

Findings: Committee to update and modernise the association's Statutes and regulations

Amsterdam, October 1st 2026

Dear members of study association Machiavelli, gathered on the Annual General Assembly of study year 2026-2027,

We hereby present the results of our work as the *ad hoc* committee, formed following the passing of the "Motion to update and modernise the association's Statutes & Regulations" on June 2nd, 2026. This committee was open to all general members, as well as (old, current and candidate) board members. After the passing of this motion (which you can find on the website, under "Archive"), the committee worked on bringing the different documents that guide our association back in line with our current practice and with the motions that have been passed in the last few years.

We focused on the association's guiding documents:

- a. Internal Rules of Procedure
- b. Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly
- c. Financial Protocol
- d. Code of Ethics
- e. Statutes

Out of these five documents, we regarded the Statutes as being the most coherent and up-to-date. Furthermore, changes to the Statutes, which have been an item of discussion at the past General Assemblies, have been halted by issues with the notary process. We focused most of our efforts onto the remaining four documents.

In so doing, we have identified three types of points of interest, which should follow three types of actions. Firstly, there have been some motions, which clearly indicate changes to be made onto one of our official documents but were never incorporated. In our view, these can be simply added onto the documents, as they were already voted in by a General Assembly. Then, we have highlighted sections of these documents in which our practice differs from the rules, and which could incorporate motions that passed, but without specific wording. Because we wrote out these motions and practices, and thus inevitably partially interpreted the sense of these motions, we believe it would be best to vote on these changes. Finally, out of discussions over these documents, several points emerged as being potentially constitutive of bigger changes, underlined by value judgements. In order to not overstep the scope of the initial motion, we have decided to leave these points as items of possible discussion in a separate section. We believe it is important to highlight them, but that any further decision on them should be made through motions and a proper conversation in the General Assembly. Consequently, to respect the bounds of the initial motion and to avoid casting value judgements, not all committee members were involved in the drafting of this final section.

As you will be able to read, we have worked on the English version of these documents, even though the Dutch versions are leading. We have done so in order to facilitate our own

discussions, and the one to be had at the General Assembly. Depending on the results of the voting, the committee also assumes the responsibility to bring the translations up to date with each other.

Thank you for your participation,

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