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SECTION 0. GENERALITIES

0.1. STRUCTURE OF THE SPACE RENAISSANCE INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTS

The Statute-Bylaws of the Space Renaissance International includes the following documents:

- ANNEX A - **The Space Renaissance Manifesto**
(http://www.spacerenaissance.org/papers/The_Space_Renaissance_Manifesto.pdf)
- ANNEX B - **The Bylaws (this document)**, including the working mechanism and rules for the governance of the SRI democratic processes

0.2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

The Statutes of the Space Renaissance International: https://spacerenaissance.space/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/SRI_Statutes.pdf

0.3. DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

TERM/ACRONYM	DEFINITION
AFEN	Affiliated Entity
BoD	Board of Directors
BF	Board of Founders
COMA	Constitutional Matters
CPA	Certified Public Accountant
CSC	Congress Scientific Committee
EC	Executive Committee
ECO	External Communication Operator
ED	Executive Director
EDG	Electronic Democracy Governance
EXMA	Extraordinary Matters
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GC	General Counsel
GECH	Geographical Chapter
HBDA	Honorary Board of Directors and Advisors
IC	International Congress
ICO	Internal Communication Operator
IS	International Secretariat
N/A	Not Applicable



ORMA	Ordinary Matters
PCD	Pre-Congress Discussion
SGT	Strategical General Thesis
SRAC	Space Renaissance Academy (Scientific) Committee
SRI	Space Renaissance International
SRI	Space Renaissance Initiative
SRICn	Space Renaissance International Congress, number, e.g. SRIC3 = SRI 3 rd World Congress
THECH	Thematic Chapter
Their	His/her
They	He/She

0.4. HISTORY OF REVISIONS

VERSION	DATE	REASON OF REVISION
1.0	18 January 2010	First issue of this document
1.1	23 March 2010	All the rules were moved to the Bylaws document, in order to reduce this document to the very essential items, that likely will never, or at least very seldom, need to be changed.
2	26 May 2010	The Annex D (numeric parameters) was eliminated, and its data merged into this document
3	28 May 2014	The Rules of Chapters was enriched, in order to reflect the new setup of SR International, now based on national chapters.
4	7 July 2021	Some discrepancies between the Bylaws and the Statutes were resolved.
5	6 August 2021	Further corrections by A. V. Autino
6	13 August 2021	Corrections by B. Foing
7	1 December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Correction of discrepancies at article 1.7.1: disambiguation of 'geographic' and 'national' chapter concepts - Disambiguation of several definitions and terms in article 1.7 and its sub-articles
7.1	3 December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Correction of a typo in article 1.7.4.1 - Changed 1.7 title into "RULES OF CHAPTERS AND OTHER PARTNERS"



SECTION 1. CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE SRI BODIES

1.1. RULES OF THE SR INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS (IC)

1.1.1. Duties and privileges

The IC votes the strategic lines and elects the Board of Directors, during the Congress celebration, each 5 years, as a minimum frequency. The convocation of the IC is however prerogatives of the Board.

Among two Congress celebrations, the IC Members (SRI Members) can be called by the BoD, or by the President, or by the SRAC, to an extraordinary vote on strategical issues. Such vote can be expressed via telematic communication means.

1.1.2. Composition

The IC is composed by:

- the SRI Members,
- the representatives of Chapters,
- the representatives of Affiliated Entities.

1.1.3. International Congress working mechanism

The International Congress (IC) is convoked by the Board of Directors according to the frequency and preparation time defined at article 1.1.1.

The Pre-Congress Discussion (PCD) shall take place in the discussion facilities (both in presence and virtual online) and the chapters's premises.

During the PCD, the proper information will be supplied by the SRICn Committee, to allow all of the participants and attendees a full participation to the proceedings.

During the PCD, any member can present papers to be submitted to the discussion/voting instances of the Congress, on any topics deemed relevant to the congress.

During the PCD, non members are also allowed to submit papers to the discussion instances of the Congress, on any topics included in the call for papers online description.

The papers can be presented using the proper forms in the frame of the Congress Call for Papers (CCFP).

The Space Renaissance International Congress Committee (SRICn) holds the prerogatives to:

- a) Accept the presented papers



- b) Refute the presented papers
- c) Assign the accepted papers to a live oral presentation in a Symposium session, or to the Poster session
- d) Assume the best concepts and recommendations from the congress papers and presentations, as contributes to the final motions and resolution.

