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FDI - suggestion for digital voting

The dental associations in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden co-signing this letter hereby challenge the FDI Council to propose necessary changes to rules and regulations concerning the possibility of digital voting.

The Danish Dental Association suggests on behalf of the Nordic countries, that the constitution should be changed in order to make it will be possible to vote either digitally or by attendance in person at every general meeting.

We suggest changing article 2.8.5 “voting” current wording to new article 2.8.5:

2.8.5 Voting

Each delegate from a Regular Member shall have one vote. Proxy voting shall not be permitted. Voting shall be by show of hands, cards, written ballots, electronic voting or by any other method as the Speaker shall announce, subject to approval by the General Assembly.

A secret ballot shall be conducted if one-third (1/3) of the delegates present and voting support the request for such a ballot.

The voting at General Assembly meetings ~~may be~~ **is** held using technology that gives the meeting attendees a reasonable opportunity to participate in proceedings, enables the Speaker to be aware of all interventions and enables all the delegates (physically or virtually present at that meeting) to vote by a secret ballot.

Reasons for the suggestion:

- 1) Increased participation: Digital voting can increase participation by making it easier for members to vote, especially those who may have difficulty attending in-person meetings due to distance, health, or other reasons.
- 2) Democratic decisions: FDI should make sure, that all decisions are made as democratic as possible, giving all countries the possibility to vote, even if it is not possible to attend the meeting in person.

- 3) Sustainability: It should also be in FDI's interest to diminish the travel activity due to a more responsible eye on sustainability.
- 4) Convenience: Digital voting allows members to cast their votes from anywhere, at any time, without the need to travel or take time off work.
- 5) Cost-effective: Digital voting can reduce the costs associated with organizing and conducting in-person meetings, such as venue rental, travel, and accommodation expenses.

On behalf of the following Nordic dental associations;

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