

## Item 6 Revision to Statutes – Révision des statuts – Wijziging statute

Existing Statutes	Proposed changes
<b>Article 2 Aims</b>	
Delete “Cultural events”	Insert “Cultural events and clubs”
Delete “Exchange of books CDs, and DVDs”	-----
Delete “Language courses – Information on local living conditions and habits”	Insert “Language courses”
Delete “Help with language difficulties”	-----
-----	Add “Well-being clubs”
Delete “Social events”	Insert “Social events and clubs”
Delete “Assistance for new arrivals in the area”	Insert “Information on living conditions and habits especially assistance for new arrivals”
-----	Add “A free lending library”
<b>Article 4 Registered Office</b>	
Delete “Chez Mme. Bryony Marshall, Caravelle, 24540 Capdrot.”	Insert “Le Bastion, 5 bis Rue Bastière, 24260 Le Bugue.”
<b>Article 5 Composition</b>	
Delete “Honorary membership can be given by agreement of the Committee to members who are recruited to facilitate particular activities or for any other reason. These members are not asked to pay a subscription for the current year.”	Insert “Honorary membership may be conferred at the discretion of the Committee for any chosen period of time. Honorary members shall not pay the annual subscription.”
<b>Article 6 Membership</b>	
Delete “The Committee reserves the right to agree or not to membership of the association. It may discuss and decide the status of any new candidate during its meetings. The Committee does not need to explain its decisions. Members have to pay an annual subscription, which is determined each year by the Committee. Once paid, no refund or partial refund will be made under any circumstances. The number of members of the association is not limited.”	Insert “Membership is by annual subscription at a rate determined annually by the Committee. Once paid, a refund will only be made under exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Committee. The Committee reserves the right to agree or not to any application for or renewal of membership of the Association. Membership is not transferable. The Committee reserves the right to limit membership to a maximum number.”

<b>Article 7 Cancellation</b>	
Delete “Death”	-----
Delete “Cancellation by the Committee for any serious reason.”	Insert “Cancellation by decision of the Committee.”
Delete “The member will be heard by the Committee beforehand and given the opportunity to explain his/her actions to the Committee.”	Insert “In the case of cancellation, the member may be heard by the Committee beforehand.”
<b>Article 8 Resources</b>	
Delete “National, regional or local grants coming from public or private institutions”	Insert “National, regional or local grants from public or private institutions”
-----	Add “Sponsorship”
Delete “A balance sheet of assets and expenditure is kept to justify all costs”	-----
<b>Article 9 The Committee</b>	
Delete “The Association shall be governed by a Committee consisting of the Officers - President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, elected annually at the Annual General Assembly and up to 6 additional members selected by the Officers from members volunteering to assist. In the event of a vacancy on the Committee prior to the Annual General Assembly the Committee may seek additional Committee members by circulating the ACIP membership for volunteers. Where there are more volunteers than vacancies the ACIP membership will be asked to vote. The selection will be by simple majority of the votes cast. No quorum will apply. During the course of a year and there being no volunteers the Committee shall have the power to co-opt up to two additional members subject to the maximum number of Committee members allowed. All appointments during the course of a year must be confirmed by election at the following Annual General Assembly of the members.”	Insert “The Association shall be governed by a committee consisting of four Officers - President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary - and up to eight ordinary members. The Committee shall not exceed a total of 12 members. Each of the Officers shall be appointed by a simple majority vote at the AGM. Members of the Association will be invited to submit their candidacy as Officers at the invitation to the AGM. Candidacy must be declared in writing to the Secretary at least ten days prior to the date of the AGM. Ordinary Committee members shall be appointed as required at the discretion of the Officers. The Officers shall decide on whom to appoint as ordinary members should the number of volunteers exceed eight. There is no fixed time limit on how long a member may remain on the committee. In the event of the resignation of the President, the Vice President shall take over the duties of President until a new President is elected at an AGM or an EGM. Excluding the position of President, if one Officer resigns the remaining officers may appoint a temporary Officer from the committee to fill the vacancy pending an EGM or AGM. If two or more Officers resign then an EGM shall be called unless the effective date of those resignations coincides with the date of an AGM.”

