandum on Study Groups, para 6.

3.2 [para 4e] A person **may not simultaneously chair more than one ICTM Study Group**. Newly explicit rule by ICTM.

3.3 [para 4f, 4h] Annual report goes to ICTM Secretary General who then passes it on to the ICTM Executive Board.

3.4 [para 6a] Symposia not to conflict with other ICTM meetings when possible, now made explicit.

3.5 [para 6c] Chair of Publishing Committee liases with ICTM (Publications Committee, for requesting use of ICTM logo and name, etc).

### **3. Editorial:**

About 29 changes proposed for grammar, clarity, and flow. No change in Bylaw substance intended.

The Executive Committee  
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