

**Fwd: Re: Roger Simonsz's resignation letter. A CORRECTION TO MY RESPONSE EMAIL!!!**

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Greetings

It seems that some clarifications are in order:

- It was agreed by the board in 2020 that e-mails to the membership should pass through Imago without editorial comment. This was decided so that people would stop sending out e-mails to the whole membership from their own lists which were often either not up to date or actually illegal because they showed everyone's e-mail addresses. If there is a majority decision in the board to comment on my resignation the board is, of course, free to send out its own letter.

- The people I refer to are Louis-Philippe Capelle and Nigel Walters, both of whom have served three terms on the board by their own admission. Adriana Bernal's candidacy is perfectly valid.

- There is no need for further legal clarification as the issue of term limits is not new. Legal advice was sought and paid for, the only issue is that Me Bernard's letter was never officially translated, so only those people who have sufficient French know what it says. Although he highlighted an uncertainty in the French versions of the statutes pertaining to whether a term was finished if it hadn't run its full course of three years, he was very clear that when three terms are served a person is no longer eligible to run for any position on the board. The English version is even clearer and I recently quoted the articles in the e-mail thread to Nigel Walters so don't need to repeat them here.

- The IAGA has already decided a long time ago that three terms are maximum. Statutes are voted on with a 2/3 majority by the IAGA and unless they are changed by the IAGA needs to be adhered to by the board. The statutes are a list of instructions on how the IAGA wants Imago to be run. There is therefore no need, or possibility, for the IAGA, or IEAGA to decide who is an eligible candidate as they have already sent this instruction a long time ago. If certain individuals or the board want to change the statutes on that subject they need to put forward a proposal to the IAGA and get a 2/3 majority. This is what I did when I wanted to change the membership structure. As it stands the instruction to the board and the EC from the IAGA is that once a person has served three terms on the board, they are no longer eligible.

- It is true that Roberto and I have renewed our friendship a while ago, but I am talking about the general hate campaign against me that has been run primarily through the ITC. This was personified recently with Aleksej's open hostility towards me when we met at the Paris Micro salon as well as the ongoing e-mails and discussions behind my back. This is not paranoia because they have been reported to me by reputable people. I don't care, but just want to highlight that not only are they completely unfounded and personal, the say more about the substance (thank you Ron) of the people perpetuating it. It is also true that, with five members of the board in the ITC, the board is skewed towards their point of view.

- As a cinematographer I am bound to rules whether I like it or not, and my work is better if I understand them. I can't ignore the inverse square law, I can't ignore the log tables of my exposure curves, I can't ignore the labour laws under which I work on set, nor the stipulations of my contract or even the local traffic regulations as I

drive myself to work. It is therefore not very difficult to adhere to a few statutes designed to keep an international federation functioning.

- Once again, this is not about the people running for the positions, even though, as is obvious, Ron would very much like to make it personal again. But playing fast and loose with the existing regulations to suit certain individuals has made the NSC resign and I know there are at least two other societies who are monitoring the situation very carefully to decide whether they'd like to maintain their membership.

- Finally, I did not ask to be nominated, in fact I was down with a bad dose of Covid that I caught at the AFC micro salon only to emerge a week later to find the letter from Jan nominating me. I maintained my nomination up to now because I wanted the membership to have a democratic choice between myself and Mustapha, hoping that the EC and the board would do the right thing.

I hope this clarifies the situation.

Roger