

The Television Studies Section ECREA Modus Operandi

1. Name and status

1.1 The name of this section is The Television Studies Section.

1.2 This Section is an integral part of ECREA and exists under its authority. The Section is independent in its decisions and in its strategic direction, except insofar as it must comply with ECREA Statutes and the policies and decisions of the Executive Board.

2. Membership

2.1. Membership is open to any member of ECREA with a particular interest in television studies.

2.2. ECREA members can join the section by registering as member on the ECREA website, or by sending an e-mail or a letter to the chair of the section.

3. Organisation

3.1. The day to day running of the section is the responsibility of the Chair and two Vice-Chairs. Most of this work shall be carried out by email and telephone.

3.2. The Chair and two Vice-Chairs are to be chosen by election every two years at an ECREA event or another event where the section can convene.

3.3. Notice of this election shall be given by email to all members of the section at least 3 months in advance.

3.4. Candidates who wish to stand for election should do so as a team and announce their intention to do so 6 weeks in advance of the election.

3.5. The election will take place by mail.

3.6. A simple majority of votes is required.

3.7. The results will be communicated via e-mail and at the section business meeting.

3.8. The Chair and two Vice-Chairs are accountable for their decisions to the section business meeting and to the ECREA Executive Board.

4. Business meeting

4.1. The section business meeting is sovereign in making decisions regarding the general direction of the section and determining current issues to be addressed by the section.

4.2. Notice of a section business meeting shall be given at least three months in advance.

4.3. Section business meetings shall be open to all members of the Television Studies Section.

4.4. Section business meetings shall be run at major section events or at the same time and in the same city as major ECREA events in so far as this is possible.

4.5. The section business meeting can modify the modus operandi and/or the mission statement.

4.6. Proposals for the amendment of the Modus Operandi and the Objectives documents of the Section may be made solely by current members of the Section. Such proposals shall be made via email, addressed to the Section Executive Team, at least two months before the business meeting, in order to allow for their timely distribution to the members.

4.7. Such proposals shall be put to a vote, to take place on the same date as that set for the business meeting. A majority of two thirds of votes cast shall be required to achieve provisional adoption of a proposal for amendment to the Statutes. Amendments to the Modus Operandi and the Objectives documents of the Section voted in this manner shall require the authorisation of the Executive Board of the ECREA before being put into effect.