

International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry

107th MEETING OF BUREAU

Virtual, 20 Nov 2021

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An extraordinary meeting of Bureau was convened to discuss and vote on the proposal for a revised version of the IUPAC Statutes, Bylaws and Standing Orders relating to changes to the IUPAC organizational structure.

43 participants were expected. All current members of Bureau and incoming Bureau members were invited; in some cases, the DVP also attended.

Christopher Brett (President), Javier Garcia-Martinez, Richard Hartshorn, Qi-Feng Zhou, Colin Humphris, Ehud Keinan, Wolfram Koch
Christopher Ober, Russell Boyd, Mei-Hung Chiu
Bipul Behari Saha, Ghada Bassioni, Gloria Obuzor (a), Ken Sakai, Petr S. Fedotov, Mary Garson, Laura McConnell, Zhigang Shuai
Tim Wallington, Pierangelo Metrangolo (a), France Separovic
Lars Öhrström, Lidia Armelao (a)
Nikolay E. Nifantiev, Amelia Rauter
Christine K. Luscombe
Zoltán Mester (a), David Shaw
Hemda Garelick, Roberto Terzano
Rita Cornelis, Helle Møller Johannessen
Alan Hutton, Michelle Rogers
Leah R. McEwen
Pietro Tundo, Buxing Han
Jan Apotheker, Marietjie Potgieter
Anna S. Makarova
Francesca Kerton
Jurgen Stohner
Jan Reedijk
Lynn Soby (a), Fabienne Meyers (Observer)

(a) *for absent*

1. REVISIONS OF THE IUPAC STATUTES AND BYLAWS AND STANDING ORDERS POST COUNCIL AND FROM NAO ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

The President welcomed everyone and stress the importance that continuity of the process is preserved and not to further delay completion of the revision and implementation of the changes. The group spanned time zones from 5 am in western Canada to 2 am the following day in New Zealand.

The President reviewed the process to date, from the original organizational structure review, through Bureau working groups, NAO consultations, Council discussions and decisions, and steps leading to the preparation of draft changes to the Statutes, Bylaws and Standing Orders.

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In response to questions, President confirmed that the intention is that the Science Board (SB) and Executive Board (EB) shall function in parallel and the SB is empowered to determine scientific priorities.

There was discussion of the proposed changes to the Statutes and Bylaws.

It was resolved that further changes would be required, and that a new draft should be shared with the Bureau by e-mail.

Alan Hutton asked what happened to the idea of changing the election cycles and simplifying to one every 4 years. It was suggested that some Divisions might prefer to keep a 2-year cycle. The Secretary General recalled that no consensus could be reached when this has been discussed in the past.

2. POST MEETING

The President sent the proposed revision of the Statutes, Bylaws and Standing Orders, to Bureau on 25 November 2021, after taking into account suggestions received during and after the Meeting on 20 November, together with a diagram showing the proposed functional relationships between IUPAC bodies in the new organizational structure.

Current Bureau members were asked to vote formally, by e-mail, on the motion to submit the revised Statutes, Bylaws and Standing Orders to the Secretary General, in order for Council to be able to discuss and deliberate on them as soon as possible.

The results of the voting (29 November 2021) were:

YES	25
NO	3
ABSTAIN	1

The President wrote to the Secretary General on 29 November submitting the proposal for revised Statutes, Bylaws and Standing Orders with a view to convening a special Council meeting to be held as soon as possible after the 6-month statutory period has passed.

3. SETTING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

A special Meeting of Council has been convened by the President, under the provisions of IUPAC Statute 5.2, to take place virtually on Saturday 4th June 2022 at 09.00 EDT (UTC-4) with one agenda item:

Discussion and voting on the proposal from Bureau for a revised version of the IUPAC Statutes, Bylaws and Standing Orders relating to changes to the IUPAC organizational structure.

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