After the Congress discussion, the IC Members are called to vote on:

- the Final Resolution and the Congress Theses documents.
- the new President and Board of Directors.

1.2. RULES OF THE SR ACADEMY COMMITTEE (SRAC)

1.2.1. Function and Composition of SRAC

The SR Academy Committee covers all the functions of the SRI Scientific Committee.

1.2.2. Privileges of the SRAC

- a) The SRAC can nominate and co-opt -- upon their sole evaluation and decision -- new members, in order to assure the continuity of the SRI spirit and mission, and to assure the high academic profile, covering the developed researches and disciplines.
- b) the candidates for co-optation may be members or non-members of SRI, however their curricula proof their personal share of the SRI philosophy and activities.
- c) Any member of the SRAC, if member of SRI, has the right of speaking against and raise motions against any nomination to the SRAC.
- d) The SRAC have the privilege, upon a simple majority vote, to call for an extraordinary vote of the International Congress.

1.2.3. Privileges of the Board of Directors with respect to the SRAC

Should the SRAC fail to refill the minimum number of members within one year, the BoD will have the privilege to design new members of the SRAC, so to restore the minimum number.

1.2.4. SRAC working mechanism

1.2.4.1. Maximum and minimum number

The SRAC maximum number of members is not defined.

The minimum number of the SRAC members shall be 5.



When the number of the SRAC members decreases under the minimum, the SRAC shall co-opt new members, within the time of one solar year.

1.2.4.2. SR Academy development

The SRAC is entitled to develop the SR Academy programme, with particular reference to, but not only:

- the Educational programme
- the Mentorship programme
- the Space Renaissance philosophical research programme
- establishing contacts and partnership agreements with space universities and institutions

1.2.4.3. Organization

The SRAC organizes its works in full autonomy, e.g.:

- scheduling work online and in presence meetings
- developing educational contents
- developing lectures and webinars online and in presence

1.3. RULES OF THE SRI HONORARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADVISORS (HBDA)

1.3.1. Duties and privileges

The scope of the HBDA is to help harmonizing and actualizing the political setup and punctual initiatives of the SRI.

The HBDA shall meet yearly (at least), upon convocation by the BoD.

It can also be called, by the BoD, to give expert support on punctual issues.

The HBDA members are invited by the SRI Officers, and their role will extend for periods of 5 years, that can be renewed indefinitely, unless for cause.

1.3.2. Honorary Board working mechanism

The HBDA or members of it will prepare their papers or motions upon request of the BoD or upon their autonomous decision, when they deem some topics urgent and worth of attention.

Papers and motions prepared by the HBDA or members of it will be considered relevant contributes to the SRI strategy actualization, between two congresses celebrations.



1.4. RULES OF THE SRI BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BoD)

1.4.1. Duties and privileges

The BoD meets monthly, at least online, using telematic facilities.

The BoD will meet in person each time it will be possible/convenient, and/or requested by extraordinary events.

The BoD shall provide the SRI governance, and make important immediate decisions.

The BoD shall valuate new candidatures and creation of new chapters.

The BoD can call for an extraordinary vote of the IC.

The BoD members are elected by the IC.

1.4.2. Loyalty

Each member of the BoD, while accepting the nomination, declares the following:

- a) in all of his/her actions in the frame of SRI, he/she will act in the interest of the SRI
- b) none of his/her decisions or actions will be in contrast nor opposition with the interest of the SRI
- c) when the interest of a SRI affiliated entity could result in possible conflict with the interest of the SRI, the BoD member shall do his/her best to harmonize the conflictual needs, helping to find any possible win/win solution.

1.4.3. Board of Directors working mechanism

1.4.3.1. Time of reaction

The BoD members, accepting the nomination, declare that they will react within max. 5 days, to any issue submitted to their attention by the President or other BoD member(s), by means of the official communication facilities of the BoD team.

1.4.3.2. Selection of the BoD members

At the beginning of the pre-congress period (PCD), the BoD in charge shall issue the list of skills and expertizes required for the next BoD. The BoD can appoint an Election Committee (EC) for all tasks related to this matter.

Any SRI member can run for election in the BoD.

All aspirants shall communicate to the BoD their intention to run, during the PCD period.

The list of the aspirants will be issued by the EC to the IC members with due advance.



1.5. SRI INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

1.5.1. Duties and privileges

The IS deals the daily activity of the SRI.

Ordinary actions will be approved at the next BoD meeting.

Actions requiring a preliminary decision of the BoD shall be submitted to the next BoD meeting for approval before executing.

