

II.2. Rights

A. Voting right

Each full Member has the right to vote. Each **national delegation has its (ONE) vote** cast by the head of the delegation or his duly appointed medical deputy.
The status of specialist doctor is required in order to vote validly.

Article V. Executive (Article VIII of the Statutes)

V.1. Election of the members of the Executive

The election of the members of the Executive occurs under the following conditions:

- The election of members of the Executive must appear on the agenda of the ordinary plenary assembly of the Council as a separate item, specifying the posts to be filled.
- A candidature must be received in written form from a Full Member by the Secretariat at least two weeks before the meeting. A candidate can be proposed for more than one office.
- The order of voting is:
 - 1- The President;
 - 2- The Secretary General;
 - 3- The Treasurer;

The procedure is as follows:

The candidates are presented by a *Head of Delegation or duly appointed deputy*.

The vote is made by secret ballot and supervised by an Election Committee ("Bureau de vote").

The Election Committee is formed by three delegates representing three full member countries present in the assembly, excluding members of the Executive in office and candidates for office subject to ballot. These three delegates are chosen in relation to their length of service within the Council: they appoint among themselves the person who shall assume the office of President of the Election Committee. The Election Committee is responsible for the correct compliance with the voting procedure, in particular the circulation, collection and sorting of ballot papers.

Once the Election Committee is formed, and throughout the whole duration of the vote, the President of the meeting shall relinquish his place in favor of the President of the Election Committee who declares the vote open, once he has ensured that all candidates have effectively left the meeting room and are located in a room where it is impossible for them to hear the discussions and a fortiori, intervene in them. After the candidates have departed, the President of the Election Committee reads the list of candidates' names for each office and asks the assembly to give its opinion on the validity and acceptability of each candidate. Once the voting procedure has started, no candidature shall be withdrawn or introduced. However, between two rounds of voting, the President of the Election Committee may propose that the Assembly allows the voluntary withdrawal of a candidate.

To be declared elected, a candidate shall receive the absolute majority of votes of full Members present or represented. If no absolute majority emerges at the first round, a second round shall take place at the end of which, if no candidate has received the majority required, a third round is organised between the two candidates having received the largest number of votes in the previous round. If no majority emerges, the candidate with the longest service within the Council is declared elected.

Following the collection of ballot papers, the votes are counted aloud in the meeting room. The President of the Election Committee proclaims the result, which is entered in the minutes, after which, he declares the vote closed and relinquishes his place in favour of the President of the meeting, who recalls the candidates absent during the vote and informs them of the result of the

vote.

Successful candidates to the Executive shall commence office on the following 1st January to ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities. They will be expected to sign and conform to the Code of Conduct, as agreed by Council.

V.2. Vacancy (Article VIII.2-a1.6 of the Statutes)

A. The President

In the case of a vacancy during the mandate of the President, he shall be replaced by the Vice-President of the longest standing within the Council until the election of a new President at the next meeting of the Council.

B. The other members of the Executive

In the case of the death, resignation or dismissal of the Secretary General or the Treasurer, the Executive will provide a replacement for him until the election for that post at the next plenary assembly.

V.3. Missions

A. The President

The President is notably charged:

- to promote and pursue the objectives and resolutions of Council of UEMS;
- to preside over the meetings ...
- to represent UEMS in relations with third parties.

B. The Secretary General

The Secretary General is charged more particularly:

- to promote and pursue the objectives and resolutions of ... UEMS;
- with the organisation of meetings ...
- to ensure that information and correspondence are forwarded both *in French* and English;
- to keep the archives;
- to promote the activity of the Sections and to take part in their meetings whenever he sees fit;
- to control the drawing-up of the minutes of every meeting for which he is responsible;
- to send the text of Statutes, the Rules of Procedure and any amendment to the Members.

C. The Treasurer

The Treasurer is charged more particularly:

- with the calculation of the annual subscription to be proposed to the Board, based on a draft budget and in conformity with the key previously accepted by the Board;
- to send out the requests for payment of subscription and to ensure their payment within the time required to balance the budget;
- to control expenditure and to establish an annual balance sheet to be submitted for the approval of the Board.

V.4. Financing

1. Travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses of members of the Enlarged Executive, instructed to carry out clearly defined representational activities, shall be reimbursed by the UEMS only if they are justified. The members of the Enlarged Executive must have been given prior formal approval by the Executive and, only in

exceptional circumstances by the President and/or the Secretary-General. The same procedure will apply to any other persons undertaking activities on behalf of UEMS.

2. The Board can allocate to the members of the Enlarged Executive an honorarium for the time spent attending events and on activities for the UEMS. The amount of this honorarium shall be determined by prior formal approval by the Board.

3. In addition, the Board shall agree a schedule of fees for services that can be provided for the UEMS and its activities.

VI.4. Voting right

Only full member countries, where the specialty of the Section is officially recognized, are enabled to cast a vote, the others and associated member countries can act in an advisory capacity. **The exercise of the right to vote is subject to payment of the subscription.**

B. Mandate

Each mandate lasts for four years and may be renewed only once in the same position. The President and the Secretary are elected alternately with an interval of two years *(This novelty was introduced in Prague in 2010 and is not always and everywhere possible to be introduced into practice; this topic is still under discussion at the UEMS Executive Board in Brussels; any rules have been introduced up to now to carry out this alternate elections for UEMS Sections; this idea to ensure smooth alternation for the Sections' Board was not supposed to be the rule for the UEMS Executive Board).*

After each election, the Secretary General of UEMS shall be informed without delay.