

# PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

for consideration at the Convention meeting to be held  
in Jaipur, India, Thursday 4th March 2021

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International Inner Wheel





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## **RESOLUTION TO INCREASE CAPITATION FEES**

There is a proposed increase of Cap Fees from July 2021, from £3.50 to £4.00.

### **MOTIVATION**

There has been no increase in fees since 2006.

## **A. PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL GOVERNING BODY**

### **PROPOSAL 1**

#### **Page 4**

Title – Membership

Sub title – G (page 8): - Termination of membership

Sentence: Any Inner Wheel member going to the court of law...

Delete: "shall" and replace by "may". Add at the end of this same sentence: "of any Club".

Delete last sentence of the paragraph.

Last sentence of the paragraph to read: Any Inner Wheel member going to the court of law without exhausting the provisions for such grievances within Inner Wheel may be excluded from membership of any club.

### **MOTIVATION**

This is to prevent an excluded member going to court against members of her former club.

### **PROPOSAL 2**

#### **Proposal: E-Voting for the election of the IIW Governing Body**

#### **Page 9**

#### **The International Governing Body**

#### **Page 10**

Subtitle: 2 The International Governing Body is to be elected as follows:



A Officers:

under a) b) c) -Voting

Delete: "By postal vote, each Club having the right to one vote."

Add: By electronic voting, each Club having the right to one vote

B Board Directors:

Voting: delete line first line "By postal vote"

Add: as first line "By electronic voting".

Delete in line 7: "The voting paper" replace by "The electronic voting document"

Delete in line 8: Any voting paper" replace by "Any electronic voting document"

## **MOTIVATION**

The results of the elections will be obtained quicker, more accurately and more securely. It is cost-effective and efficient.

## **PROPOSAL 3**

### **Proposal e-voting election Editor/Media Manager**

**Page 18**

**Title:** Editor/Media Manager

**Page 19**

Subtitle:- Voting

Delete: By postal vote, each Club having the right to 1 vote.

Add : By electronic voting, each Club having the right to 1 vote.

## **MOTIVATION**

The results of the elections will be obtained quicker, more accurately and more securely. It is cost-effective and efficient.

## **PROPOSAL 4**

**Pages 29-30**

Insert before the text Standard Rules for Clubs with no National Governing Body

Title: - "**National Governing Body Bye Laws.**"



Countries with a National Governing Body may draw up National, District and Club Bye Laws.

These Bye Laws are based on the International Inner Wheel Constitution, but enable members to enjoy their membership according to the customs and traditions of their own country.

Bye Laws and any changes to existing Bye-Laws must be approved by International Inner Wheel before implementation.

The corresponding section of the International Inner Wheel Constitution must be taken as reference for points not mentioned in these Bye-Laws.

## **MOTIVATION**

It is important to explain that National Governing Bodies can draw up Bye Laws at National, District and Club level in accordance with their customs and traditions in contrast to Clubs and Districts without a National Governing Body.

## **PROPOSAL 5**

### **Page 30**

Delete: Title – STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS WITH NO NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

Add: Title - STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS

### **Page 36**

Delete: Title – STANDARD RULES FOR DISTRICTS WITH NO NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

Add: Title -STANDARD RULES FOR DISTRICTS

## **MOTIVATION**

This is to make it more comprehensible. These are the rules for all Clubs and Districts if there are no specific Bye Laws.



## B OTHER PROPOSALS

### PROPOSAL 6

**PROPOSED BY** Inner Wheel National Council, Belgium & Luxembourg

**SECONDED BY** Inner Wheel District 217 Belgium & Luxembourg

#### Page 4

Membership

4 At club Level

A Active membership

Delete the whole text from A Active membership on page 6 to Inner Wheel Convention.

Replace by

A Active membership may be retained or taken up by women who have been invited to join provided that they are over 18 years and the majority of the club members agree.

#### MOTIVATION

The actual three categories are discriminating. Now every woman can join IW. The rule must be the same for all members with no distinction. Women related to Rotary or Inner Wheel must not have special status. There is no clarification necessary by International Inner Wheel Executive Committee.

### PROPOSAL 7

**PROPOSED BY** Inner Wheel Club of Lunen Werne District 90 Germany

**SECONDED BY** Inner Wheel Club of Oberschwaben District 90 Germany

#### Page 5/6

Membership

4 At Club Level

A Active membership

To be deleted under c) the last sentence "provided that a majority of the Club members agree."