The IS shall perform the following tasks:

- a) Review candidatures for co-optation to the BoD or SRAC, to determine the candidate's eligibility and report its recommendation to the next meeting of the BoD.
- b) Possibly invite candidates to the meetings of the BoD as observers.
- c) Prepare and submit an agenda of the matters to be considered at the meetings of the BoD. All matters, which are to be decided by the BoD, are considered in advance by the IS.
- d) Supervise the preparation of the accounts and the disbursement of funds, recommend an annual budget and present all pertinent information in the form of an annual report to the BoD.
- e) Appoint interim committees to develop tasks arising since the last meeting of the BoD.
- f) Take appropriate measures for developing the cooperation of the SRI with national and international organizations, communities, societies, bodies and institutions for the purpose of the SRI strategical goals, on the basis of guidelines provided by the BoD.
- g) The IS prepares the agenda for the BoD discussion.
- h) The IS shall take care of efficiency and timeliness of all communication.
- i) The IS shall nominate an SRI Internal Communications Manager (ICM). Such profiles shall be chosen among the IS members. See the Bylaws point 2.6.3.2 for detailed duties of ICO.

1.5.2. Members nomination

The IS members, besides President, Vice-Presidents, Executive Director, Treasurer and Secretary, are nominated by the BoD.

1.5.3. Loyalty

Each member of the IS, while accepting the nomination, declares the following:

- see article 1.4.2



1.5.4. International Secretariat working mechanism

1.5.4.1. Decisions

The IS should not need to take decisions by voting.

Should any problem arise, related to interpretation of the strategy and/or possible critical alternatives in actual initiatives, the IS will consult the BoD, before acting.

1.5.4.2. Time of reaction

The IS members, accepting the nomination, declare that they will react within 24 hours to any issue submitted to their attention by other IS member(s) or member(s) of the BoD, by means of the official communication facilities of the directive organs.

1.6. RULES OF THE SRI OFFICERS

1.6.1. SRI PRESIDENT

1.6.1.1. Duties

The President shall provide long term goals and strategy to the SRI.

The President shall interface relevant persons in all the environments and communities chosen as priority by the SRI, in order to enlarge its audience, support and partnership.

The President shall represent the SRI in public ceremonies and events, wherever the SRI is invited or has interest to participate.

1.6.1.2. Election

The President is elected by the IC.

1.6.1.3. Eligibility

A new President may be chosen among or outside the members of SRI.

When accepting the nomination, the candidate President shall subscribe as a SRI members, in order his/her nomination to be effective.

The same person can be re-elected to the SRI President position for max. 3 (three) mandates.

1.6.1.4. Privileges

To the President the following privileges shall be granted:

- a) the President can call for an extraordinary vote of the IC;
- b) the President is member of all directive organs;



- c) in case of parity in any voting instance of the SRI, the President will have a casting vote;
- d) the President nominates or re-confirms the Vice President(s), choosing them among the Board of Directors.

1.6.2. SRI VICEPRESIDENT(S)

1.6.2.1. Duties

The Vice Presidents shall help the President of the SRI in their Office duties (see article 1.6.1.1).

The Vice Presidents can replace the President during ceremonies and official events, when the President cannot participate.

1.6.2.2. Nomination

The Vice Presidents will be nominated or re-confirmed by the President during the IC. The President might consult the SRAC members for such nomination.

1.6.2.3. Absence

In absence of the President and of all the Vice Presidents, any SRAC member can act with the privileges of the VP.

1.6.2.4. Eligibility

The Vice Presidents shall be chosen only among the members of the BoD.

Any candidate external to the BoD shall be accepted and co-opted by the BoD members, before getting the right to present their candidature for the position of Vice President.

1.6.2.5. Privileges

To the Vice Presidents the following privileges shall be granted:

- a) each Vice President is member of all directive organs.

1.6.3. SRI TREASURER

The Treasurer of the SRI shall take care of the financial management of the SRI.

The Treasurer is appointed by the BoD.

He/she is in charge to receive the yearly fee by all the Members, the Chapters, the Affiliated Entities.

He/she is also in charge to provide yearly budget needs, according to the sustainability of the international organization, and the development of the decided projects.



1.6.4. SRI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director (ED) of the SRI shall act as secretary to the IS and the BoD, and shall perform such duties as are assigned to him/her in a formal job description prepared by the BoD.

The ED shall be appointed by the IS and approved by the BoD.

