

## **Guidelines Merger of Districts**

When a District is contemplating merging with another District/Districts the approval of International Inner Wheel must be gained.

The merging of the Districts will be official as from 1<sup>st</sup> July, the beginning of the Inner Wheel year.

When a District finds it difficult to elect officers to fill official positions to continue operating efficiently, it could be possible to merge with a neighbouring District, rather than disbanding, to ensure that Inner Wheel does not lose members.

Following discussions, a vote must be taken by club Voting Delegates at District Committee Meetings confirming the agreement to the merging of the Districts.

The merging of all Districts concerned must be agreed by a simple majority.

All discussions and results must be included/recorded in the minutes of all merging Districts.

If two or more Districts agree to merge then a discussion and agreement to which number would take precedence. The District initiating the merger giving up their District number in favour of the District that they are merging with. If agreement cannot be found then guidance must be sought from International Inner Wheel.

### **Regalia**

Use of existing regalia or to consider the purchase of new regalia is at the discretion of the newly formed Districts.

### **District Officers**

A joint meeting of the merging Districts must be held with the Executive members and Voting Delegates from both/all Districts.

This meeting to discuss how the Officers will be elected and an agreement must be found on the future Office holders of the first merged year.

The initiating merging District Officers stand down so that in the first joint year the merged District Officers hold the positions and subsequent years all qualified members can be nominated to hold the District Offices.

The District Executive Officers for the newly merged Districts must be elected in accordance with the C&H.

### **Finance –**

All outstanding financial obligations, debts and liabilities must be met in full before the merging of Districts are finalised.

The accounts of the merging Districts must be audited, approved and signed before the merger takes place.

If any assets remain, following all liabilities, the monies must not be distributed between members.

Arrangements can be made for the amalgamation of the finances of the merging Districts.