

PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

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A. PROPOSED BY INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL GOVERNING BODY

PROPOSAL 1

IIW Capitation Fee is to be increased from GBP 3.50 to GBP 4.00.

MOTIVATION

Not since 2009 has IIW Capitation Fees been increased. IIW Executive will act with financial responsibility for the members' money and at the same time be able to maintain a possible Foundation with GBP 0.50 from each member. In this way all members will contribute equally and reduce clubs' banking charges.

PROPOSAL 2

Creation Of The IIW Foundation

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 social projects.

Primary Purpose: To be the funding arm of the International Inner Wheel for its Social Projects, and to enable it to respond immediately and effectively to the needs of member countries, especially those 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.

Sources of Funding. Funds may come from:

- a. Initial funding from IIW's assets as approved by the International Governing Body.
- b. Donations or endowments from individual persons (members or non-Inner Wheel members);
- c. Fundraising campaigns of any kind and nature as may be permitted by the law of participating countries.

Use of Donated Funds: Donated funds shall be appropriated as follows:

- Eighty-five percent (85%) of the donations (as defined above) shall be used for the purpose for which the Foundation was created.
- Up to fifteen percent (15%) may be used for administrative expenses of the Foundation.



Administration of IIW Foundation:

- a. The relationship between International Inner Wheel and International Inner Wheel Foundation shall be well-defined and clear, and shall be included in the International Inner Wheel Constitution;
- b. The IIW Foundation shall have an elected Board of Trustees from IIW member countries;
- c. The number of the IIW Foundation Board of Trustees shall be initially determined by the International Inner Wheel Governing Body.

MOTIVATION

IIW's Governing Body is wholeheartedly following the requests of our membership to create a Foundation/Charitable Arm to meet the needs when catastrophes strike. Over the last few years we have sadly experienced the lack of an appropriate tool to act immediately with means and help to the many exposed to war, pandemic, and natural calamities. This Foundation is our much needed tool – let's start acting.

PROPOSAL 3

Page 12

2. The International Governing Body is to be elected as follows

A. Officers c) Treasurer - Tenure of Office

Delete the rest of the paragraph after only. *Replace* it with "She is to be nominated and elected in a Convention year to serve between conventions. Her tenure will begin on 1st July following the Convention."

To read:

The Treasurer may serve for a maximum of 3 consecutive years only. She is to be nominated and elected in a Convention year to serve between Conventions. Her tenure will begin on 1st July following the Convention.

MOTIVATION

As finance is a very important aspect of our organisation's well-being and credibility, it is subsequently of greatest value to us that the Treasurer has a continuous knowledge through three years of assets, funds and commitments to be able to present sound budgets as well as valid accounts leading up to a Convention.



PROPOSAL 4

Page 13

2. The International Governing Body is to be elected as follows

A. Officers d) Constitution Chairman - Voting and Tenure of Office

Delete the initial "She". *Replace* it with "The Constitution Chairman". *Delete* the rest of the paragraph from "only". *Replace* it with: "The Constitution Chairman is to be nominated and elected in a Convention year to serve between Conventions. Her tenure will begin 1st July following the Convention."

To read:

The Constitution Chairman may serve for a maximum of 3 consecutive years only. She must be nominated and elected in a Convention year to serve between Conventions. Her tenure will begin on 1st July following the Convention.

MOTIVATION

It is of utmost importance that the Constitution Chairman can work continuously through the three years guiding, advising, instructing as well as serving members through their daily work and especially on constitutional matters in preparation for a Convention. She is then to finalise her tenure by updating the "CONSTITUTION AND HANDBOOK" after the Convention.

PROPOSAL 5

Page 9

1. The International Governing Body consists of the Officers and the Board Directors. A Officers B Board Directors

Add:

C Editor/Media Manager

The Editor/Media Manager shall be a member of the International Governing Body and has 1 vote.



To read:

1. The International Governing Body consists of the Officers, the Board of Directors and the Editor/Media Manager.
 - A Officers
 - B Board Directors
 - C Editor/Media Manager

Proposal continued Page 18

Delete the main headline EDITOR/MEDIA MANAGER

Delete the first introductory paragraph starting with: "The Editor/Media Manager shall not be a member of..."