1.7. RULES OF CHAPTERS AND OTHER PARTNERS

1.7.1. Geographic Chapters (GECH)

1.7.1.1. Definition

A GECH can be established naming it after a Continent (e.g. North America, Europe, ...), a Country (e.g. USA, Italy, ...), a State, a Region, or even a City.

Whatever its geographic definition, a chapter needs to be incorporated in a Country, therefore to be compliant with the laws in force in such Country.

In general terms, GECHs are also defined as Local Chapters, whatever their geographical reference.

1.7.1.2. Chapter duties

In order to be recognized as such, a GECH shall:

1. prior to its recognition have demonstrated its ability to organize and maintain basic SRI activities;
2. submit its Statute to the SRI BoD for approval;
3. at least 5 members regularly subscribed to SRI;
4. have a president or chairperson endowed with personal vision and managerial capacities;
5. submit a strategic plan of development, including public events and main projects/programs of the chapter;
6. be registered as a chapter with the International Secretariat, upon the decision of the SRI BoD.

GECHs shall take no actions opposed to the stated vision and mission of SRI.

GECHs shall act in accordance with the core values and methods of SRI, as well as any strategic lines, working rules and guidelines that are adopted from time to time by the SRI International Congress.

1.7.1.3. Chapter representatives to the EC and the IC

Each GECH will elect its representatives to the SRI Executive Committee (EC).

Members of GECHs are automatically also members of the SR International, therefore entitled to participate to the IC with full privileges and tasks.



1.7.1.4. Chapters web sites

Each GECH can create its own web site, connected to the Space Renaissance International web site.

1.7.1.5. Privileges of the SRI Officers

- a) The SRI President nominates the presidents of GECHs; the nominated GECH President will remain in charge until the first regular election by the registered members of the new incorporated chapter.
- b) The SRI President, the SRI Vice-Presidents, and each member of the SRI Board will be entitled to participate, with full prerogatives for speaking, motions offering and voting, to any meeting of any directive organ of local chapters, should he/she decide so.
- c) The SRI President, the SRI Vice-Presidents, and each member of the SRI Board hold the privilege and task to monitor and check in any moment the bank accounts of any GECH, upon their individual decision.
- d) The SRI President, the SRI Vice-Presidents, and each member of the SRI Board hold the peculiar duty to watch, supervise and take care of the correct management of GECHs, providing all recommendations needed to assure the proper development of the SRI programs and strategies in a high ethic profile and moral unexceptionable behaviour.
- e) The SRI President, the SRI Vice-Presidents, and each member of the SRI Board, hold the privilege to directly talk to any member of the GECHs, with the aim to better understand and make clarity in the decisional processes and to favour the development according to the SRI principles as mentioned above.

1.7.1.6. Chapter Governance

Each GECH shall adopt its own foundation documents -- the Statute and the Bylaws (operating rules and administrative procedures) -- according to the national laws of the Country where it is incorporated.

Such documents shall be written in compliance with the SRI governance documents, or using the SRI documents as templates, just changing possible rules not compliant with the national law, if any.

During the initial time, before the bylaws and administrative procedures will be written and approved, should any issue arise requiring such document to be used, the proper SRI governing document(s) will be in force.

1.7.1.7. Chapter finance

Since membership fees and donations are collected by SR International, all of the expenses of the chapter will be sustained by SR International.

A geographic chapter, upon decision of the chapter's Board of Directors, assessing the size and consolidated status of the chapter, may propose an agreement to SR International, with the aim of:



- establishing the chapter's own bank account
- collecting the membership fees by the chapter's members
- collecting local donations
- corresponding an agreed part of the collected funds to the SR International

Some precedents agreements (SR Italia chapter) defined the above part due to SRI as of 10% of the collected funds.

1.7.2. Thematic Chapters (THECH)

1.7.2.1. Definition

A THECH can be established naming it after a particular theme (e.g. Lunar Settlement, Lagrange Infrastructures, ...) or a particular long term project, involving SRI members.

A THECH may be incorporated as a legal entity or just remain a working group with its proper structure for governance and work purposes.

In case of incorporation, a THECH needs to be incorporated in a specific Country, therefore to be compliant with the laws in force in such Country.

1.7.2.2. Chapter eligibility

A THECH of the Space Renaissance International can recruit its members internationally, and does not need to be established in a specific country.

In order to be established, a THECH shall be endorsed by the SRI Board of Directors.

1.7.2.3. Chapter duties

In order to be recognized as such, a THECH shall:

1. be based on a theme not yet adopted by any other THECH;
2. submit its mission statement to the International Board Of Directors for approval;
3. be registered as such with the International Secretariat on the decision of the International Board Of Directors.

