

## Proposed amendment to Bylaws

The Board of the Association recommend to members adoption of the following amendments to the [Bylaws](#) approved by the AGM on 8 October 2022.

### **Amendment 1: Contract between EPOA and AGM host**

The Board believe it is essential to have a contract in place with the appointed host of the next AGM. The contract should specify critical dates by which both parties are required to perform necessary tasks and limit EPOA's liability to those matters under its direct control.

Therefore, add the following clauses to Chapter 3:

- 3.2.5 The Association will provide a draft contract to the successful AGM host within 28 days of the host winning the right to host. This contract must be finalised within a further 28 days.
- 3.2.6 The host organisation will provide a monthly written update by email to the Board on progress towards the event.
- 3.2.7 If a contract cannot be agreed within the specified 56 days, the Board must inform membership of the situation and state the actions the Board is taking to remedy the situation. If the Board unanimously agrees that a contract is unlikely to be signed by the winning member within a further 14 days (that is, within 70 days of the AGM) it can at its sole discretion withdraw the right to host the AGM and make alternative arrangements. Members must be informed within seven days.

### **Amendment 2: Period during which letters of EuroPride intent are accepted**

Increasing interest in hosting EuroPride has led some members to submit their letter of intent to the Board far ahead of the deadline which is 31 March in the year in which the bid will be presented, usually three years before the year in which they wish to host EuroPride.

Whilst the enthusiasm is encouraging, it can cause administrative issues. For example, in 2020 Pride in Gloucestershire submitted a letter of intent for EuroPride 2026, a full three years before it was necessary. After their letter of intent was accepted, InterPride announced it was accepting bids for WorldPride 2026, and Pride Amsterdam subsequently won. By convention, therefore, WorldPride in Amsterdam should also be EuroPride. In this instance Pride in Gloucestershire were gracious in moving their bid to the following year, enabling the EuroPride status for 2026 to be awarded to Amsterdam.

Therefore, clause 7.3.1 should be changed from:

*Pride organisations wishing to bid shall send a letter of intent to apply to the Board of EPOA before 31 March three years prior to the proposed date of event. This can be done as an attachment by e-mail, but on official letterhead.*

to:

*Pride organisations wishing to bid shall send a letter of intent to apply to the Board of EPOA **between 1 January and 31 March** three years prior to the proposed date of event. The letter of intent can be in the form of an email but it must be from a Pride email account.*

As letters of intent have already been accepted from members for EuroPride 2027 (bids presented at the AGM in 2024) this change applies to letters of intent due between 1 January and 31 March 2025 in relation to EuroPride 2028 and later.