Move the rest of the existing paragraphs to the beginning of page 14 under a new point "C Editor/Media Manager".

Add: She has 1 vote.

To read:

- **Qualifications:**

Must have served on a National Governing Body or District as an Editor/Media Manager for at least 1 year at the time of nomination.

- **Nominations:**

Any District Committee may nominate a person suitably qualified for the office of Editor.

- **Voting:**

By electronic voting, each Club has the right to one vote.

- **Tenure of Office:**

The Editor may serve for a maximum of 3 consecutive years but must be elected annually.

- In the event of a vacancy the Board may appoint a qualified successor to complete the year.

- She has 1 vote.

- **Duties of Editor/Media Manager**

She is responsible for the IIW website, media output and promotional documents, therefore she must have advanced computer skills and editorial skills, expertise in modern technology graphics software, desktop publishing and layout.



MOTIVATION

By virtue of this position, she is in constant contact with so many members of Inner Wheel. She is very aware of many aspects of our organisation including current events and where these events are taking place. The Editor/Media Manager has a unique skillset to meet the requirements of this job, and already has the same benefits as a Board Director, including payment of costs incurred in attending these meetings. Now she will have 1 vote at Meetings.

PROPOSAL 6

Page 27. STANDING ORDERS

At end of the numbered list taking next available number.

Add:

Proposals or Amendments or General Motions that are withdrawn prior to the Business Sessions will be deemed Withdrawn. Withdrawn items are not debated or voted upon. Where the Proposer or Secunder does not come forward to speak at the Business Session, their Proposal, Amendment or General Motion will be deemed to have fallen. It will not be debated or voted upon.

MOTIVATION

To confirm established practice for both in-person and virtual Conventions.



B. OTHER PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 7

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Tours, District 72, France
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Torino Europea, District 204, Italy


Page 4. BASIC RULES

Delete from "1. The name shall be International Inner Wheel"
to "3. To foster International understanding."

Replace by:

The name is International Inner Wheel.

The International Inner Wheel objects are "Service with kindness, mutual respect and international understanding".

The emblem is 

The official language is English.

The International Constitution is for all members worldwide.

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

MOTIVATION

What has defined Inner Wheel throughout the world, over the past 100 years, is serve, service and nothing but service. Definitely, it must become our first objective.

The second most striking aspect of IW is "kindness with mutual respect", as it is the best form of humanity. It is stronger than friendship; it is a state of enduring affection, esteem, trust and confidence between members. Respect means that persons are accepted for who they are, even if they are different from you, or you do not agree with them. Respect builds a sense of trust, safety and well-being.

In third, international understanding must come, because we are now 110,000 members worldwide collaborating without boundaries, thanks to the web revolution.



PROPOSAL 8

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Pune, District 313, India
Seconded by District 313, India**

Page 8. MEMBERSHIP. G. Termination of membership.

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

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

Next paragraph: Any Inner Wheel member.

MOTIVATION

Inner Wheel stands for Friendship & Service. If due to personality clashes or unsuitable atmosphere in the club, a member has to be excluded, if she wishes to re-join a service organisation, we should consider and give her a second chance. For moral and ethical reasons & for the stability of the Club Members, such a member should be considered to re-join only after a gap of 5 years. We say “Once an Inner Wheel member always an IW Member at heart.” So after all consideration & subject to all club members agreeing she should be able to rejoin after 5 years.

PROPOSAL 9

**Proposed by District 206, Italy
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Napoli Castel dell’Ovo, District 210, Italy**

Page 8. MEMBERSHIP. G. Naming a Club.

After suitable name *insert* “if districted, prior opinion of the District Executive Committee is needed, and subject to approval of International Inner Wheel.”

To read

When a new Inner Wheel club is formed, the members of the new Club may decide on a geographically suitable name. If districted, prior opinion of the District Executive Committee is needed, and subject to the approval of International Inner Wheel.

MOTIVATION

Prior consultation with the District Executive Committee is deemed necessary, to prevent new Clubs from adopting names that may create trouble in identification with existing Clubs in the area.



PROPOSAL 10

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Torino Europea, District 204, Italy Seconded by District 87, Germany

Page 4. MEMBERSHIP. 1. At International level.