THECHs shall autonomously develop their matters, checking periodically the coherence of their activity with the SRI International Secretariat, and the stated vision and mission of Space Renaissance International.

THECHs shall act in accordance with the core values and methods of SRI, as well as any strategic lines, working rules and guidelines adopted by the SRI International Congress.

1.7.2.4. Chapter report to the IC and BoD

THECH will not elect representatives to the International Congress.

However they are called to report to the IC, about the results of their activities.

Any public initiative of a THECH shall be submitted to the BoD, and approved by it, before being developed.



1.7.2.5. Chapter web sites

Each THECH can create its own web site, connected to the Space Renaissance International web site.

1.7.3. Affiliated Entities (AFEN)

1.7.3.1. AFEN Definition

An Affiliated Entity, or Member Organization, is a distinct association, or corporation, or commercial company, that decided to join the Space Renaissance community as a member affiliated entity.

1.7.3.2. AFEN Eligibility

The following types of organization, whatever their Country of incorporation, can apply for affiliation as a Member Organization to the Space Renaissance International:

- any organization, association, charity, private commercial enterprise, educational institution
- having the human expansion into space scope in its statute or by-laws, or
- having humanitarian and/or humanist scope in its statute or by-laws, or
- having a business mission related to space and/or astronautics.

1.7.3.3. Duties of AFENs

In order to be recognized as such, an AFEN shall:

1. submit its Statute to the SRI International BoD for a verification of compatibility;
2. if the AFEN is not an international entity, and in the Country where the AFEN is incorporated a SRI GECH exists, the AFEN is expected to merge or strictly collaborate with such a GECH;
3. pay such annual fee as may be determined by the SRI International BoD;
4. be registered as SRI AFEN with the SRI IS on the decision of the SRI BoD;
5. insert in the home page of their web site a reference to the SRI, well visible, and clearly stating that the entity is an Affiliated Entity of Space Renaissance International.

1.7.3.4. Membership

Members, associated partners or workers of the AFEN will be warmly encouraged – on a voluntary free choice basis -- to subscribe as members of Space Renaissance International.

1.7.3.5. Relationship with the IC and the SRI BoD

AFEN have right to elect 1 representative to the International Congress, having right to vote for all the voting sessions, and to talk in the name of the AFEN.



All AFEN members have right to participate to the IC, yet only the SRI members have right to vote on the voting sessions.

AFEN are expected to inform the SRI BoD about their initiatives, and possibly to seek collaboration / partnership for realization.

Public initiatives of a AFEN don't need to be approved by the SRI BoD, before being developed.

1.7.4. Partner Organizations (PAOR)

1.7.4.1. Partner Organizations agreement

Any organization, who's mission is compatible with the SRI mission, can become a partner of SRI upon a partnership agreement to be signed by the representatives of SRI and the Partner.

The partnership agreement should include, at least, the following clauses:

1. if in the country(ies) where the PAOR is incorporated SRI geographic chapter(s) exist, the PAOR is expected to collaborate with such a chapter(s);
2. be registered as SRI PAOR by the SRI IS on the decision of the SRI BoD;
3. the PAOR will insert in the home page of their web site a reference to the SRI, stating that the entity is a partner of the Space Renaissance.

1.7.4.2. Encouraged SRI membership

Members of PAORs are warmly encouraged to subscribe as members of SRI, on a free voluntary basis.

1.7.4.3. PAORs representatives to the EC and to the IC

PAORs don't have right to have representatives to the EC nor IC.

PAORs' members which are members of SRI will fully participate and talk at EC and IC, with the possibility to talk in the name of the PAOR they belong.

Such members votes for SRI President and Board of Directors will however be counted as individual votes (1 person – 1 vote).

1.7.5. SRI International Secretariat duties related to Chapters, Affiliated Entities and Partner Organizations

The SRI IS shall maintain a register of GECHs, TECHs, AFENs and PAORs.

1.8. RULES OF THE MEMBERSHIP



1.8.1. SRI Membership

Any individuals residing in any countries, states, territories, or regions can become a SRI Member, by subscribing and paying the yearly fee.

All Members subscribe to SR International, regardless whether in their Country a Local Chapter exists or not.

Exception to the above rule for the chapters that established an agreement with SR International, see 1.7.1.7.

1.8.2. Chapters Membership

A member of SRI living in a Country where a Local Chapter exists is automatically also a member of the SRI Local Chapter.

