

Proposal for NARBO Charter revision

Regarding revision of NARBO charter, the charter stipulates that revision of the charter is one of the items of agenda at the NARBO General Meeting (Article 4.2 (3)(d)) and there is no other section about the revision.

However, the secretariat has concluded that we need to change the charter partly and add some sections or clauses to the charter to make it reasonable and to deal with unexpected situations.

1) Provision of selection of chairperson and venue for the General Meeting.

NARBO charter stipulates that “The Chairperson will be from the country hosting the General Meeting” (Article 4.3 (1)) and “The venue is proposed jointly by Chairperson and Secretary General and confirmed by members” (Article 4.2 (1)(b)).

These two articles are not reasonable because the decision of the venue automatically determines chairpersons’ country and it causes confusing procedures. Trying to iron out this confusion, the secretariat would like to change the articles related to the venue and Chairperson’s selection.

In principle, the General Meeting is held in the Chairperson’s country and the Chairperson is selected at the General Meeting.

2) Provision of the procedure for the change of officers in the middle of their tenure

NARBO charter doesn’t have the section or clause regarding the replacements if the incumbent officers are not available in the middle of their tenure.

However, such a case has already happened in selecting the current Vice-Chair person and it is possibly expected to happen in the future. Therefore, the secretariat would like to add the clause in the charter to solve this awkward situation.

Persons who act for ex-officers except the Chairperson are nominated by the secretariat and appointed by the Chairperson for a period extending.

If the Chairperson is not available in the middle of his tenure, the Vice-Chairperson acts for his functions and responsibilities according to the charter (Article 4.3 (3)(b)).