1st line, after Club, *add* e-Clubs

3rd line, after Club, *add* or an e-Club

To read

1. At International level

Includes all Inner Wheel Clubs and e-Clubs.

The minimum number of Active Members required to form a Club, or an e-Club is 10.

All e-Clubs must be included into the administrative systems of a District on the same terms as a Districted Club. They cannot operate as a Non-Districted Club or as a separate entity from the present Inner Wheel organisational structures.

MOTIVATION

New Inner Wheel needs e-Clubs. They have the same position and targets as existing clubs and pay normal capitation fees. Having e-clubs would give IW an enormous boost and might promote IW in another way.

Thanks to the digital possibilities it is a great opportunity to meet members all over the world and promote international understanding. It could be attractive for young busy women who wish to contribute in some way to helping in their community and for older members who prefer to stay at home in the evenings. Meeting by Zoom is more viable and suited to their lifestyle. Also, it is a way for Members At Large to be in an Inner Wheel Club.



PROPOSAL 11

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Napoli Castel dell'Ovo, District 210, Italy
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Napoli Matilde Serao, District 210, Italy

Page 6. MEMBERSHIP. 4. At Club Level. C. Honorary Membership

At the end of the paragraph, *add* a new sentence: "An Active Member can become an Honorary Member of another Inner Wheel Club."

MOTIVATION

This is possible because the Honorary Member of a Club does not play an active role, not being able to participate in its Assemblies and exercise the right to vote, and accordingly its membership is only symbolic.

A member may belong to only one Club. An exception shall be made allowing membership in two clubs, one voting to nurture new Inner Wheel Clubs or assist mature Clubs in continuing to keep their clubs active, having a member of one club also be an honorary member of a second Inner Wheel club could provide the support needed. Membership in two clubs would allow a member to be a voting member of only one Inner Wheel Club.

PROPOSAL 12

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Pandharpur, District 313, India
Seconded by District 313, India

Page 7. MEMBERSHIP. 4. At Club Level. E. Transfers

Delete current sentence. *Insert*: An Active member may, in some circumstances, provided both Clubs agree, and informing the District Executive Committee(s), transfer to another Inner Wheel Club.

MOTIVATION

To make it a simple and convenient process of transfer (if both Clubs have no objection in transferring their member), it is not necessary to obtain permission from the District Executive Committees. Both Clubs only need to inform their respective District Executive Committees. In some circumstances, members can be transferred in between the two District Committee Meetings, that is, she doesn't have to wait for permission but can be transferred at any time.



PROPOSAL 13

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Airport, District 314, India
Seconded by District 314, India**

**Page 11. 2. The International Governing Body is to be elected as follows:
A. Officers c) Treasurer – Qualifications**

Delete whole paragraph. Replace with: “Must have served on a National Governing Body as a Treasurer or served as President of a National Governing Body.”

MOTIVATION

‘International Inner Wheel Governing body’ includes International Treasurer. As per the qualifications required, even District Treasurer qualifies to be nominated as International Inner Wheel Treasurer. Thus, a member climbing from District to International Treasurer’s post, bypasses the posts of District Chairman and/or Association President; which are important administrative & constitution learning posts. Thus, a candidate who does not have complete administrative and constitutional experience can take a shortcut to post of International Treasurer. This is not fair to those who have climbed up the ladder with complete experience. Correction on page 11 will confirm the same. Adding President of National Governing Body will correct the flaw.

PROPOSAL 14

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Delhi Midtown, District 301, India
Seconded by District 301, India**

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.

Add:

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 these remaining countries shall be entitled to vote for the 14 Board Directors.



MOTIVATION

Board Directors with experience at the highest level are essential for the smooth running of the IIW Governing Body. For this reason, reserving two places for nominees from the two countries with the largest membership will provide the experience required.

