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**Document OGM21-08**

## Notice of Motion 2021

Notice of motion from the ISTA Executive Committee to be discussed at the Ordinary General Meeting 2021 under ISTA Article 11 e (11).

It was submitted to all ISTA Designated Authorities, ISTA Members and ISTA Observer Organisations for information two months prior to the ISTA Ordinary General Meeting 2021.

The motion will be discussed and voted on at the Ordinary General Meeting 2021 to be held virtually on Thursday, June 03, 2021.

Voting is by the nominated ISTA Designated Members voting on behalf of their respective Government/Distinct Economy.

## Motion OGM21-08

### Proposal

**During their tenure on the Executive Committee the President, Vice-President, Immediate Past President and members-at-large are not required to pay the personal membership fees.**

#### Background:

The members of the Executive Committee (ECOM) of ISTA are required to be Designated Members of ISTA and therefore must also be either Personal Members, or the nominated laboratory or sampling entity personal members. The majority of the 2019-2022 Executive Committee Members are nominated laboratory personal members.

To allow organisations who have people serving on the ECOM, to assign a second person to be the nominated laboratory or sampling entity personal members, it proposed that the personal membership fee is waived during a person's tenure on the ECOM.

#### Additional information

All travel and accommodation costs to ISTA meetings and meetings of the ECOM are expected to be covered by the member's organisation. Specific travel and accommodation costs aimed at marketing or meetings of the Executive Committee with other organisations is paid by ISTA. ECOM members are expected to attend at least 5/6 ECOM meetings in their 3-year term on the ECOM. The ECOM meetings are usually every February (five days) and three days before and one day after the annual ISTA meeting in the May/June. ECOM are currently more frequent but shorter virtual meetings. ECOM members do not pay registration fees for the annual ISTA meeting, this ECOM benefit was approved by a membership vote in 2018.

To be a member of the ISTA ECOM a person must be a personal member of ISTA and recognised by a Designated Authority as a Designated Member but does not need to be the Designated Voting Member.

A membership vote is requested by the ECOM as this is a direct benefit to some ECOM members. The ECOM wanted to be transparent with membership and did not want to grant itself a benefit without approval from the membership. The reason to do this in 2021 is so that potential candidates to serve on the ECOM in 2022 to 2025 and beyond can use this information when looking at the benefits as well as the responsibilities of serving on the ECOM.

If approved by the membership by vote at the OGM 2021 then this will become effective from 10 May 2022 after the new ECOM has been elected.

Then in future elected ECOM members would not pay for personal membership from the day of election onto the ECOM until the end of their term on the ECOM, or earlier on resignation from the ECOM. Already paid personal membership fees will not be refunded.

So, if approved, for ECOM members that have been personal members of a laboratory or sampling entity, the organization to which they belong may appoint a different personal member in addition to the ECOM member.