



**International Association of Hydrogeologists**  
**Polish National Chapter**  
**Information about changes to the Statute of the IAH**  
**Polish National Chapter**

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According to the proposal of changes to the current Statute of the IAH Polish National Chapter, expressed by the Council of the Polish National Chapter at the General Assembly meeting held on the 11th of September 2019 in Toruń and communicated by e-mail to all chapter members on the 3/11/2019, changes to the constitution were made upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Polish National Chapter obtained in an online voting. 33 out of 39 members of the Polish National Chapter participated in the voting, which took place between the 4th and the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.

The proposed changes to the constitution concerned the following three issues:

1. Lifting the provision of the limit to perform functions in the Council of the Polish National Chapter of two terms only (Art.2 section 2);
2. In the absence of those willing to perform the functions of Ordinary Members of the Council, limiting their number to one Ordinary Member (currently there are two Ordinary Members of the Council) (Art.2 section 1 a));
3. Reducing the number of members of the Council necessary to conduct the meeting or making binding decisions (quorum) from four to three selected members of the Council (Art. 3, section 2).

In addition, editorial corrections including changing of the name of Article 2 from Membership to Management of the PKN IAH were made. Full new version of the constitution is attached.

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Results of voting for particular changes:

**Question 1:** Do you agree to make changes to Article 2 of the PKN IAH Statute?

The current wording of Article 2:

ARTICLE 2

**Membership**

1. The activities of PKN IAH are managed by the Council consisting of:
  - a) Up to five elected members of IAH. Only IAH members living in Poland or staying outside Poland but with permanent residence in Poland may be elected.
  - b) Members of the international Board of IAH living in Poland.
2. Members of the Council shall be elected for a three-year term starting from the day of election. Members of the Council may not be elected for more than two consecutive terms.
3. The members of the Presidium of the Council are: President, Vice President and Secretary, who should be elected by the Polish National Chapter from among its members.
4. The President or, in his absence, the Vice President shall chair the meetings of the Council
5. The secretary shall be responsible for preparing the minutes of meetings and other general administrative work.

Proposed wording of Article 2:

ARTICLE 2

**Management of the Polish National Chapter**

1. The activities of Polish National Chapter are managed by the Council consisting of:
  - a) the Presidium of the Council, i.e. the President, Vice President and Secretary; and
  - b) a maximum of two (depending on the number of candidates) Ordinary Members of the Council.
2. Members of the Council may be members of the IAH who live in Poland or reside outside Poland, but have a permanent residence in Poland.
3. Members of the Council shall be elected for a three-year term starting from the day of election.
4. Members of the Council are elected by a simple majority of votes.
5. The President or, in his absence, the Vice President shall chair the meetings of the Council.
6. The secretary shall be responsible for preparing the minutes of meetings and other general administrative work.

**Result of voting: passed**

Total number of votes: 33

Yes – 29

No – 2

Votes skipped – 2

**Question 2:** Do you agree to make changes to Article 3 of the PKN IAH Statute?

The current wording of Article 3:

ARTICLE 3

**Meetings**

1. The Council of the IAH Polish National Chapter should meet at least once a calendar year or more often at the request of the members of the Council.
2. The quorum is at least **four** elected members of the Council. Each member of the Council has one vote. Decisions are taken by majority vote, in case of balance the vote of the President is decisive or in the event of his absence the Vice President. In the absence of a quorum, the meeting may be held and decisions may be made, which must, however, be ratified at the next Council meeting in which the quorum was reached.
3. The Council is obliged to prepare an annual activity report and present it on the forum of the general assembly meeting of members of the IAH Polish National Chapter.

*Proposed wording of Article 3:*

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3. The Council is obliged to prepare an annual activity report and present it on the forum of the general assembly meeting of members of the IAH Polish National Chapter.

**Result of voting: passed**

Total number of votes: 33

Yes – 32

No – 1