PROPOSAL 15

Proposed by Inner Wheel Finland (NGB)

Seconded by Inner Wheel The Netherlands (NGB)

Pages 14. Election Of The International Governing Body. 1A. Executive Committee: The procedure for the election of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Constitution Chairman to the Governing Body of International Inner Wheel is to be as follows: Nominations

Insert letters a) {as existing text} and b) additional paragraph as below:

- a) **Nominations**, with the consent of the nominee, may be made by District Committees of the National Governing Body of which they are members, to their National Governing Body. If 2 or more nominations for any one office are made by District Committees in the same National Governing Body there must be an internal election organised by the National Governing Body. The National Governing Body must then inform the District Committees the results of that internal election.
- b) In the case of a Districted country, without a National Governing Body, but which has an elected National Representative, nominations, with the consent of the nominee, may be made by the District Committees to their National Representative. If 2 or more nominations are received from District Committees in the same country, there must be an internal election organised by the National Representative. The National Representative must then inform the District Committees the result of the internal election.

Page 10. 2. The International Governing Body is to be elected as follows. A Officers a) President - Nominations.

Delete twice the words "of a National Governing Body".

To read

A District Committee may nominate a member who is suitably qualified for the office of President. Members may accept nomination only from District Committees of which they are members.



Page 11. 2. The International Governing Body is to be elected as follows. A Officers. b) Vice-President. - Nominations

- Nominations: *Delete* twice the words “of a National Governing Body”.

To read

- Nominations:

A District Committee may nominate a member who is suitably qualified for the office of Vice- President. Members may accept nomination only from District Committees of which they are members.

Page 11. 2. The International Governing is to be elected as follows. A Officers. c) Treasurer. - Nominations

Delete twice the words “of a National Governing Body”.

To read

A District Committee may nominate a member who is suitably qualified for the office of Treasurer. Members may accept nomination only from District Committees of which they are members.

Page 12. 2. The International Governing is to be elected as follows. A Officers. d) Constitution Chairman. - Nominations

Delete twice the words “of a National Governing Body”.

To read

- Nominations:

A District Committee may nominate a member who is suitably qualified for the office of Constitution Chairman. Members may accept nomination only from District Committees of which they are members.

MOTIVATION

Members who have served in all District offices, have been elected National Representatives and additionally elected by Inner Wheel Clubs from all over the world, as IIW Governing Body Members are sufficiently qualified to have the right to be nominated for IIW Executive Offices. Therefore, the unfair distinction among Past IIW Governing Body Members will not go on. Out of 36 countries having the right to nominate for IIW Governing Body members (IIW BDs) only 16 can nominate for IIW Executive Offices. This inequality must be corrected.



PROPOSAL 16

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Tours, District 72, France
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Torino Europea, District 204, Italy

Page 18. Editor/Media Manager

Delete EDITOR/MEDIA MANAGER

Replace with GLOBAL COMMUNICATION MANAGER.

Delete the whole paragraph "The Editor/Media Manager shall not be a member of the Executive Committee, but she may be invited as an observer, when necessary, to attend the International Executive Committee meetings or the International Governing Body meetings and the Triennial Convention as an observer with the same benefits as a Board Director, including payment of costs incurred in attending the meetings."

Insert: The Global Communication Manager shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

- Qualifications: *Delete* "Must have served on a National Governing Body or District as an Editor for at least one year at the time of nomination."

Replace by: "Must have served as a member of a National Governing Body or an International Inner Wheel Board Director for at least one year at the time of nomination."

MOTIVATION

The Editor/ Media Manager shall henceforth be called the Global Communication Manager. The term better expresses the concept of communication throughout the world. It is more than important that the Global Communications Manager belongs to the International Executive Committee, but to belong to this committee, she must as the other members, have been a member of a National Governing Body or an International Inner Wheel Board Director. It is inconceivable that the Global Communication Manager is not a member of the Executive Committee. She should definitely take part in the issues discussed at the meetings; she should give her advice and provide her experience as an editor.



PROPOSAL 17

**Proposed by Inner Wheel The Netherlands (NGB)
Seconded by Inner Wheel Belgium/Luxembourg (NGB)**

Page: 24. CONVENTION. 1. International Conventions

Delete the whole paragraph.

Replace with:

1. International Conventions

- 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.
- b) International Conventions will be organised in a hybrid form, allowing the participation of Inner Wheel members either in person or virtually. If necessary, in virtual form only.

