

The following changes to the bylaws of the Statutes of COPIMERA were approved by the VII General Assembly in Santiago, Chile:

Article 1. Change the name to ***“Panamerican Confederation of Mechanical, Electrical, Industrial and Related Fields”***.

Article 3. In the definition of CONFEDERATION, change the name to ***“Panamerican Confederation of Mechanical, Electrical, Industrial and Related Fields”***. In the definition of NATIONAL COMMITTEE, change to ***“related with Mechanical, Electrical, Industrial, and Related Fields”***. In the Definition of CONGRESS, change to ***“Mechanical, Electrical, Industrial Engineering and Related Fields”***.

Article 22. After Directive Council add ***“(CD, its Spanish acronym)”***.

Article 23. Change “Executive Director” to ***“General Director”***

Article 31a. Change to ***“Mechanical, Electrical, Industrial Engineering and Related Fields”***.

Article 35. Add and modify the entire ***Article 35*** which is missing, as follows:

CHAPTER VIII. Change to ***“MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING AND RELATED FIELDS”***.

Article 42. Change to ***“Mechanical, Electrical, Industrial Engineering and Related Fields”***.

CHAPTER XII. Add entire chapter XII with a ***new Article 50***. which is missing, as follows, and change the number of the subsequent articles No. 50, 51, 52 and 53, to ***51, 52, 53 and 54***, respectively.

The following changes to the bylaws of the Statutes of COPIMERA were approved by the XIII General Assembly in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic:

Articles 23 and 25 change “Executive Director” to “General Director”.

Article 35. The duties and rights of the General Director are the following:

- 1) ***Help the President of the Directive Council in complying with his/her duties.***

- 2) *Prepare the program of activities based on the Decisions of the General Assembly and of the Directive Council.*
- 3) *Establish a close relationship with the President of the Directive Council.*
- 4) *In coordination with the First Vicepresident:*
 - a. *Promote funds, economic support, and donations for the Confederation, and*
 - b. *Establish and maintain good relationship between the Confederation and other related international organizations and confederations.*
- 5) *In coordination with the Second Vicepresident:*
 - a. *Support and audit. Everything related to the COPIMERA congresses.;*
 - b. *Coordinate and monitor the activity and work by the permanent committees.*
- 6) *Represent the Directive Council in those matters which have been assigned to him/her.*
- 7) *In coordination with the President of the Directive Council, participate in the negotiation of agreements, so as to maintain the continuity of the Panamerican congresses.*
- 8) *Document the Work Plans of the Confederation.*
- 9) *Follow up to insure completion of the Decisions of the General Assembly and of the Directive Council meetings.*
- 10) *Maintain in good order all historical and working files of the Confederation, and promote this practice in every one of the member countries*
- 11) *Present a report in the meetings of the Directive Council.*
- 12) *Participate with the right to speak in the General Assembly and in the meetings of the Directive Council.*

Article 18

“...The newly elected members of the Directive Council will take charge of their posts during the closing ceremony of the Congress.

Transitional Clause: Article 18 will be effective beginning with the 2005 Congress. The President whose period ends in the Intermediate Meeting of 2004 will continue in charge until the newly elected President is sworn in the closing ceremony of the 2005 congress.

Article 40

“...The permanent committees will have a minimum of 3 members and a maximum of 5 members. In order to create a permanent committee, a written, formal request shall be presented to the General Assembly-which will approve it or disapprove it. The request shall include the objective of the proposed permanent committee and the names of the responsible persons of each member country, and shall specify the Coordinator and Subcoordinator.