Statutes of ENOHE: summary of substantive changes

The Statutes of ENOHE were first adopted on 7 June 2018 at the meeting of the annual ENOHE Business Meeting in Edinburgh. The Statutes created the new, formal Association of ENOHE, under the Austrian Act on Associations 2002 (Vereingesetz 2002).

See the Statutes adopted on 7 June 2018 here:

http://www.enohe.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Statutes-of-the-European-Network-of-Ombuds-in-Higher-Education-ENOHE-1.pdf

The Board of ENOHE have identified some ambiguities and gaps in the Statutes. The Board is therefore presenting a resolution to the General Assembly recommending the adoption of revised Statutes, under paragraph 6. 5.)(c) of the Statutes.

This document summarises the substantive changes to the Statutes to assist the General Assembly.

Paragraph number	Substantive change
5	To add the Vice-President to the list of bodies of the Association. Note the role of Vice-President is not new (see paragraphs 6. 5.) (a) and 8. of the original Statutes).
6	To remove the (ambiguous) requirement that "General Assembly elections require a simple majority (50% plus one) of the eligible voters present".
7	To change the term of office for officers of the Association, and to introduce a maximum term of office for all Board members. To set out the election process. To set out the process for making changes to the nominations and election processes. To change the notice period for Board meetings from fourteen to seven calendar days.
8	To change the approval process for financial transactions, introducing a higher level of security.
9	To change the arrangements for choosing a deputy in the event that the President is absent.
12	To introduce a second term for the Independent Auditors (subject to reappointment).
13	To remove institutional membership (following the General Assembly's Resolution at the meeting on 27 June 2019 in Léon).
15	To record that refunds are not payable in the event that a member resigns their membership.

In addition, the text has been revised to use more straightforward language, remove some repetition, and re-order some provisions to improve clarity.

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