



International Inner Wheel

PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

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**PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY
THE GOVERNING BODY OF INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL**

PROPOSAL 1 ---

**Page 6: THE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY
1B Board Directors:**

After paragraph insert new title in bold letters: **DUTIES of International Governing Body**

Insert 1) before the current text – “In conformity with the Constitution,”

Page 7:

delete “Quorum – 75% of the Governing Body”

replace with “Quorum -75% of the International Governing Body”

Add: 2) The International Governing Body is to have jurisdiction over Non Districted Clubs and over Districts, where there is no National Governing Body.

MOTIVATION:

The IGB wishes to make their “duties” more visible thus clarifying their role at the administrative level of the organisation.

PROPOSAL 2---

Page 14: COMMITTEES 1. Executive Committee

Add: “**DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**” in bold letters

Delete: 4th line “Duties of Executive Committee”

Add: a) to the first sentence “The Executive Committee shall consist of”

Add: b) to the second sentence “The Executive Committee shall have the overall management”

Insert: c) The Executive Committee shall arbitrate in the name of the IGB if mediation has failed on all other administrative levels (Club, District and National Governing Body) and a final decision is implemented.

MOTIVATION:

It has become necessary to introduce final arbitration, when a decision is requested from other levels of administration because all possible mediation efforts have failed.

PROPOSAL 3---

Page 9 d) Constitution Chairman

- Qualifications:

delete: sentence

insert: Must have been Member of the International Inner Wheel Governing Body at time of taking office .

Page 10 B. Board Directors:

- Qualifications:

delete: sentence

insert: Must be a Past National Representative or a Past President of a National Governing Body at the time of taking office---to stand for election as a Board Director of the International Governing Body.

Page 18 NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES-- -

- Qualifications

1 For Districted countries without a National Governing Body

Add: 3rd line after”where nominate and elected “ at the time of taking office”.

2. For countries with a National Governing Body

Add: 3rd line after.....”where nominated and elected “at the time of taking office”.

MOTIVATION:

To make clear and clarify at which time the Constitution Chairman, Board Directors and National Representatives can be nominated.

PROPOSAL 4---

Page 18 NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Add a second sentence:

Districts which are newly formed after division or disbandment of a District may nominate qualified members and participate in the election of a National Representative in their country.

MOTIVATION:

To allow members who have carried their qualifications from the previous District into the new District, to stand for election right from the start of joining the new District.

PROPOSAL 5.--

Page 19 Nominations:

Add a new sentence: A National Representative must not hold at the same time another position on Club or District level.

Page 19 Duties of National Representative :

Add 3rd line after.....she receives, “translates” and sends.....

Page 20 first line

delete: sentence after “Governing Body”,.....

insert: “ “the National Representative plays no part in the running of the District(s). A National Representative must not hold at the same time another position on Club or District level. The role of National Representative qualifies for the position of Board Director”.

MOTIVATION:

To make it very clear, that a National Representative cannot take decisions on behalf of the District Executive. Her role is not to give advice on District Matters. She is the liaison officer between Headquarters of IIW and her District(s) for all correspondence.

Only Clubs without a National Governing Body can vote on Proposal 6

PROPOSAL 6 - STANDARD RULES for Districts with NO NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

Page 34, 4. NOMINATIONS AND TENURE OF OFFICE

Chairman:

delete: the paragraph

insert: Nominated and elected for 1 year, but may be elected for a second consecutive year, if there is no other candidate for the position of Chairman.

VICE-CHAIRMAN or VICE-CHAIRMEN:

delete: the paragraph

insert: Nominated and elected for 1 year, but may be elected for a second consecutive year if there is no other candidate for the position of Vice-Chairman.

MOTIVATION:

A second year should only be allowed under special circumstances, when there is no candidate to succeed to the Chairman. This was the original motivation, when the possibility to serve for a second consecutive year was introduced in the Constitution. But as this motivation does not appear in the current rule, it has become a general rule that District Chairmen have themselves re-elected even when there is a qualified candidate to stand for election.