MOTIVATION

It is appropriate, thanks to the digital technologies also used in Inner Wheel, to organise the Convention in a “hybrid” form. In this way it will be possible to significantly increase the participation of members in the most important event held by International Inner Wheel. If, for serious reasons, it is not possible to convene the members “in presence”, the Convention will have to take place “virtually”, as already occurred in the 18th Convention (the first virtual one in Inner Wheel history).

PROPOSAL 18

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Graz-Uhrturn, District 192, Austria
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Knokke Heist Oostkust, District 62, Belgium
& Luxembourg**

Page 26. STANDING ORDERS

Add new number 19.

19. A proposal can be withdrawn, before the business session starts, only if the proposing and seconding Clubs, Districts, NGB have discussed and agreed about this withdrawal.



MOTIVATION

This is a crucial point, which concerns the withdrawal of a proposal. It is established that the withdrawal can be accepted only if the proposing Club, District, NGB have discussed and voted on it in their respective assemblies and “agree” to withdraw the proposal. Otherwise, the proposal lives on and will be submitted to a vote during the Business Session of the Convention. What has matured in the agreement cannot be dissolved only by a Club, District, NGB whether proposing or seconding it.

PROPOSAL 19

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Bruxelles Renaissance, District 217, Belgium & Luxembourg

Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Antwerpen Singel, District 217, Belgium & Luxembourg

Page 28. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION. 4.

Add sentence after “prior to the Convention”.

The IIW Constitution Committee will notify and explain to the National Representative, District Chairmen and Club Presidents from the concerned countries, by writing or e-mail, the reasons for rejected Proposals, Amendments and General Motions sent to improve or change the Constitution.

To read

4. Amendments to these proposals shall be received at International Inner Wheel Headquarters not later than 6 months prior to the Convention. The IIW Constitution Committee will notify and explain to the National Representative, Districts Chairmen and Clubs Presidents from the concerned countries, by writing or e-mail, the reasons for rejected Proposals, Amendments and General Motions sent to improve or change the Constitution.

MOTIVATION

It is just a question of respect. Clubs need to be encouraged to take an active part in a Convention. Not the opposite.



PROPOSAL 20

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore South, District 319, India
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore JP Nagar, India

Page 28. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION.

After number 4. *Add* number 5. General Motions may be proposed/submitted in a procedure similar to Proposals and Amendments. Numbers 5a) and 5b) will now be 6a) and 6b).

MOTIVATION

We have no guidance in the Constitution as to when and how a General Motion can be sent. The Proposal brings in clarity about the procedure for sending a General Motion.

PROPOSAL 21

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Stuttgart, District 86, Germany
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Aachen, District 81, Germany

Page 31. STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS. 2A. Club Governing Body. 5. President. A.

Add after the existing paragraph: “The Club members may nominate and elect, with the consent of the nominees, two candidates as Presidents for 1 year. Both of them shall equally share the duties and responsibilities of the Club President.”

MOTIVATION

It has become evident how difficult it is to motivate Club members to serve in the office of Club President. Many of them have increasingly to face professional and private challenges. We think that it would be helpful to have two Club Presidents who coordinate their duties and organise their cooperation very much alike the job-sharing model which is so successful in similar contexts. To appreciate their commitment, the names of the two Presidents should be notified in the official IW Directories.



PROPOSAL 22

**Proposed by Inner Wheel The Netherlands (NGB)
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Lille, District 67, France**

Page 30. STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS. 3. Qualifications

Delete the whole paragraph.

Add: The only qualification required is to be an Inner Wheel member for at least one year.

MOTIVATION

Qualifications required for the offices of President and Vice-President can be acquired and demonstrated within and outside Inner Wheel. These skills are not unique to Inner Wheel and should be sufficient for a nomination. The only qualification required is to be an Inner Wheel member for at least one year.

PROPOSAL 23

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Zamalek, District 95, Egypt
Seconded by District 95, Egypt & Jordan**

Page 33. STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS. 9. Immediate Past President

Add, at the end of the sentence: “She can take office on the District Governing Body following the position of the Immediate Past President in the Club.”

Move paragraph 9. Immediate Past President to be after paragraph 6. Vice President(s) on page 32.

MOTIVATION

A. to make it clear that the Immediate Past President in the Club can take office in the District Governing Body the following year.