Mutually, and member of a SRI Local Chapter is automatically also member of SR International, with full voting privileges to the IC.



SECTION 2. DECISION MECHANISM AND WORK METHODOLOGY

2.1. Decisional Instances

The SRI instances, enabled to take operative decisions, are the following ones:

1. physical presence meetings of any directive organ (IC, BoD, SRAC, IS)
2. teleconference meetings, convocated by any directive organ
3. call for votes issued using a SRI facility, as defined at point 2.2.

2.2. SRI official facilities

The SRI official facilities, enabled to be used by decisional processes, are the following ones:

- SRI google groups, produced and chaired by a SRI BoD member
- SRI google spreadsheets, voting grids, produced and chaired by a SRI BoD member
- SRI Skype public conferences, produced and chaired by a SRI BoD member
- SRI Zoom and GSUITE meetings, produced and chaired by a SRI BoD member

2.3. Majority

2.3.1. Ordinary Matters (ORMA)

Ordinary matters are all matters, excluding constitutional and extraordinary matters.

All directive organs will decide, on ordinary matters, by a simple majority of 51%.

2.3.2. Extraordinary Matters (EXMA)

Extraordinary matters are the following ones:

- extraordinary IC convocation
- motions of distrust, moved against the President or any directive organ
- sanctions to Geographical Chapters and Affiliated Entities

The only organ enabled to decide on the above matters is the International Congress, i.e. the plenary Assembly of the SRI Members.

Decisions will come into force only by a 2/3 majority.

2.3.3. Constitutional Matters (COMA)

Constitutional matters relate to the SRI Statutes/Bylaws and the SRI Philosophical Manifesto.



The only organ enabled to approve changes to the above documents is the International Congress, i.e. the plenary Assembly of the SRI Members.

See SECTION 4 for amendability rules.

2.4. Quorum

In order to be eligible for voting, the directive organs shall reach the quorum rules as listed in the following table.

organ	ordinary matters	extraordinary matters	constitutional matters	annexes to statute-bylaws
IC	participation of 51% of having right to vote	participation of 2/3 of having right to vote	participation of 2/3 of having right to vote	N/A
BoD	Participation of president (or vicepresidents), IS	participation of 51% of having right to vote	N/A	participation of 2/3 of having right to vote
IS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SRAC	participation of 51% of the members	N/A	N/A	N/A

Any voting session has the faculty to approve or refute motions, whatever the number of live participants + possibly assigned proxies. Each motion can be declared passed or refuted, according to the sum of the received AYE, NAY and ABSTAIN votes.

Votes can be collected for a defined time period after the live session, via email or other mechanisms (such as dedicated online forms).

All of the collected votes are accounted:

- a) If the total collected votes don't contradict the live voting outcome, the result doesn't change
- b) Should the total collected votes (live + delayed) contradict the live result, a motion can be declared passed or refuted, according to the valid votes account.

Votes by non SRI members are collected however, and considered an important indication, though not binding for the approval or refutation of a motion.

2.5. Governance of the meetings debate

2.5.1. Adopted methodology

All of the SRI discussions, be they in physical presence of the attendees, or held by telematic tools, shall be conducted according to the parliamentary methodology called "Robert's rules of order" (<http://www.bartleby.com/176/>).



2.5.2. Summary meeting protocol

A quick meeting protocol – provided the full application of the previous article – is the following one:

1. at the beginning of the meeting the President (or a Vice President) gives the agenda of the meeting, and calls for the election of the chairperson;
2. the elected chairperson is in charge of the correct application of the rules;
3. attendees shall ask a floor to the chairperson before talking;
4. the chairperson can decide to open limited discussion time, when needed to clarify a point, before issuing motions and voting, upon his/her decision or if requested by any participant;
5. the chairperson is the sole enabled to allow motions, statements of motion second, and to call for votes on motions;
6. the chairperson is also the sole enabled to allow reports to the assembly, by committees, experts or officers;
7. if the chairperson cannot for any reason terminate the assembly, the chair passes back to the President (or a Vice President).

2.5.3. Methodology

Every official telematic meeting of the SRI shall include the following features:

- a) full video-recording of the whole meeting;
- b) minutes of the meetings and agreed action items.

The chairperson in charge, or a person delegated by him/her, shall be responsible to provide the minutes of the meeting and the link to the recorded video of the meeting.

2.5.4. Principle of informed democracy

Democracy is not complete and not effective if those having right to vote did not have access to all information or didn't had time enough to inform themselves about the matter of decision.

