

Item 13: New Division Rules

Statute 10.3 permits Divisions to adopt Rules, but it does not require such Rules. Any Rules must be in conformance with Statutes and Bylaws and must be approved by the Council.

Beginning in 1975, all Divisions established rather complex and detailed Rules, which gradually fell into conflict with Statutes/Bylaws as the S/B were amended. In 1995, major reorganizations of Divisions VI and VII made their Rules largely inapplicable. In 1998, as part of the restructuring program to introduce the project-driven system, the Bureau gave Divisions authority to suspend any rules that conflicted with the restructuring program.

In January 2001, following discussions with Division Presidents, the Secretary General provided model Rules and invited Divisions to alter them as needed and submit them for approval by Council. It is expected that such Rules will be developed by most Divisions, but none have yet been finalized.

Hence, no action on this agenda item is requested.