B. The sequence of the positions should show the Immediate Past President before the Secretary.



PROPOSAL 24

Proposed by Inner Wheel The Netherlands (NGB)

Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Südwestfalen-Lippe (Germany), District 90, Germany

Page 31. STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS. 5. President. A. B. C.

Delete A, B and C.

Replace with: "The President shall be nominated and elected to serve for one year, or more if there is no willing candidate to take office, and providing the Club agrees. If the President of a newly formed Club so wishes, she may, with the Club's agreement, serve for a whole Inner Wheel year in addition to the part-year which immediately follows the Club's formation."

Page 32. STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS. 6. Vice President(s) shall. A. B. C.

Delete A, B and C.

Replace with: "The Vice President shall be nominated and elected annually and preferably shall not serve for more than two (2) consecutive years."

Page 32. STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS. 7. Secretary. A. B. C.

Delete A, B and C.

Replace with: "The Secretary shall be nominated and elected annually and preferably shall not serve for more than three (3) consecutive years."

Page 32. STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS. 8. Treasurer. A. B. C.

Delete A, B and C.

Replace with: "The Treasurer shall be nominated and elected annually and preferably shall not serve for more than three (3) consecutive years."

Page 33. STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS. 10. Club Correspondent and Club International Service Organiser. A. B.

Delete A and B.

Replace with: "Shall be nominated and elected annually and preferably shall not serve for more than three (3) consecutive years."



Page 33. STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS. 11. Other members of the Executive Committee. A. B.

Delete A and B.

Replace with: "Shall be nominated and elected annually and preferably shall not serve for more than three (3) consecutive years."

MOTIVATION

This is a matter for the club, and it would be painful if a club were to close because no candidate is available. Permission from District or IIW should not be necessary. It is really difficult in some countries to find persons who agree to take positions at any level, so if the person is doing well at her job and no one is willing to take the position, why a limit on time? This is a club matter, and no permission needs to be asked either to the District or IIW Headquarters.

PROPOSAL 25

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Cebu Central, District 386, Philippines
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Cebu, District 386, Philippines

ALL PAGES which have the term "Chairman" in them.
To use the term Chairperson instead of Chairman.

MOTIVATION

This is to be gender sensitive, to use gender-fair language and avoid any discrimination against women by trivialising and rendering them invisible. The use of gender-fair language is the benchmark of gender sensitivity.

PROPOSAL 26

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Bruxelles Renaissance, District 217, Belgium & Luxembourg
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Namur Confluent, District 217, Belgium & Luxembourg

Page 35. STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS. 17. Finance and Audit. C. Expenses

After "Expenses incurred in carrying out the work of the Club shall be met from Club funds", add: "Two accounts should be kept: Account No 1 General Account, Account No 2 Charity Account."



MOTIVATION

The Handbook page 56 Treasurer says: Two accounts should be kept: Account No 1 General Account, Account No 2 Charity Account. We propose that this be written into the International Constitution so that this rule is followed by all clubs. By enshrining in the International Constitution the requirement to maintain a Club Operating Account and a Charity Account, Inner Wheel is demonstrating that it is managing its finances in a transparent manner. With a Charity Account, our generous donors can be assured that their contributions are used solely for social service. In writing this Proposal, the Brussels Renaissance Club's intention is to share with you its firm belief that this proposal is right for Inner Wheel.

PROPOSAL 27

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Digne Les Bains, District 73, France
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Aix Miramas, District 73, France**

Page 35. STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS. 18. Resignation.

At the end of the first phrase, *add "31 May". To read:*

A month's notice of resignation must be given in writing to the Secretary before 31 May.

MOTIVATION

It is quite important to state the precise date with regard to a serious issue. A rule must be as specific as possible. Indeed, if the deadline for submitting one's notice of resignation is clearly established, it stands to reason that there will be no right of objection.

PROPOSAL 28

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Graz-Uhrturn, District 192, Austria
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Trieste, District 206, Italy**

Page 35. STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS. 16. Quorums.

Add after 16 Quorums:

17. Training

All Clubs should receive their training every year. Either by Districts or appointed persons by the District. Non-Districted Clubs receive their training annually by IIW or by appointed persons of IIW.