PROPOSAL 7--

Page 16 FINANCE

3 Audit

Pg -17-Delete 2nd line “Copies of such accounts.....by 1st April.”

Insert: Copies of such accounts shall be circulated to all Clubs with the Minutes of the International Governing Body Meeting.

MOTIVATION

To clarify time of posting.

PROPOSAL 8--

Page 5 Naming a Club

Delete Paragraph

Insert -----

When a new Inner Wheel Club is formed, the members of the new Club may decide on a geographically suitable name, subject to the approval of International Inner Wheel.

MOTIVATION

To clarify the naming of an Inner Wheel Club.

B OTHER PROPOSALS
BASIC RULES

PROPOSAL 9---

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club Tours District 72 France
Seconded by Inner Wheel District 920 Reunion Island and Madagascar

Page 1
Basic Rules
Delete the emblem is:



Replace by The emblem is;



Inner Wheel

MOTIVATION

To allow a better legibility, the emblem should be with Inner Wheel written below. When we prepare a poster campaign, leaflets...or any kind of public display people see our wheel without knowing who we are and generally associate it to Rotary. A clear and complete recognition would allow us to be better known and recognised.

B OTHER PROPOSALS

MEMBERSHIP

PROPOSAL 10---

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club Bordeaux-Medoc District 69 France
Seconded by Inner Wheel District 69 France

Page 3 / 4 MEMBERSHIP
4 At Club Level
C Honorary membership

Delete first 7 lines until "...Cannot hold any office in a Club."

Insert “and Clubs after “Districts” in the remaining sentence and put “persons” instead of “person.”

To Read “International Inner Wheel, National Governing Bodies, Districts and Clubs may invite distinguished persons whom they wish to honour, to become an Honorary Member. Honorary Members have no vote and cannot hold any office on any administrative level of the organisation.”

MOTIVATION

The rule must be the same for every administrative level of Inner wheel (International governing Body, National Governing Body, Districts and Clubs.)

PROPOSAL 11--

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club Trieste District 206 Italy
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club Firenze Iris District 209 Italy

Page 5
MEMBERSHIP
4 At Club level
E Transfers

Insert before District Committee/s the word “Executive”

To read “ An Active Member may, in some circumstances, provided both clubs agree, and permission is obtained from the Executive District Committee, transfer to another Inner Wheel Club.”

MOTIVATION

To obtain the permission from the District Committee for the transfer of a member may require a long time of wait as the meetings are held twice a year. Given the agreement of both clubs and the permission of the executive District Committee which meets more frequently, the transfer will be faster.

PROPOSAL 12-----

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club Bangalore Orchards District 319 India
Seconded by Inner Wheel District 319 India

Page 1 Membership
G Termination of Membership page 5
Line 13j

After the sentence “No final decision...mediation” Add sentence
“Any Inner Wheel member going to the court of law without exhausting the provisions for such grievances within Inner Wheel shall be excluded from membership.”

MOTIVATION

As the organisation is growing, the conflicting matters will be on the rise. We have to resolve the issues within the organisation. If we encourage members going to court for these petty matters, it will cause undue liability to the organisation.

B OTHER PROPOSALS

INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

PROPOSAL 13----

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club Tours District 72 France
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club Torino Europea District 204 Italy
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QqqqThe INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

1 The International governing Body consists of the Officers and the Board Directors
A Officers

Add “ The Editor/Media Manager shall be a member of the Executive Committee.”

MOTIVATION

This position since globalisation and the worldwide spread of the internet, social networks and the importance given to communication at IIW is so important that our Editor/MM should definitely become a member of the Executive Committee as well as the 5 other International Officers.

It is an undeniable reality that the Editor/Media manager is responsible of an extremely important part of our general administration as she is in charge of the image of our association, its visibility and its printed news.

