

CA of FIMEM

The Movement for Alternative Popular Education, MEPA, shares with the CA of FIMEM the following concern regarding the processes of voluntary invitations and candidacy by our Movement to the CA of FIMEM.

Process of the voluntary invitation to the CA in 2018

In December 2018, Teresita Garduño and Flor Zaldumbide from the MEPA and Marco from the MEMM were invited to voluntarily participate in the CA, an invitation received pleasantly from the two Mexican movements. Each of them approached their respective movements to share these invitations, for which, in the case of the MEPA, we started from the idea of commenting on it within the Movement and voting. However, when asking the CA what the conditions or commitments would be for the possible participant, they commented that it was not a request to the movements, but rather invitations in a personal capacity, in addition to mentioning that the participant would subsidize their own expenses in possible face-to-face participations of the CA meetings.

Given the terms of the proposal, at MEPA we stopped reviewing it as a Movement and the decision was left only to the guests. However, Teresita Garduño, made us know her inability to participate since she could not assume the expenses that the commitment demanded and she did not agree to do so since the Internal Regulations mentioned that it was a responsibility of the FIMEM to assume such expenses. When Flor and Marco discussed their possibilities of accepting the commitment, Marco did not accept due to their lack of command of another language, and our partner Flor accepted mentioned that she could bear expenses in addition to being fluent in English. After Flor accepted, we received an email from the CA mentioning that FIMEM would bear the costs that this would entail.

In the midst of the aforementioned situation, we reviewed the FIMEM Internal Regime Regulations and the invitation that was made to our colleagues is supported by article 8 thereof, which mentions the following:

"ARTICLE 8. Competent persons may be invited as consultants or advisers on specific problems. In debates, these people will not have the right to vote. Travel and subsistence expenses will be paid by FIMEM".

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According to the referred article, the expenses of these invitations are paid by the FIMEM, which generated confusion and confusion regarding the invitation received, since we were first notified that the FIMEM would not assume the expenses (main reason why Teresita Garduño decided not to accept), indicating after accepting Flor's commitment that the Federation would.

Once Flor assumed the voluntary and individual position with the CA, at MEPA we assumed that she did not represent Mexico or the Movement, since the tasks that she would have did not imply that responsibility.

"As a counselor or consultant on specific problems", according to the FIMEM regulatory framework.

Candidate application process for the CA in 2020

Currently, prior to the RIDEF of Canada in July 2020, we were sent, as with all movements of the Federation, the document that extends the invitation to nominate candidates to join the CA. In point 3 of the document called "Invitation to the General Shareholders Meeting" that refers to the Candidacy for the CA of the FIMEM, it is suggested by the CA that the Board be made up of 5 members. At this point it is mentioned that if our colleague Flor wants to continue her work on the Board, she will have to request and be elected to the General Assembly. However, it is not mentioned that the Movement (MEPA) is required to first apply, so we are not recognized in the application process. In other words, the autonomous decision of the MEPA is transferred to a direct decision of the AC so that the general assembly is the one that elects a member of the AC, without being previously proposed by her movement. This approach is contrary to what is stated in Article 5 of the FIMEM Statutes in section II "Administration and operation" which says:

"FIMEM is administered by a Board of Directors of at least 5 members. The exact number is defined by the General Assembly. The candidates are presented by the member movements..."

It is also explained in Article 4 referring to the Presentation of nominations to the Board of Directors of the FIMEM Internal Regulations:

"At the summons to the General Assembly, each member pedagogical movement, attached to the FIMEM, receives a form asking for the names of his or her possible candidates for the CA ..."

Petition



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For both of the aforementioned situations, the MEPA requests the CA to handle these invitations and requests from candidates to the CA in a clear manner and in accordance with the FIMEM statutes and the Internal Regime Regulations, given that we found ourselves in an internal situation of confusion and lack of transparency.

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