

World Lacrosse
National Governing Bodies
Members of the Board

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**Change of FIL/World Lacrosse Constitution
(to be voted on during GA2019)**

Dear Representatives of the National Governing Bodies,

Dear Members of the Board,

During the General Assembly 2018 in Netanya, Israel, the issue of the appointment of two independent board members was discussed controversially. After agreeing on the change of the FIL constitution, the number of board members increased to eleven. According to the current constitution, all of these board members except the chair of the General Assembly have a vote in the General Assembly. With currently 36 full members entitled to vote in the General Assembly, the board alone holds 10 out of 46 of all possible votes (21,73%) in the General Assembly.

The role of the General Assembly is the highest decision making body in World Lacrosse. Besides constitutional and bylaw changes, one of its key tasks is the election of board members. However, according to the changes adopted last year, the membership nations do not have any influence on the two independent board members, whereas these independent board members can cast a vote in the General Assembly.

Furthermore, a special role that the General Assembly has is to „oversee Board activity and performance“ (FIL constitution para. 5.2.6) and to „receive and review reports by the board“. It is highly questionable, how the General Assembly can neutrally oversee the Board’s work, if the board commands more than one fifth of possible votes.

The DLaxV, representing Germany, therefore asks the General Assembly to agree on the following constitution changes:

1. Delete paragraph 5.6.2
2. Integrate paragraph 5.6.3 into paragraph 5.6.1
3. Add new paragraph 5.6.2: „The chair [most likely the President] has a casting vote in the event of a tie.“

The new paragraph 5.6 would then read as follows:

5.6 Voting Those entitled to vote are:

5.6.1 Full Members (one vote per Full Member) in good standing. The vote must be casted by the previously named delegate.

5.6.2 The chair [most likely the President] has a casting vote in the event of a tie.

With kind regards,



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