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Proposed Changes to the SAAS Constitution

The 2018 General Meeting decided on a set of changes to the SAAS constitution. During the meeting, we also discussed changes that needed to be made to clarify Article Six of the constitution, relating to the Nomination Committee. Since those changes had not been presented to the SAAS members three months before the GM, as stipulated in the Constitution, it was decided to postpone a vote on this change to the 2020 General Meeting.

You find the proposed changes to Article Six below, with additions highlighted in red and with words to be removed crossed over. The motivation for making these changes will be presented by the SAAS Board at the General Meeting, which will take place on September 28, 2020, at 15.00 (3 pm) via Zoom.

The 2020 General Meeting will also vote to ratify the changes made to the constitution at the 2018 General Meeting.

On behalf of the SAAS Board,
Adam Hjorthén, President

SAAS Constitution

ARTICLE ONE

The name of the organization is the Swedish Association for American Studies (SAAS). It is a national branch of the Nordic Association for American Studies.

ARTICLE TWO

The purpose of the Association is to encourage the study of North America in Sweden.

ARTICLE THREE

Membership of the Association is open to teachers, researchers, and other individuals concerned with the study of North America who have paid membership dues to the Nordic Association for American Studies.

ARTICLE FOUR

The Board of the Swedish Association for American Studies consists of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, three additional members, and one or two deputy members.

All officers and members of the Board are elected at the biennial General Meeting of the Association to hold office for a term of two years. On completion of their term of office, at the next General Meeting, said officers and members vacate their places.

The President is the Association's candidate to the Board of the Nordic Association for American Studies (NAAS). If the President is unable to attend meetings of the Board of NAAS, the Vice-President may act as a deputy board member of NAAS.

ARTICLE FIVE

General Meetings of the Association are held every two years at such times as the Board determines. An extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at not less than six weeks' notice at the request of the majority of the full Board or a majority of the registered members. All registered members of the Association have the right to vote at General Meetings.

The President of the Board, or in his/her absence, the Vice-President of the Board, presides at all sessions of the General Meeting.

Any matter before the Meeting is adopted by a simple majority of votes. In case of a tie, the President casts the deciding vote.

ARTICLE SIX

At the General Meeting a three-person Nomination Committee shall be elected, the purpose of which is to submit recommendations **to the next General Meeting for nominees for the next officers and other members of the Board and for a new Nomination Committee. On completion of their term, all members of the Committee will vacate their places.** At the time of the election, registered members may **also** nominate candidates.

ARTICLE SEVEN

This constitution may be amended by majority vote at a General Meeting, and such an amendment must be confirmed by another majority vote at the following General Meeting. Proposals for amendments must be made public at least three months before the first General Meeting. During the period between the two meetings, the majority-approved amendment(s) will govern.