Insert under A and a majority of club members agree

**To read A** Active Membership may be retained or taken up by the following, provided that they are over 18 years and a majority of club members agree:

- a) Women related to Inner Wheel members/former Inner Wheel members.
- b) Women related to Rotarians/former Rotarians.
- c) Women who have been invited to join.



## MOTIVATION

All members should be treated equally; all require the consent of the majority of club members, regardless of their background; this will eliminate the different quality of membership.

## PROPOSAL 8

**PROPOSED BY** National Council Belgium-Luxembourg

**SECONDED BY** District 62

Page 4

MEMBERSHIP

4 At Club Level

B Honoured active membership

Delete from "The Club will pay.....but pays all her own dues"

## MOTIVATION

Active honoured membership is an honour and should not be combined with a financial advantage. Clubs may consider not to give the award because of the obligation to pay the due the first year.

## PROPOSAL 9

**PROPOSED BY** Inner Wheel Club of Patra Europea District 247 Greece

**SECONDED BY** Inner Wheel Club of Graz-Uhrturm District 192 Austria & Czech Republic

## Page 12 The International Governing Body

### 2) The international Governing Body is to be elected as follows

#### A Officers

#### D Constitution Chairman

#### Nominations

Delete the phrase "of a National Governing Body" from the first and fifth line of the paragraph

To read: A District Committee may nominate a member 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 Representative and additionally elected as IIW Governing Body Member are sufficiently qualified to have the right to be nominated for the office of IIW Constitution Chairman. Therefore the unfair distinction among Past IIW Governing Body Members will not go on. Out of 35 countries having the right to nominate for IIW Governing Body Members (IIWBDs) only 16 can nominate for IIW Constitution Chairman. This inequality must be corrected.

## PROPOSAL 10

**PROPOSED BY** Inner Wheel Club of Coimbatore North District 320 India  
**SECONDED BY** Inner Wheel Club of Coimbatore District 320 India

**2)The International Governing Body is to be elected as follows:**  
**A Officers**  
**D Constitution Chairman- Voting and Tenure of Office**

Delete the words "International Governing Body"  
Insert shall be elected by postal vote, each club having the right to one vote annually and may serve for a maximum of three years

## MOTIVATION

All the officers of the International Inner Wheel Executive Committee are elected by the Clubs. The Constitution Chairman is an officer of the International Executive Committee and is only right that the clubs be given the right to elect the important officer.

## PROPOSAL 11

**PROPOSED BY** Inner Wheel National Council, Belgium & Luxembourg  
**SECONDED BY** Inner Wheel District NZ291

## Page 14

Election of the International Governing Body  
2;

Delete the paragraph "Canvassing, that is asking for votes, is FORBIDDEN whether by letter or by other means, and will result in the disqualification of the candidate concerned."

## MOTIVATION

Forbid canvassing is not democratic. Each nominee has the right to be more known by the membership and the members have the right to know the nominees better. Even now with social media it is very difficult to avoid canvassing. The members are the best placed to judge the nominees.



## PROPOSAL 12

**PROPOSED BY** District 31, NORWAY

**SECONDED BY** National Governing Body, NORWAY

**Pages: 10 and 11**

### THE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

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

A Officers:

- a) President
- b) Vice-President

### THE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

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

**A Officers:**

**a) President**

Insert: The President takes office on 1 July. She is to serve 1 year only and cannot serve again in this office.

Delete the rest of the text under a)

Delete **Vice-President**, insert **Vice-Presidents**

**Qualifications:**

Must have served at some time as President of a National Governing Body, or an International Board Director or a Board Member or the International Treasurer.

**Nominations:**

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

**Voting:**

Delete: The whole paragraph.

Replace: The election takes place by the delegates at the International Inner Wheel Convention every third year. The candidates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice-President are elected at the same Convention and may be candidates for each of the three years.

Each Club having the right to one vote for each office held. HQ sending out names of Candidates and their visions 4 months prior to Convention.



### **Tenure of Office:**

Delete: The existing text

Replace: Vice-Presidents are to serve for 1 year only and cannot serve again in this office. They will be part of the Officers from the year of which they are elected, the 2nd Vice-President will be the IIWP in a Convention year. The President and the 3 Vice-Presidents must not be members of Inner Wheel in the same country or National Governing Body.

