

# AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSALS

**for consideration at the triennial Convention  
to be held in Manchester, England  
on Wednesday 8th May to Friday 10th May, 2024**

**January 2024**



**International Inner Wheel**

### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE BEFORE YOU VOTE**

The decision made at the Sixteenth Convention (Copenhagen Denmark 2015) enables the Constitution Chairman to make amendments. This would appear to be a reasonable solution and allowable in the light of the wording agreed at the Sixteenth Convention on the basis that a Proposal was passed in the 2021 Convention and it is reasonable for the membership to expect that Proposal to be enacted. In the process of making changes to the Constitution following the 2021 Convention this paragraph 28 ought to have been removed, but it was not – the effect of which could be to frustrate and prevent the Proposal passed in 2021 from being fully enacted. On that basis, the Constitution Chairman, as it is permitted to do so, will make such corrections to the Constitution as are necessary to give effect to the 2021 Proposal, and to do so is in the best interests of the membership.

Paragraph 2 on page 28 of the Constitution threatens to frustrate that decision because it appears to limit eligibility to vote on changes to the constitution. Other changes were made to the constitution following the 2021 convention and it would appear that paragraph 2 of page 28 ought to have been updated or removed entirely to reflect the decisions made at the convention. It is important that all Clubs and Districts must have equal rights and voting opportunities.

Given what was decided in 2021, this appears to present a reasonable solution which is permissible under the Constitution and given its intention is to benefit the whole membership then it is difficult to envisage how that course of action could be objected to.

**International Inner Wheel Constitution Committee  
(in consultation with SAS Daniels LLP)**

9th January 2024

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### AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL 1

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**PROPOSED BY Inner Wheel Club of Markgraeflerland, District 86, Germany**  
**SECONDED BY Inner Wheel Club of Goppingen, District 86, Germany**

First Paragraph, First Line

*Add after sentence one:* The increase of GBP (£) 0.50 per member per annum, is earmarked for the use in an IIW Foundation. Consequently, it only comes into effect if the establishment of an IIW Foundation as requested in Proposal 2 is approved.

#### *To Read*

IIW Capitation Fee is to be increased from GBP (£) 3.50 to GBP (£) 4.00. The increase of GBP (£) 0.50 per member per annum is earmarked for the use in an IIW Foundation. Consequently, it only comes into effect if the establishment of an IIW Foundation, as requested in Proposal 2, is approved.

#### **MOTIVATION**

There is no indication from the IIW Governing Body of a lack of funding for administration, so an increase is not necessary to cover operating costs. However, an increase in favour of an IIW Foundation is to be welcomed.

## AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL 2

**PROPOSED BY National Governing Body Inner Wheel New Zealand,  
New Zealand**

**SECONDED BY Inner Wheel Club of Palmerston North District NZ294,  
New Zealand**

Paragraph 1 Line 3

Paragraph 2 Line 2

*Delete* “social”

*Insert* “humanitarian”

*To read:*

The International Inner Wheel Foundation will be a non-stock, non-profit separate/independent organisation from IIW which shall only cater to the needs of IIW for its humanitarian projects.

Primary Purpose: To be the funding arm of the International Inner Wheel for its Humanitarian Projects, and to enable it to respond immediately and effectively to the needs of member countries, especially those that are affected by force majeure such as natural calamities: floods/typhoons, earthquakes, volcanic eruption; or events that cannot be anticipated or controlled: pandemic, civil strife, and other events of a similar nature.

### MOTIVATION

The word “social” has many meanings, for example:

- relating to society or to the way society is organized.
- relating to the status or rank that someone has in society
- relating to leisure activities that involve meeting other people.

A social is a party, dance, or informal gathering that is organised for the members of a club or institution.

However, the word “humanitarian” is more succinct and better portrays the essence of the objects of International Inner Wheel.

“Humanitarian” meanings, are for example:

- If a person or society has humanitarian ideas or behaviour, they try to help people who are suffering.
- A humanitarian is someone with humanitarian ideas.
- A humanitarian crisis or disaster involves a lot of human suffering.

## AGREED AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL 7 COMBINED AMENDMENT

**PROPOSED BY** The National Governing Body of Great Britain and Ireland, Inner Wheel Club Nîmes F.A.M.A.T., and Inner Wheel Club Venezia, Italy.  
**SECONDED BY** IIW Governing Body

### Page 4. BASIC RULES

*Delete lines 2 and 3:* The International Inner Wheel objects are “Service with kindness, mutual respect and international understanding”.

*Replace with:* The International Inner Wheel objects are “Service with friendship and international understanding”.