Renumber 18. Finance and Audit and 19. Resignations.

MOTIVATION

To give training and knowledge to as many members as possible. For Non-Districted Clubs, it might strengthen the feeling of part of a big family.

PROPOSAL 29

Proposed by the Inner Wheel Club of Salzburg, District 192, Austria and Czech Republic

Seconded by the Inner Wheel Club of Lille, District 67, France

Page 43. STANDARD RULES FOR DISTRICTS. 18. Meetings Of The District Committee

Line one *delete* after “shall meet at least”.

Insert: “four times a year, some meetings can be held virtually, at least one requires physical presence. One meeting shall be the Annual General Meeting.”

MOTIVATION

Today, geographical and climate conditions are no excuse as we have the possibility to use virtual meetings.

PROPOSAL 30

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Plovdiv, District 248, Bulgaria

Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Shumen, District 248, Bulgaria

Page 45. STANDARD RULES FOR DISTRICTS. 22. Finance And Audit. B. Dues

Add a new paragraph under the existing one.

“Any Club that has not paid the membership fee to IIW and the District by 31 December of the current IW year should be considered to be disbanded.”

MOTIVATION

If a Club uses the name of IIW without having paid their dues to the district/IIW, it is not fulfilling the first and main obligation of membership – and is in this way demotivating for other clubs in the district. This will lead to our organisation’s loss of trust and authority.



PROPOSAL 31

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Blaby, District 7, GB&I

Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Melton Mowbray, District 7, GB&I

Page 45. STANDARD RULES FOR DISTRICTS. 22 Finance And Audit. E. Audit

To *ADD* the following *to read*

E. Audit

The Accounts of the District Committee shall be audited annually and copies circulated to all clubs (at least 2 months prior to the District Annual General Meeting).

MOTIVATION

To allow for sufficient time to discuss and raise questions prior to adoption at the AGM.

PROPOSAL 32

Proposed by Inner Wheel Belgium-Luxembourg (NGB)

Seconded by Inner Wheel FAMAT (NGB) – France, Andorra, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia

Page 45. STANDARD RULES FOR NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES.

Add a chapter: STANDARD RULES FOR NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES after page 45.
To read:

1. NAME

The name of the National Governing body shall be the usual name of the territory. Association or National or Council, it will be defined by the National Governing Body

2. MEMBERSHIP

The National Governing Body shall consist of all clubs within its boundaries.



3. GOVERNING BODY

A. Officers

a) National President

Chairs the NGB, must visit all the districts at least once a year, is entitled to be a voting member on all Committees at National Level, ensures all trainings... National President and National Vice-President must not be from the same district.

Is elected for one or 2 years If only one candidate: can be elected "election unopposed."

(According to the country: National Representative and President can be one unique person)

b) Vice-President

Must work with the president.

National President and National Vice-President must not be from the same district.

Is elected for one or 2 years If only one candidate: can be elected "election unopposed."

(According to the country: Deputy National Representative Vice President can be one unique person)

c) Immediate Past-President

Deputises for the National President and the National Vice-President in their absence.

d) National Secretary

She closely works with the President and covers all the administrative work.

Conducts all correspondence for the National Governing Body. Takes the minutes at National Governing Body meetings. Preferably speaks English.

She is elected for a maximum of 3 years. Re-elected annually. If only one candidate: can be elected "election unopposed."

e) National Treasurer

She must have accounting skills.

She works closely with the president She is responsible for the financial affairs of the National Governing body.

She presents a statement of accounts to the National Governing Body at every National Governing Body Meeting. Presents budget proposals, settles accounts with the districts for payments due to the National Governing Body and International Inner Wheel.

Makes all payments to International Inner Wheel

She is elected for a maximum of 3 years. Re-elected annually. If only one candidate: can be elected "election unopposed."



B. Ex-officio members

a) National webmaster

She is in charge of the national website, the national database, the edition of the national directory. Works closely with the Editor.

She is elected for a maximum of 3 years. Re-elected annually. If only one candidate: can be elected “election unopposed.”

b) National Editor

She is in charge of the magazine and all national publications. Works closely with the webmaster for various publications on social network.

She is elected for a maximum of 3 years. Re-elected annually. If only one candidate: can be elected “election unopposed.”

