

Proposed Draft Constitutional Changes Regarding Membership

Statute 3.1 – Membership

Modify: 3.1 CODATA shall be composed of **seven** kinds of members:

Add:

f) Affiliate Member. An Affiliate Member shall be an international organization, an academic institution, or a research institution having an interest in data science and a desire to work with CODATA in support of CODATA's mission. Affiliate Members shall pay annual dues and receive benefits as determined and updated periodically by the Executive Committee. Applicants for Affiliate Membership must be approved by the Executive Committee and must pay their first year's dues before receiving any privileges of membership. Affiliate Members who are fully current on their annual dues 90 days in advance of the General Assembly have the right to vote on one Delegate to represent the category of Affiliate Members at the General Assembly. A minimum of five (5) Affiliate Members in good standing is required to elect a Delegate. The Delegate has the same rights as other National and Regional Member delegates to nominate candidates, vote in elections, vote on Task Groups, and vote on financial issues. If there are more than fifty (50) Affiliate Members in good standing, the General Assembly may authorize an additional Delegate to represent the Affiliate Member category.

g) At-Large Member. An At-Large Member shall be an individual scientist, expert, or other professional having an interest in data science and a desire to work with CODATA in support of CODATA's mission. At-Large Members shall pay annual dues and receive benefits as determined and updated periodically by the Executive Committee. Applicants for At-Large Membership must be approved by the Executive Committee and must pay their first year's dues before receiving any privileges of membership. At-Large Members who are fully current on their annual dues 90 days in advance of the General Assembly have the right to vote on one Delegate to represent the category of At-Large Members at the General Assembly. A minimum of ten (10) At-Large Members in good standing is required to elect a Delegate. The Delegate has the same rights as other National and Regional Member Delegates to nominate candidates, vote in elections, vote on Task Groups, and vote on financial issues. If there are more than one hundred (100) At-Large Members in good standing, the General Assembly may authorize an additional Delegate to represent the Affiliate Member category.

Statute 3.2

Add: The Delegates elected by the Affiliate Members and At-Large Members shall seek advice from their respective Members in good standing.

Statute 3.6

Add: Affiliate and At-Large Members shall pay their assigned dues promptly and in the year assigned. If dues are not received by the end of the calendar year, the membership will be suspended until past and current dues are paid. Full payment of annual dues and any arrears must be made 90 days before a General Assembly in order for an At-Large Member or an Affiliate Member representative to qualify to serve as the Delegate representing their peers or to elect such a Delegate.

Statute 5.1

Modify:

- c) If a Delegate is unable to attend the General Assembly, the Member (or a majority of Affiliate Members or a majority of At-Large Members) may appoint a Substitute by giving written notice to the President.
- d) Each Member (or group of Affiliate or At-Large Members) shall have one vote to be exercised by the appointed Delegate or Substitute.

Statute 6.1

Modify: a) A candidate for Officer or Ordinary Member of the Executive Committee, at the time of election, must be a long-term resident of, or have primary affiliation with, the territory of a voting National or Regional Member or must be the official Delegate of a Member Union or Co-Opted Organization, or the official Delegate of the Affiliate Members or the At-Large Members.

Statute 9.1

Modify: a) CODATA shall acquire revenue through annual dues from National, Regional, Associate, Affiliate, and At-Large members according to financial categories of membership as set by the General Assembly. In questions concerning National, Regional, Associate, Affiliate, and At-Large Member dues, only National, Regional, Affiliate, and At-Large Delegates have a vote.

Delete: **Statute 11** – Supporting Organizations

Delete: **By-Law 3** – Relating to Supporting Organizations

Add: **By-Law 7** – Relating to Affiliate Members

7.1 Terms of reference. Affiliate Members agree to support the mission of CODATA as stated in Statute 2 of the CODATA Constitution

7.2 Admission. An organization wishing to become an Affiliate Member shall address its application to the Executive Committee via the Secretary General. The Executive Committee shall establish basic criteria for admission consistent with Statute 3.1.

7.3 Categories. The categories (e.g., non-profit vs. for-profit) and the corresponding level of annual dues for Affiliate Members will be set from time to time by the Executive Committee.

7.4 Relations with CODATA. An Affiliate Member should designate an individual to maintain contact with CODATA. Affiliate Members have the right to select up to five (5) Observers, in addition to their Delegate, to the General Assembly at their own expense.

7.5 Rights of Affiliate Members. All Affiliate Members shall receive automatically and free of charge the CODATA publications commensurate with their dues category. The Executive Committee may designate additional benefits for Affiliate Members.

Add: By-Law 8 – Relating to At-Large Members

8.1 Terms of reference. At-Large Members agree to support the mission of CODATA as stated in Statute 2 of the CODATA Constitution

8.2 Admission. An individual wishing to become an At-Large Member shall address his or her application to the Executive Committee via the Secretary General. The Executive Committee shall establish basic criteria for admission consistent with Statute 3.1.

8.3 Categories. The categories (e.g., regular vs. student) and the corresponding level of annual dues for At-Large Members will be set from time to time by the Executive Committee.

8.4 Relations with CODATA. At-Large Members have the right to select up to five (5) Observers, in addition to their Delegate, to the General Assembly at their own expense.

8.5 Rights of At-Large Members. All At-Large Members shall receive automatically and free of charge the CODATA publications in electronic form commensurate with their dues category. The Executive Committee may designate additional benefits for At-Large Members.

Motion 1: Accept language related to Affiliate Members

Motion 2: Accept language related to At-Large Members

Motion 3: Delete Statute 11 and By-Law 3 related to Supporting Organizations

Motion 4: Re-number the Constitution as required