

Amendment of CENL statutes

Actions required:

- The EC is asked to take notice of the draft to be provided by the notary and the procedure.

In 2023 the EC agreed on some amendments to the CENL Statutes, and the Board of Directors confirmed the amendments during their business meeting in June. This procedure has been in line with the current statutes.

After the Annual General Meeting the Secretary contacted the Dutch notary office, we are working with, to make the changes official. It showed that according to Dutch law, amendments to the Statutes must be written in the original language. As CENL is a foundation under Dutch law, this means that the text must be written in Dutch and not in English – although most of our members are not familiar with Dutch language.

In the consequence this requires a new vote, so the process will have to be repeated by the Executive Committee members and then confirmed by the Board of Directors during their next business meeting.

During a video meeting on 11 January 2024, the notary clarified that the EC has to agree on the changes again, and the Board of Directors has to confirm this decision. She promised to prepare and send a draft of the new text including information on the further procedure prior to the EC meeting on 5 February 2024.

Until the changes to the Statutes are made official after approval by the Board of Directors, all EC members must be present at a meeting to take valid decisions.