A and B are the executive committee of the National Governing Body.

C. Other Members of the National Governing Body:

The District Chairman of each district.

She is the link between the National Governing Body and her District and has to make reports of the National Governing Body to her District. She promotes co-operation between the Districts and the National Governing Body.

1. Vacancies:

- A. In case of vacancy of the National Representative or the President the Deputy or the Vice-President shall deputise.
- B. In case of vacancy in any of the other offices, the National Governing Body shall appoint a qualified successor to complete the year.

2. Nominations:

- A. Must have been District Chairman. Nominations shall be made through the district committee and must be sent, in writing — mail or post - to the National Secretary. Nominations must be received not later than 31st October.
- B. A list of nominees, with a short description of offices held, will be emailed by the National Secretary. E-voting (advised) has to be made before 15th February. To be eligible to vote, Clubs must have paid Capitation Fees by 31st October. Each Club is entitled to 1 vote.
- C. Results of vote shall be sent to Inner Wheel Headquarters immediately.

3. Meetings

- A. The National Governing Body (the Executive Committee and the District Committee and the District Chairmen) must meet at least 3 times a year (September, January and May).



- B. The executive committee of the National Governing Body shall meet the day previous the meeting of the whole National Governing Body.
- C. Thanks to modern ways of communication more meetings can be organised.

4. Finance

- A. The accounting year begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th of the following year.
- B. The accounts of the previous year must be audited and certified by an accounting firm and presented by the Treasurer of the audited year to the National Governing Body and District(s) Presidents during the 1st meeting.

5. Bye Laws

The National Governing Body may draw up National, District and Club bye laws, based on IIW constitution, and to be validated by IIW before implementation.

6. Disbandment

If necessary, the proposal of disbandment of the National Governing Body will be submitted in General Assembly, to a secret ballot vote by a majority of two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the present members of the National Governing Body (Executive Committee and District Chairmen) with a quorum of 75% of the members. Proxy and mailing vote are not allowed.

Each National Governing Body decides on the status of the National Representative. The National Bye Laws will contain the information concerning her role.

MOTIVATION

All the countries with National Governing Body should be submitted to the same general rules and there is nothing about National Governing Body in our Constitution, it's a real lack. It must be corrected.



C. GENERAL MOTIONS

GENERAL MOTION A

From IIW GB for Manchester 2024 Proposed by International Inner Wheel Governing Body

When the current Convention is over and the approved proposals and general motions are coordinated with the old by 30th June, it is necessary to start the modernising process of both language and content. The IIW C&H 2024 then becomes a preliminary edition until the whole process is over within the Inner Wheel Year 2024-2025.

MOTIVATION

A Convention is not a process, but often an amending of old articles. It is necessary to give our CONSTITUTION AND HANDBOOK a modernisation, to create a more inviting and understandable update for all members.

GENERAL MOTION B

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Reims, District 68, France Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Bourges, District 72 France

International Inner Wheel should propose a lasting International action.

MOTIVATION

A lasting International action just like actions brought by International Rotary such as Polio Eradication Initiative will make Inner Wheel more visible and well known.



GENERAL MOTION C: Amalgamation of 2 GMs

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Reims, District 68, France
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Bourges, District 72 France

That a mandate be given to International Governing Body to oversee a process to select and confirm a new name for International Inner Wheel.

That a mandate be given to the International Governing Body to oversee a process to select and confirm a new emblem and branding guidelines for International Inner Wheel.

MOTIVATION

International Inner Wheel will be celebrating 100 years of friendship and service in 2024. The motion gives an opportunity for International Inner Wheel to have a name more readily identifiable to both members and the general public. A name that will be easier to remember and will symbolise our actions.

A new emblem to promote better communication and to be more representative of active and committed Inner Wheel members.

GENERAL MOTION D

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Graz-Uhrturm, District 192, Austria
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of St Paul/Etang Sale, District 920, Réunion & Madagascar

Presentation of the International Board Nominees (EC and BD).

Should not only be offered on paper (nomination booklet) but also be presented in short videos (one minute each maximum) at the international website to get a better impression for the voting.

MOTIVATION

To have a better chance at the right decision.



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