

## **Amendment to World Bowling Statutes**

### **Present Statute 1.6.5**

A member federation which cannot be represented at the Congress may give its proxy to another federation. Each federation shall be eligible to vote only one proxy. In all cases, the written proxy authority must be submitted on federation letterhead; signed by the President, Secretary General or CEO of the federation: and be sent to World Bowling President or Secretary General in the presence of the Congress for validation before the proxy can be exercised. Such proxy must be submitted in writing to World Bowling President or Secretary General, no less than eight (8) days before start of the Congress, stating the name of the country to which the vote is to be transferred and signed by an authorized officer of the federation.

### **Proposal:**

Delete the following:

"may give its proxy to another federation. Each federation shall be eligible to vote only one proxy. In all cases, the written proxy authority must be submitted on federation letterhead; signed by the President, Secretary General or CEO of the federation: and be sent to World Bowling President or Secretary General in the presence of the Congress for validation before the proxy can be exercised. Such proxy must be submitted in writing to World Bowling President or Secretary General, no less than eight (8) days before start of the Congress, stating the name of the country to which the vote is to be transferred and signed by an authorized officer of the federation."

And replace with the following:

"shall have no voting rights. Absentee and proxy votes are not allowed."

***If adopted***, Statute 1.6.5 will state:

"A member federation which cannot be represented at the Congress shall have no voting rights. Absentee and proxy votes are not allowed."

### **Reason for Proposal:**

Attending the World Bowling Congress and representing your Federation is an important aspect of being a delegate. Allowing delegates to transfer their voting rights to another federation, who may or may not vote as their federation would, only strengthens the voting rights of the federation to who the vote is transferred.

Statute 1.6.4 allows each federation one delegate with voting rights. Proxy votes can give a single federation more voting power. Voting rights should only be for federations in attendance.

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