### **MOTIVATION**

An Inner Wheel Convention is supposed to be the highlight of Inner Wheel life. A grand election of future IIWPs will certainly add to this feeling. As members we ought to know more about our future IIW Presidents than we are doing today having only a written vision accompanied by a pretty smile to judge from. Members must be fully informed about what qualities the candidates possess that enable them to be in charge of the highest office in IIW. They must be prepared to answer questions about their programme. This will create more involvement and interest in taking part in Conventions and help us shape a more predictable future. Let this be our gift for our Centennial in 2024.

### **PROPOSAL 13**

**PROPOSED BY** National Governing Body : The Netherlands :

**SECONDED BY** National Governing Body of Denmark;

#### **Page 9**

The International Governing Body

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

2A Officers

#### **Page 10**

Tenure of Office:

The President is to serve for 1 year only and cannot serve again in this office.

Add: In the paragraph "Page 10 : "The Immediate Past President, the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer and the Constitution Chairman must not be members of Inner Wheel in the same country or National Governing Body." : The countries who have "The Immediate Past President, the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer and the Constitution Chairman cannot nominate another candidate to this office within a period of 5 consecutive years.



## MOTIVATION

We wish to extend this rule to International Treasurer and the Constitution Chairman. A country or a National Governing Body should not have more than one of its members on the Executive Committee of International Inner Wheel. More countries can have an officer elected at the highest level and participate in administration of International Inner Wheel. This kaleidoscope of different origins and customs should be reflected by our International Vice President, President, Treasurer and the Constitution Chairman. Countries who have a member in the executive committee are not allowed to nominate another candidate for 5 years in order to give a chance to every IW country to participate in this committee.

## PROPOSAL 14

**PROPOSED BY** Inner Wheel Club of Lorenskog District 31 Norway

**SECONDED BY** District 31 Norway

## Page 29

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION 5. b)

Delete the last part of the paragraph starting with:

“Any proposal containing similar subject matter to one presented and defeated at 2 consecutive Conventions will not be accepted for the following Convention, with the exception of proposed changes to membership”.

## MOTIVATION

Sometimes a proposal is far ahead of time – it takes time to get adjusted to it. When the second Convention shows a higher number of votes in favour of it, then it is unfair to stop it and let 6 more years pass before it can be voted on again. Let's move with the time – not against it.



## GENERAL MOTIONS

### GENERAL MOTION A

**PROPOSED BY** Inner Wheel Club of Auckland East District NZ291 New Zealand

**SECONDED BY** Inner Wheel Club of Otautahi Canterbury District NZ297 New Zealand

That a mandate be given to the International Governing Body to oversee a process to select and confirm a new name for International Inner Wheel. The new name to be presented at Convention 2024 to recognise 100 years of Inner Wheel as it moves into its next century of friendship and service

#### MOTIVATION

International Inner Wheel will be celebrating 100 years of friendship and service in 2024. This motion gives an opportunity for International Inner Wheel to move into its next century with a name more readily identifiable to both members and the general public as to who and what our organisation represents now and in the future. A name that will engage and encourage young women to join one of the world's leading women's voluntary service organisations that has service and friendship as its cornerstone.

### GENERAL MOTION B

**PROPOSED BY** Inner Wheel Club of Aotea Auckland, NZ291 New Zealand

**SECONDED BY** Inner Wheel Club of Split Palmina, 191, Croatia

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. These are to be presented at Convention 2024 for launching International Inner Wheel into its next century of service and friendship.

#### MOTIVATION

In 2024 International Inner Wheel will be celebrating 100 years as women in service which is an appropriate time to launch a new brand identity. An opportunity to move the organisation forward to engage women of the future by having a logo that reflects our future focused commitment to making a positive difference in the world, whilst still recognising our roots and history. A new century – a time for new beginnings as women in action sharing friendship through service as the world's leading voluntary service organisation.



## GENERAL MOTION C

**PROPOSED BY** Inner Wheel Club of Bruxelles Renaissance District 62 Belgium & Luxembourg

**SECONDED BY** Inner Wheel District 62 Belgium & Luxembourg

The finances of International Inner Wheel are thriving thanks to an excellent financial management over the years. So the yearly profits should be invested in publicity material, electronic votes and so on. The profits from the previous year of Convention year should be used to organise the Triennial convention which is the only International Inner Wheel event we have.

### MOTIVATION

The Clubs are encouraged to bestow all the money raised during the year to their social works instead to hoard money. In this way, International Inner Wheel should be the perfect model. With such a financial support, more countries could be interested to organise a Convention.





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