*Keep lines* 4, 5 and 6.

*Add, reinstate* item 4, p.4 C&H 2021: “Inner Wheel shall not be sectarian or party political”

*To read:*

The name is International Inner Wheel.

The International Inner Wheel objects are “Service with friendship and international understanding”.

The emblem is 

The official language is English.

The International Constitution is for all members worldwide.

Inner Wheel shall not be sectarian or party political.

The Inner Wheel year starts on 1st July and finishes on 30th June.

### MOTIVATION

One sentence says it all in a more modern way: “Service with friendship and international understanding” when replacing the long-standing objectives we’ve lived by for one hundred years. The term “Friendship” implies mutual respect, kindness, joy, trust and much more.

By wanting to reinstate that we shouldn’t be sectarian or party political, is to show that we continue taking all the challenges we experience in our clubs, districts, national governing bodies and across borders with utmost care and responsibility.

## AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL 8

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**PROPOSED BY Inner Wheel Club of Tours District 150 France**  
**SECONDED BY Inner Wheel District 150 France**

G Termination of Membership

*After the sentence* – No final decision to be taken without mediation

*Delete* “An excluded member may re-join her former club after 5 years, only if the majority club members agree”

*Replace with* “An excluded member should not rejoin her former club”

*Next paragraph* “Any Inner Wheel member..”

*To read:*

No final decision to be taken without mediation. An excluded member should not rejoin her former club. Any Inner Wheel member...

### **MOTIVATION**

It is inconceivable that an excluded member rejoins her former club. She has been excluded due to serious reasons. This means that she is not a reliable person since she has betrayed the trust of her club. Reinstating an excluded member will probably result in new discrepancies in the club which has recovered serenity and well-being since this member's exclusion. Besides the risk of offending is too great.

## AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL 14

**PROPOSED BY Inner Wheel Club Graz-Uhrturm, District 192 Austria and Czech Republic**  
**SECONDED BY Inner Wheel Club Trieste, District 206, Italy**

### *Delete:*

The first two places shall be reserved for a Board Director nominated by the two countries which have National Governing Bodies and having the largest number of members as of the previous 30th June. The remaining 14 Board Directors shall be nominated by the District Committees from the remaining countries. Only clubs from those remaining countries shall be entitled to vote for the 14 Board Directors.

### *Replace with:*

The first place shall be reserved for a Board Director nominated by the country having the largest number of members, as long as they have more than 40% of the whole IW membership. The remaining 15 Board Directors shall be nominated by the District Committees from the remaining countries.

### *To Read*

Page 9. 1. The International Governing Body consists of the Officers and the Board Directors.

B. Board Directors. There shall be 16 Board Directors. Each Board Director to have 1 vote.

The first place shall be reserved for a Board Director nominated by the country having the largest number of members, as long as they have more than 40% of the whole IW membership. The remaining 15 Board Directors shall be nominated by the District Committees from the remaining countries as of the previous 30th June.

## **MOTIVATION**

If a country has more than 40% of the whole membership, they deserve to have a Board Director. Unfortunately, in the past the nominated candidates were very seldom elected as Board Directors. Today our largest IW country pays half of the income of IIW. They also take up positions in the Executive Committee, which is of course their right, but without the experience of a Board Director. In our opinion they lose one step of the IW learning experience. That's why we bring in this amendment.

## AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL 17

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### **PROPOSED BY Inner Wheel Club of Rohtak, D301, IW India** **SECONDED BY District Committee, District 301, IW India**

**1. a – Last line** — “after the meeting place for the Convention” — **add** — “from among the Bids received from countries interested in hosting the Convention.”

**1. b – first line** — after — “hybrid form” — **delete**— “allowing the participation of Inner Wheel members either in person or virtual. If necessary, in virtual form only.”

**Add** — “where Business sessions would be conducted virtually and rest of the events (Opening, Closing ceremonies and seminars, interactive sessions) in physical form only.”

#### **To read**

1. a. International Conventions shall be held at intervals of not less than 3 years in a place to which the International Governing Body reasonably believes Voting Delegates, from any country, would have free access. The International Governing Body shall decide the meeting place for the Convention, from among the Bids received from countries interested in hosting the Convention.
1. b. International Conventions will be organised in a hybrid form, where Business sessions would be conducted virtually and the rest of the events (Opening, Closing ceremonies and seminars, interactive sessions) in physical form only.

#### **MOTIVATION**

Making it clearer that IIW still would be asking for Bids and bring clarity on the Hybrid form of Convention, in black and white. If the Business sessions were conducted virtually, members would get more time to participate in other interesting events during the Convention.



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