2.5.5. Temporary committees

Often it is not enough to submit an unprocessed collection of data and information and then call for a vote.

In many cases, in order any organism can take truly aware decisions, the available data and information need to be collected, ordered by categories, traded-off, and presented to the voters together with criteria, weights, priorities.

The above is the main work of temporary committees, to be created on specific tasks, when needed.



2.5.6. Decision procedures

The SRI operates according to the following two procedures:

- a) simple process
- b) structured process

2.5.6.1. Simple process

The simple process can be used when the decision do not require complex data analysis and/or trade-offs.

The vote can be called after an introduction of the proposer, and a discussion if required.

2.5.6.2. Structured process

The structured process shall be used when the decision requires complex data analysis and/or trade-offs.

The BoD shall:

- a) prepare the basic requirements, goals and possible choices to be cleared,
- b) define the deadline of the decision,
- c) nominate a dedicated committee.

The task of such a committee will be to prepare, within the defined deadline, the proper clear analysis of data and information, in order to facilitate the decision of the BoD.

The chairperson of the committee will then present the result of their work to the BoD, during the voting session.

NOTE: the task of the committee shall never be to take the decision itself, even in case the analysis gave evident better convenience for one choice against the other one.

2.6. Electronic Democracy Governance (EDG)

2.6.1. Information about the SRI facilities and their use

While the Space Renaissance International makes large use of electronic information facilities, it shall never give for granted that everybody knows exactly their existence and how to use them.

It is therefore a relevant duty of the IS to issue a punctual and constant information, to all of the SRI Members, about:

- the list of the SRI information and electronic democracy facilities
- their accessibility, in term of registration modalities
- their use and customization parameters



The normal way, used to issue the above periodic information to the members, is the email.

If a member requires it, the information shall be sent to him via snail mail, upon an additional fee, as defined by the BoD.

The IS shall maintain the database of SRI members and their preferences.

2.6.2. Moderator

Each SRI official facility shall be governed by a moderator, encharged by the SRI BoD.

Such a moderator will survey the discussions, with the aim to avoid spamming and other disturbing activities, such as messages not relevant for the SRI mission and scope.

In case of violent and unproductive litigations among members, the moderator has the privilege to suspend members, at his/her sole assessment and decision, after warning them, when the warnings didn't produce effects.

2.6.3. Continuous transparent information

2.6.3.1. Principle of information circulation

Electronic information allows to create and maintain proper discussion groups for each directive organ, chapter or committee.

Such feature allows to keep ordered and focused discussions. On the other side, a risk exists, that information remains confined in some groups, and not communicated to all the interested members.

The IS shall create an information service, targeted to assure the proper circulation of the information, in all directions, inside the SRI.

2.6.3.2. Internal information circulation

The SRI internal activities shall be documented – at least – as follows:

- the activity of the IS shall be weekly summarized for the BoD;
- the activity of the BoD shall be monthly summarized for the SRI Members, in an internal newsletter
- such a newsletter shall inform the members about the ongoing activities and discussions in the SRI directive organs, with the sole exception of discussions expressly indicated as classified by the BoD.

For the above purpose, an Internal Communication Operator (ICO) shall be designed by the IS.

The ICO shall have the privilege to interview any Members of the BoD, SRAC, IS, CC, and to interface any SRI Member.



2.6.3.3. External information circulation

The SRI activities shall be documented – at least – as follows:

- a newsletter shall be issued each month to the SRI large audience;
- such a newsletter shall give news about the ongoing SRI programmes and public initiatives and events.

For the above purpose, an External Communication Operator (ECO) shall be designed by the IS.

The ECO can be appointed even outside the SRI membership.

The ECO has the privilege to interview any SRI officers and members of the BoD, SRAC, IS.



SECTION 3. ORGANIZATION

3.1. Finance

3.1.1. Yearly Balance

Once per year, the IS shall prepare the yearly balance of the SRI financial inputs / outputs, and present it to the SRI BoD for approval.

A forecast budget for the incoming year shall be prepared as well by the IS, and submitted to the BoD for approval.

When approved by the BoD, the balance and budget will be submitted to the SRI Members for approval.

3.1.2. Auditing

An auditor appointed by the BoD may be in charge, if needed, to auditing the accounts and the balance of SRI, as prepared by the IS according to 3.1.1.

3.1.3. Non profit

No part of the income or property of Space Renaissance International shall directly or indirectly be paid or transferred otherwise than for valuable and sufficient consideration to any of its members by way of dividend, gift, division, bonus or otherwise by way of profit.

