

General Statute Amendment

General Statute Proposed Amendment

Replace the term “institutes” with “institutions” throughout the IOJT Statutes Articles 3, 6 and 8.

General Statute Amendment Explanation

The “Declaration of Judicial Training Principles” uses the term “institution” rather than “institute.” This change throughout that document would create consistency across IOJT statutes, principles, policies and resolutions.

Article 6

Current Statute

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Statute with Proposed Amendment(s)

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Statute Amendment Explanation

Article 6: Membership would be amended to delegate the authority to establish levels of membership to the Board of Executives. Creating membership levels (for example, Associate Members, Observer Status, others) would allow individuals who may serve as faculty in judicial training programs and organizations that offer limited specialized judicial training to benefit from IOJT conferences and support. The Board of Executives currently review applications for membership and would consider creating additional membership categories. Creating levels of membership will allow IOJT to support additional groups and individuals whose purposes, objectives and goals are consistent with those of IOJT.

Article 10

Current Statute

Article 10: The Board of Executives

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The proposed amendment would increase the members of the Board of Executives appointed by the President from “up to four additional members” to “up to five additional members.” This change creates the opportunity to expand the membership of the Board to include additional representation. As IOJT membership increases the leadership needs to provide additional opportunities for membership involvement.

Article 13

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Statute Amendment Explanation

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Proposed amendment adds language recognizing the role of the Deputy Secretary General to serve as Chair of the Nominations Committee.

Article 16

Current Statute

There is no current statute, propose a new statute.

Statute Proposed

Article 16: Nominating Committee

The President shall appoint a three-member Nominating Committee from the Board of Executives chaired by the Deputy Secretary General. The Nominating Committee shall coordinate the bi-annual election of IOJT officers.

Statute Proposed Explanation

Article 16: Nominating Committee

In an effort to define the roles and responsibilities of the IOJT Officers, Boards and Committees, this new statute is proposed to clarify the nominations and elections process and the responsibility of the Nominations Committee. Articles 7 and 10 reference the Nominating Committee but the role and membership of that committee is not defined. This proposed new statute would clarify that the three person Nominating Committee appointed by the President would be chaired by the Deputy Secretary General to coordinate the nomination and election of IOJT officers and Regional Deputy Presidents (see Article 8 regarding positions to be elected).

Article 16-19

Current Statutes

Article 16: Fiscal Year

Article 17: Assets

Article 18: Amendments of the Statutes

Article 19: Dissolution

Statute Proposed Amendments

Article ~~16~~17: Fiscal Year

Article ~~17~~18: Assets

Article ~~18~~19: Amendments of the Statutes

Article ~~19~~20: Dissolution

Statute with Proposed Amendment(s)

Article 17: Fiscal Year

Article 18: Assets

Article 19: Amendments of the Statutes

Article 20: Dissolution

Statute Amendments Explanation

Articles 16 – 19

Addition of a new Article 16 requires that all statutes following Article 16 be renumbered sequentially.