PROPOSAL 14---

Proposed by Inner Wheel District 24 Greece
Seconded by National Governing Body Denmark

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THE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

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

- **President**
- Qualifications

Second line delete “ or an International Board”

Third line delete ‘Director’

Fourth after “Treasurer” insert: or must have served as an International Board Director for at least: a) 1 year at the time of nomination for nominees from countries which have a National Governing Body, b) 2 years at the time of nomination for nominees from districted countries without a National Governing Body but which have an elected National Representative

Sentence will read as follows:

Must have served at some time as President of a National Governing Body, or a Board Member, or an International Treasurer or must have served as an International Board Director for at least: a) 1 year at the time of nomination for nominees from countries which have a National Governing Body

b) 2 years at the time of nomination for nominees from districted countries without a National Governing Body, but which have an elected National Representative

- Nominations

First line delete “of a National Governing Body”

Fourth line delete “of the National”

Fifth line delete “Governing Body”

Sentence will read as follows:

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

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b) Vice-President

- Qualifications

Second line delete "or an International Board"

Third line delete "Director"

Fourth line after "Treasurer" insert: or must have served as an International Board Director for at least : a) 1 year at the time of nomination for nominees from countries which have a National Governing Body

b) 2 years at the time of nomination for nominees from districted countries without a National Governing Body, but which have an elected National Representative

Sentence will read as follows:

Must have served at some time as President of a National Governing Body, or a Board Member, or an International Treasurer, or must have served as an International Board Director for at least: a) 1 year at the time of nomination, for nominees from countries which have a National Governing Body,

b) 2 years at the time of nomination, for nominees from districted countries without a National Governing Body, but which have an elected National Representative

- Nominations

First line delete "of a National Governing Body"

Fourth line after "from" insert: the

Fourth line delete "of the"

Fifth line delete "National Governing Body"

Sentence will read as follows:

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

c) Treasurer

- Qualifications

Fourth line after "nomination" add: or must have served as an International Board Director for at least: a) 1 year at the time of nomination for nominees from countries which have a National Governing Body

b) 2 years at the time of nomination, for nominees from districted countries without a National Governing Body, but which have an elected National Representative

Sentence will read as follows:

Must have served on a National Governing Body or District as a Treasurer and have served as a member of a National Governing Body for at least 1 year at the time of nomination or as an International Board Director for at least: a) 1 year at the time of nomination for nominees from countries which have a National Governing Body

b) 2 years at the time of nomination for nominees from districted countries without National Governing Body, but which have an elected National Representative

-Nominations

First line delete "of a National Governing Body"

Fourth line after "from" insert: the

Fourth line delete "of the National Governing"

Fifth line delete "Body"

Sentence will read as follows:

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

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ELECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

1.A. Executive Committee

Sixth line after “made by” add: a)

After “Internal election” (page 12, seventh line) insert:

b) In the case of a Districted country, without a National Governing Body, but which has an elected National Representative, a District may nominate for the office of President, Vice President, Treasurer.

If 2 or more nominations for any one office are made by District Committees in the same country, there must be an internal election organized by the National Representative. The National Representative must then inform the District Committees the result of that internal election.

MOTIVATION

A member who has served in all District Offices, has been elected National Representative and has served as International Board Director for two years (if re-elected), is sufficiently qualified to have the right to be nominated for higher IIW Offices. Therefore, there will not be an unfair distinction among Past Board Directors. We realize that a member from a country with NGB has the experience of serving on the National Governing Body, but this issue can be fairly solved by this proposal, indicating that members from countries without NGBs at the time of their nomination must have served in the GB of IIW two years instead of one.

PROPOSAL 15--

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

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1.B Board Directors

Add at beginning of sentence

“The first two places shall be reserved for the nominations submitted by the countries, which have National Governing Bodies, who have the largest number of members.”