<b>Article 10 Committee Meetings</b>	
Delete “The Committee meets at least once a year, and each time the meeting is called by the president or by a third of its members. Decisions are taken by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting. The President has a casting vote in the case of a split vote.”	Insert “The Committee shall meet at least once a year and whenever a meeting is called by the President or by a third of the Committee members. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority vote of the Committee members present at the meeting. A meeting is only quorate if half of the Committee members are present, with at least two of these being Officers. The President shall have a casting vote as required.
<b>Article 11 Annual General Meeting</b>	
Delete “The ordinary general assembly includes all members of the association who have paid their annual subscription. It takes place once a year on invitation by the President or a third of the members of the Association issued at least 15 days before the date of the meeting. The agenda must be included on the invitation. Each paid up member has a vote. Members can be represented by a proxy. The agenda must be accompanied by proxy form giving power to another member present at the assembly. Only those proxies that are duly filled out indicating the name and address of the person giving proxy, signed and returned to the Secretary at least 5 days before the date of the meeting will be taken into account. All proxies that are not filled out or give proxy to a person not present will not be taken into account and will be considered void. Members receiving proxy votes will use their discretion to decide how these votes are placed. The quorum for the Assembly is a number equivalent to twice the number of Committee members plus one. Decisions are taken by a simple majority of the members present plus the proxy votes. The President has a casting vote in the case of a split vote. The President chairs the general meeting and presents an annual report on the association’s activities. The Treasurer’s accounts are presented and must be approved by the assembly. The minutes, signed by the President and the Secretary, are kept, without spaces or crossing out, on numbered pages at the association's registered office.”	Insert “The annual general assembly (AGM) includes all members of the Association. It takes place once a year on invitation by the President. The invitation shall be issued at least 15 days before the date of the meeting. The agenda must be included on the invitation. A copy of the accounts shall also be sent out at least ten days prior to the AGM, with any questions on this matter to be submitted at least 5 days in advance of the meeting. Each member has a vote. Members can be represented by a proxy. The agenda must be accompanied by a proxy form giving power to another member present at the AGM. A proxy form is only valid if properly completed, returned to the Secretary at least 5 days before the AGM and nominating a member present at the AGM. The quorum for the AGM is twice the number of Committee members plus one. Decisions are taken by a simple majority vote of the members present plus any proxy votes. The President has a casting vote in the event of a split vote. The President shall chair the meeting and present an annual report on the Association’s activities. The Treasurer’s accounts shall be presented and must be approved by the meeting. The minutes, signed by the President and Secretary will be stored on line and available to members on request. A copy of the minutes will also be displayed at the Association’s registered office.”

<b>Article 12 Extraordinary General Assembly</b>	
<p>Delete “An Extraordinary General Assembly can be convened to decide on modifications of the statutes or any other matter determined by the Committee. An Extraordinary General Assembly can also be called by any member of the association to discuss an issue receiving the written support of at least 30% of the membership. It is called according to the same rules as the Ordinary General Assembly. Its decisions are taken according to the same rules as described in article 11 for the Ordinary General Assembly.”</p>	<p>Insert “An EGM can be called to decide on modifications of the statutes or any other matter determined by the Committee. An EGM can also be called by any member of the Association with the written support of at least 30% of the membership to discuss an issue. A member calling an EGM in these circumstances must present written evidence of this support. The convening of and conduct of an EGM shall be governed by the same rules as those governing the AGM set out in Article 11.</p> <p>There shall not be a requirement for the re-election of existing Officers unless the issue relates to this. There shall not be a requirement for the Treasurer’s accounts to be presented or be approved by the meeting unless this is relevant to the issue that been supported by at least 30% of the membership.”</p>
<b>Article 14 Dissolution</b>	
<p>Delete “The dissolution is pronounced by an Extraordinary General Assembly convened especially for the occasion. One or several liquidators are appointed by this assembly, who are given power to liquidate the assets of the association.”</p>	<p>Insert “The dissolution is pronounced by an EGM convened especially for the occasion. One or several liquidators are appointed by the EGM and these liquidators are given power to liquidate the assets of the Association.”</p>