

## Statement regarding the changes in statutes

### 1) Changes in the statutes regarding the General Assembly

The board suggests to add in Live DMA statutes the possibility to hold our General Assembly online. Indeed, since 2020 it is possible to have our General Assembly online thanks to national decrees. These decrees are limited in time and it will be important to have the possibility to gather online if ever the network is not in a position to meet physically for some exceptional circumstances.

The board suggest the following changes:

#### Suggestion:

#### **Art. 15 The General Assembly**

The General Assembly is the highest organ of the association. It consists of all members of the association.

All decisions taken by the General Assembly must be approved by the majority of the present members including proxies. The statutes can define exceptions.

General Assembly meetings shall be convened by the Board as often as desirable or necessary depending on the circumstances, but at least once per year.

At the request of at least one third of the members, the Board shall be obliged to convene a General Assembly which must be held within sixteen weeks of the submission of the request. Notification of the convening of the General Assembly must be provided in writing at least twelve weeks in advance.

The agenda and all documents to be submitted for discussion must be sent at least four weeks prior to the General Assembly.

The members and all persons invited by the Board shall have access to the General Assembly.

General Assembly meetings can be held in physical form, or via electronic means of communication, including but not limited to telephone or video conference, provided that the form of the meeting is so announced in the written notice calling for the meeting.

In all cases the General Assembly may be held and decisions in such meetings taken through any electronic means of communication provided that the member representatives via the electronic means of communication can be identified, can participate directly to the deliberations held during the meeting and can exercise their voting right.

### 2) Changes in the statutes regarding board elections

The board suggests another modification related to the duration of the board members' mandate. Indeed, it has been highlighted that electing board members every year is too fast regarding the temporality of Live DMA project and activities. Members that just took on the responsibility of being board members need time to follow the strategy of the network and fully provide their experience and knowledge as representatives of the network.

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### **Art. 16 The Board**

#### **Art. 16b Election & ending of the mission**

The Board members shall be elected by the General Assembly from among the representatives of member organisations. **The Board members shall serve for a term of 2 years.**

The Board consists of at least three and maximum seven individuals. As a minimum, the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer need to be assigned.

A member wishing to sit on the Board must send a declaration of intent to the Board at least two weeks before the General Assembly. The Board shall send the list of candidates to the members at least one week before the General Assembly.

Board members may be suspended or dismissed at any time by the General Assembly. Such a decision must be accompanied by appropriate reasons. **If a board member steps down from its position before the end of its 2 years mandate, a new member can be elected as board member during the following General Assembly, respecting the conditions outlined in this article and until the next renewal of the whole Board.**

The suspension shall end if the General Assembly fails to come to an official decision within three months. The suspended board member shall have a right to respond.