

Amendment of STCC By-Laws

After a review of the by-laws of the Swiss-Thai Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors proposes the following amendments to the AGM:

Note: **RED**: remove ; **BLUE**: new wording

Election with electronic aids

Article 18 Para 1 Election shall be by secret ballot and the ballot papers shall be distributed at the meeting. Each of the Ordinary Members shall have only one vote. The election can also be conducted with electronic aids.

Reasoning for the above amendment:

With the changing times and further improvements in technology, electronic tools have become an integral part of many general meetings of organisations. To reflect this fact and to remain in line with our constitution, it has become necessary to include the possibility of conducting elections using electronic tools.

Increase of number of Vice-Presidents

Article 16 Para 2 The Board of Directors shall consist of at least 7 but no more than 15 Directors. The Board of Directors will include an Executive Committee comprising the President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Treasurer, Executive Director and additional Executive Member. All Board of Directors must either be Permanent Representatives or Alternate Representatives of Ordinary Members of the Swiss-Thai Chamber of Commerce. The number of Board of Directors per Ordinary Corporate Member is limited to one. The majority of the Directors must be Swiss.

Reasoning for the above amendment:

The Board proposes that the number of Vice-Presidents be increased. By increasing the number of Vice Presidents, the STCC can be represented on a broader level and also cover more regions in Thailand. It also spreads the workload more evenly for the President as there are more persons who can officially represent the STCC at events, JFCCT working groups, Board of Trade, government institutions etc. This has positive effects for the members, as they can rely on several people to bring their concerns to the attention of the state institutions. This is a proven strategy as can be seen in most other chambers active in Thailand that have at least 2 Vice Presidents.

Election of the President and the Vice-Presidents by the Board of Directors

~~**Article 20** The election of the Board of Directors shall first take place. The election by the General Meeting of the President and the Vice-president shall follow immediately after the Board of Directors is elected. First the President is elected followed by the election of the Vice President. President and Vice-President have to be Members of the duly elected Board.~~

Article 21 The newly elected Board of Directors shall elect among themselves the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and other positions.

Reasoning for the above amendment:

1. The members do not lose any of their voting power with this amendment, as they still hold the power to elect Board Members and only one of those elected members can hold the position of President or Vice-President.



2. Since the Board has a mandate received by the members and is responsible to fulfil its duty as stipulated in the bylaws, that Board should also have the authority to decide among themselves who should be in charge of the various key positions. Furthermore, most of those who serve on the Board have done so for several terms and therefore know each Board member in-depth. This enables them to elect the President and Vice-Presidents with working level knowledge that is not accessible to the rest of the Members at the AGM.
3. After reviewing the election process of other chambers of commerce, it was found that most of them have their board elect the president and several vice-presidents among the newly elected board members. This well-functioning system has proven to be a successful model and the Board sees no arguments against this change.
4. From an administrative point of view, this electoral system also reduces the potential of inconsistencies in and streamlines the electoral process as a whole.