3.1.4. Membership yearly fees

Each SRI member shall pay an yearly fee.

The yearly fee can be paid in two alternative ways:

- a) establishing a Paypal automated recurrent yearly payment (recommended)
- b) by a bank direct transfer

3.1.4.1. SRI Members yearly fee

24,00 € - ordinary member

12,00 € - student, jobless

3.1.4.2. Member Organizations yearly fee

To be defined.



3.1.4.3. Other funding means

Funds may be collected by donations:

- to the Medici Fund, to be mainly used for the purpose of students prizes and grants programmes and the Medici Fund programme targeted to startups
- to SRI, to support the public initiatives, by the International and the Chapters.

The Medici Funds donations can be made by two methods:

- a) establishing a recurrent monthly donation (min. 10.00 €)
- b) executing a one shot donation

3.2. Termination of Membership

3.2.1. Resignation

Membership of or affiliation to Space Renaissance International may be terminated at any time by resignation in writing.

3.2.2. Sanctions

3.2.2.1. Causes of sanctions

The SRI Board of Directors may impose sanctions (which may consist of a warning, intervention, temporary suspension or permanent exclusion or closure) on any chapter, structure, committee, affiliated entity, or member if in its opinion that chapter, structure, committee, affiliated entity, or member does not act within the spirit of the vision, mission, core values and methods set out in Section 1 or does not organize and maintain basic Space Renaissance International activities, or does not observe any of the provisions of this Statute-Bylaws, and constitutes an immediate threat to the reputation, integrity or operation of the Space Renaissance International.

3.2.2.2. Information and rights of the sanctioned entities

None of these sanctions shall be imposed until the concerned chapter, structure, committee, affiliated entity, or member is informed in writing of the grounds of the sanctions. When closure of a chapter is the sanction under consideration, all other sections shall also be informed in the same manner before such an action is taken.

In the case of closure or permanent exclusion, the concerned chapter, structure, committee, affiliated entity, or member shall be provided with an opportunity to make its or such member's case to the Board of Directors within six months before the sanction of closure or permanent exclusion is imposed. Once the Board of Directors has decided to impose any sanction in respect of a chapter, structure, committee, affiliated entity, or member, the party concerned may appeal to the Membership Appeals Committee. This committee shall consist of five members who shall be elected by the Board of Directors.



3.2.2.3. Interdiction and temporary suspension

During any period of temporary suspension, or once closure or permanent exclusion has been agreed, a chapter, structure, committee, affiliated entity, or member may no longer represent or use the name of Space Renaissance International.



SECTION 4. LIFECYCLE OF THE FOUNDING DOCUMENTS

4.1. Amendments to the Statute-Bylaws

4.1.1. Majority

The Statute and the Bylaws documents may be amended by the International Congress (i.e. a SRI Members plenary meeting) by a majority of not less than two thirds of the votes cast.

Amendments may be submitted by:

- the BoD or a minority of it
- the SRAC or any minority of it
- a Local Chapter

The BoD or the SRAC can reject an amendment by a vote with a 2/3 majority of its members.

4.1.2. Amendment proposition support

Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the IS in writing, not less than three months before the IC date or the extraordinary IC date.

4.1.3. Communication

Proposed amendments shall be communicated by the International Secretariat to all Chapters and to the Board of Directors.

4.2. Amendments to the Philosophical Manifesto

4.2.1. Majority

The SRI Philosophical Manifesto may be amended by the International Congress by a majority of not less than two thirds of the votes cast.

Amendments may be submitted by:

- the SRAC
- the Board of Directors or minority of it
- a Chapter.

The SRAC can reject an amendment by a vote with a 2/3 majority of its members.



4.2.2. Amendment proposition

Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the International Secretariat in any moment before discussion at International Congress.

The discussion on the proposed amendment can be developed on the SRI IC google group.

4.2.3. Communication

Proposed amendments shall be communicated by the International Secretariat to all chapters and to the Board of Directors.

4.3. Amendments to the Annexes of the Statute-Bylaws

4.3.1. Majority

The Annexes to the SRI Statute-Bylaws may be amended by the BoD by a majority of not less than two thirds of the votes cast.

Amendments may be submitted by any member of the BoD.

4.3.2. Members approval

Any new version of the SRI Statute-Bylaws documents shall be submitted to the Plenary Assembly of the SRI Members for final approval, by a majority of no less than two thirds of the having right to vote.