



WCET™ Constitution Advisory Panel notice to Members

RE: Proposed Revisions to WCET™ Constitution

16 January 2018

The WCET™ Executive Journal Editor position is currently vacant. It is the recommendation of the WCET™ Constitution Advisory Panel (CAP) and the Executive Board (EB) that this position should be managed similarly to other professional organisations that have association owned journals.

In accordance with standard publishing practices - such as the International Academy of Nursing Editors (INANE) - is to align Journal Editors of professional association or society journals with the publisher and not hold a position on the organization's executive board decision making body.

After discussion during a recent, regular WCET™ Executive Board conference call, it was MOTIONED and SECONDED that the EB recommend a change to the current Executive Board structure so that the Journal Editor position be SEPARATED from the WCET™ Executive Board and aligned under the existing roles and responsibilities of the WCET™ Journal Publisher.

Pursuant to WCET™ Policies and Procedures as well as the existing Constitution, the matter was referred to the WCET™ Constitution Advisory Panel (CAP) for further consideration. The CAP has therefore and via this email formally submitted the proposed changes as recommended in the document to you as a WCET™ Member for consideration and review.

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Changes Proposed to the Constitution (New Language):

Section 8, (d) and (i):

(d) Executive Board Composition:

The WCET™ Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary*, Treasurer, Chairpersons of the Standing Committees, and Congress and Meeting Coordinator. Each Executive Board member has one vote. Paid staff are ex-officio, non-voting members.

Reference to Journal Executive Editor removed from this section.

(i) Appointments:

The Congress and Meeting Coordinator is an appointed Executive Board position. The President, in consultation with the Executive Board, appoints a person to fill the position. This appointment does not have a defined two-year term limit.

Grammatical changes resulting from the changes to Section (d) above.

Section 10:

10. Journal Editor

- Works with the publisher to produce the WCET™ Journal
- Provides reports as requested to the WCET™ Executive Board

- Appoint an Editorial Board and serve as the Chairperson of this board;
- Besides the Chairperson, the Editorial Board shall consist of a minimum of four Full Members who have the necessary skills required to produce an English language professional journal, and may include members with specialised expertise who are not necessarily members of the WCET™;
- The term of service of each Editorial Board member shall be two (2) years and may include additional terms.

New Section 10 language resulting from proposed changes above, and removal of the Journal Editor from the Executive Board, formerly in Section 8, (K), 6), subsequently deleted from Section 8.

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Please provide any questions or comments to the WCET™ Headquarters Office at admin@wcefn.org who will share them with the CAP and EB. The WCET™ Membership will have 90 days to consider the recommendation herewith before a formal vote is held at the WCET™ Congress in Kuala Lumpur this coming April, a time-frame within the required procedures for such changes. Please inform your WCET™ international delegate (ID) how your country should vote on this matter.

Respectfully submitted to the WCET™ Members for consideration by the WCET™ Constitution Advisory Panel.