MOTIVATION

In every enterprise or organisation, the maximum participating party always gets the benefit of having more representations on the Board of that particular enterprise. This is to ensure the interest of the max nos that they represent. Which is very logical. And so the same hold good for Inner Wheel also

PROPOSAL 16----

**Proposed by the Inner Wheel Club of Bruxelles Renaissance D217 Belgium and Luxembourg
Seconded by National Governing Body Belgium and Luxembourg**

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The International Governing Body

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

A. Officers: a) b)

a) President

- Nominations:

Add at the end of the paragraph: "The District Committees of the National Governing Body which have had an elected President of IIW, cannot nominate another candidate to this office within a period of four (4) consecutive years".

b) Vice-President

- Nominations:

Add at the end of the paragraph: "The District Committees of the National Governing Body which have had an elected Vice-President of IIW, cannot nominate another candidate to this office within a period of four (4) consecutive years".

MOTIVATION

Each country with a National Governing Body, may nominate a suitable candidate. Each of them should have once the chance to have an elected candidate as IIW President. A countries turnover is mandatory, so that the diversity of origins and customs represented in our multicultural International Women Organisation could be reflected at the highest level.

PROPOSAL 17---

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Bruxelles Renaissance District 217 Belgium
Seconded by District 62 Belgium & Luxembourg**

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The International Governing Body

2 The International Governing Body is to be elected as follows

-Pg 10-----B Board Director --

Tenure of Office

First sentence add "consecutive" after 2

To Read "A Board Director may serve for a maximum of 2 consecutive years only, but must be elected annually."

MOTIVATION

To obtain a strong and united team which gives satisfying results, regular attendance and continuity in work are needed. This is the major reason why Board Directors should serve for 2 consecutive years.

PROPOSAL 18--

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Bruxelles Renaissance District 217 Belgium
Seconded by District 62 Belgium & Luxembourg**

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--- Title --The International Governing Body.

Pg-11--3.Meetings

Delete A and B until 2... Prior to the Convention."

Replace with "Two (2) Governing Body Meetings will be held annually.

A third Governing Body Meeting will be held the day prior to the Convention."

The International Governing Body may pass a resolution on urgent matters between meetings. A copy.... Executive Committee.

MOTIVATION

Board Directors are part of the ruling body of International Inner wheel. For this reason, they should be completely involved and consulted in all important decisions which have to be taken and voted. Board Directors are experienced and their opinions and advice could be very useful and needed. It is impossible to reach the goal with just one meeting annually.

PROPOSAL 19---

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

ELECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

1B Board Directors

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Nominations 2

Delete “canvassing, that is asking for votes, is FORBIDDEN, whether by letter or any other means, and will result in the disqualification of the candidate concerned.”

Replace by “ Candidates shall not be active on any social media during the period of voting, this means from the moment the voting papers have been sent to the Clubs till 31 March following

Any activity on social media during this period will result in the disqualification of the candidate concerned.”

MOTIVATION

Due to the current canvassing rules, nominees are not able to attend Inner Wheel Conferences, seminars, workshops... This seems to be a punishment for them. For organisers of international events, it's a problem to have good speakers, as mostly they are nominated for international office, and not allowed to participate. By limiting canvassing to social media, it gives the possibility to nominees to attend such events.

GENERAL MOTION-----

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Proposed by Inner Wheel Club Bayonne Biarritz- Cote Basque District 69 France
Seconded by Inner Wheel District 69 France

Give the possibility to Clubs to sponsor a service club for teenagers – 12/15 years – on the model of Interact Clubs Rotary International, but with rules and structures established by International Inner Wheel

After agreement with the school, meetings to be held at school.

The sponsoring Inner Wheel Club shall appoint a Committee of minimum 2 Club members to attend every meeting of the sponsored Club, which could be named for example “THE FUTURE WHEEL CLUB of.....”

MOTIVATION

To make Inner Wheel, its organisation and its objects known to young generations. To create awareness about voluntary activities and encourage service to others by carrying

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out one social activity every years. Promote tolerance, mutual understanding and acceptance of diversity