

30 November 2021

Dear members,

The last revision of our Constitution & By-Laws dated from 2013 and therefore we felt it was time to thoroughly review and update the document.

As amendments to the constitution have to be approved by our voting members, we kindly invite you to read through the revised Constitution & By-Laws.

Any questions or remarks you may have about this revision can be addressed to the BLCCJ office by email (info@blccj.or.jp) not later than 15 December 2021 at 17h00, or in person during the Annual General Meeting.

Please find hereunder a summary of the major amendments we are proposing:

- Article 3: Memberships
 - “Starters” are added as 6th category of membership. Starters also have voting rights and are eligible for directorship.
 - Advisory Members are limited to 1 representative per administrative body.
 - Advisory Members need to be reappointed after each new Board election.
 - Inclusion of “Anti-Social Forces”.

- Article 6: Suspension of operation, liquidation or dissolution
 - Review of involvement of the Embassies.

- Article 7: General meetings of the Members
 - If quorum cannot be reached the Annual General Meeting can take place within half an hour.

- Article 9: The Board of Directors
 - Number of Directors to be changed to a minimum of 9 and maximum 14 Directors (currently 10 to 12).
 - Directors need to be elected by majority vote even when there is no contest for Board seats.
 - Inclusion of gender, age and nationality diversity.
 - Number of “Officers” increased to 5 (possibility of an extra Vice-President)
 - The term of office of the President is limited to 3 consecutive terms of 2 years.
 - Co-optation of Directors is required if the minimum of 9 Directors is not reached.

Thank you very much for your kind attention and we are looking forward to obtaining your approval of the revised Constitution & By-Laws at the Annual General Meeting.

The BLCCJ office