



International Inner Wheel

CONVENTION MINUTES

**Melbourne, Australia,
Thursday 12th April – Saturday 14th April 2018**

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International Inner Wheel 2017-2018

**Minutes of the Business Sessions of the Convention, held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Wharf Melbourne Australia
Thursday April 12th- Saturday 14th April 2018**

International Inner Wheel 2017-2018

Present

Executive Committee

Kapila Gupta

Christine Kirby

Oluyemisi Alatise

Azhagu Annamalai

Phyllis Charter

President in the chair

Vice President

Immediate Past President

Treasurer

Constitution Chairman

Board Directors

Kay Morland

Gabriele Schruempf

Lene Kruger Schade

Maija Leena Virta Kangas

Stefani Roeders Arnold

Thelma Pacsoo

Sissy Avgerinou

Janet Dionigi

Pearl Jai Mohan

Nina Kalt Leenslag

Dianne Patchett

Helene Torkildsen

Monica Wood

Christine Berggren

Beatrice Kraemer Andreotti

Miriam Fisher

Sandra Neretljakovic, Editor/MM

IIW Administrator in attendance

Apologies

Apologies had been received from IIW Past Presidents unable to attend, as well as from a number of delegate who had to cancel attendance because of health, personal circumstances or travel problems

Approval of Minutes of the Business Session of the Convention held at the Tivoli Congress Centre Copenhagen Denmark commencing Thursday 7th May 2015 at 13.30 pm and continuing Friday 8th May 2015 and Saturday 9th May 2015.

Approved

Attached to the Minutes.

**Triennial Report of International Inner Wheel –
President Kapila Gupta 2017-18**

Past President Charlotte De Vos, 2015-2016, Past President Oluyemisi Alatise 2016-2017
IIW Vice President's report on UN presented by Christine Kirby
IIW Treasurer's Financial report to be presented by Azhagu Annamalai
IIW Honorary Editors' Reports presented by Sandra Neretljakovic
Outline of possible scenarios relating to timetabling of future Conventions – Constitution
Committee Chairman Phyllis Charter and IIW PP Kamala Ramakrishnan

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

PROPOSAL 1

CARRIED

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-

CARRIED

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.

AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL 2

LOST

Proposed by: Inner Wheel Club Bruxelles Renaissance D 217 Belgium/Luxembourg
Seconded by: National Governing Body Belgium/Luxembourg

Page 14

Insert c)

Add before current text: "After consultation with the Board Directors"

To read: " After consultation with the Board Directors, 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:

Board Directors are members of the International Governing Body. They come from all over the world, with multiple and different experiences. So, it is logical that they have to be consulted before taking important decisions. Their advices could be very useful.

PROPOSAL 3

LOST

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 nominated 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

CARRIED

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.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

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

LOST

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

CARRIED AFTER AMENDMENT

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.)

AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL 10

CARRIED

Proposed by the IIW Governing Body

Page 3 / 4 MEMBERSHIP

4 At Club Level

Page | 7

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MOTIVATION

Provides a total number of persons in this category.

PROPOSAL 11

CARRIED

**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

CARRIED

**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 13

Page | 8

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

LOST

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

Page 6

The 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 for 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

LOST

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:

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.

Page 11

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

LOST

Proposed by Inner Wheel Club Pune District 313 India

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Seconded by Inner Wheel District 313 India

Page 6

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

LOST

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

LOST

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**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

LOST

**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

WITHDRAWN

**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

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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.

AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL 19

CARRIED

Proposed by IIW Governing Body

ELECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY:

Page 13:

2:

2nd paragraph

Delete the whole paragraph ‘Canvassing.....candidate concerned’

Replace with:-

“**CANVASSING**, that is asking for votes, is **FORBIDDEN**, whether by letter or any other means, and candidates shall not be active on social media during the period of voting, from 15 January until the 31st March. Any activity considered to be canvassing will result in disqualification of the candidate concerned.”

MOTIVATION

This amendment would clarify the canvassing rule by inserting the suggested extra wording from the Proposal into the existing paragraph concerning canvassing, on page 13.

Canvassing through social media would be included, so that various ways of canvassing are covered and specific dates provided that would allow nominees to participate in Christmas and Inner Wheel Day celebrations.

GENERAL MOTION 20

LOST

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

PRESIDENTIAL REORTS

PRESIDENT KAPILA GUPTA 2017-18

It is a pleasure to present a Report for the year 2017-18! as President of International Inner Wheel. Preparing this report & covering all that happened during the year was a challenge to précise writing but a nostalgic journey down the memory lane.

after an apprenticeship of only 25 years! - I became President of probably the world's biggest, and certainly the world's most significant, women's organisation with Installation at Manchester.

--IIW Theme -2017-18

During my year as international President I tried to give meaning and life to the theme of the year-----

Leave a lasting Legacy

For me THE most important part of a President's role is to visit our members and to see what they're doing and how they're serving and to thank them, congratulate them .my focus was support and encourage the smaller countries within our organization , However, long before I took office I had accepted an invitation for June. I went to attend installation ceremony of National President Patricia-

On 1st July as i landed at Delhi Airport My home club members welcomed me and -----To Celebrate my being IIWP

launched drive on save and educate girl child

Environment promotion and Protection

Free Mammography mobile van for cancer detection.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES- I visited --

Inauguration of toilets for girls-- all over Asian countries

Midday meal delivery kits, sanitary napkin packets, school bags to girls and women of slum area, day care centres

Inducted 33 members at one go -- IWC Noida, Bangladesh,

Donated colposcope to a hospital - & Computer Lab to needy school for kids --both jointly by clubs of D301

Polio drops to kids ---

Hospital wards adopted--,

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON drug abuse & ORGAN DONATION --D314

Earthquake victims were settled -- Nepal, Mexico,

Flood affected areas of Lismore restored

Branding IW ----

By whatever way IWCs could show all worked hard towards branding IW .Umbrellas to vendors with IW logos, IW Signs at famous roads, inviting distinguished guests, consulates and high officials to the meetings to promote IW awareness

Media Promotion ----

Not only in India where it was easy to get media to cover the good work done by IW clubs ,but in countries like --Izmir, FAMAT, Netherlands ,Mexico ,Bangladesh ,Nepal ,Germany ,Greece, .

In Philippines-- Entire event was live on fb.

Recognition by other organisations ----

IMA, Senior Citizens club, Rohtak, Rotary Rohtak and D3011,DG D3481,Rotary club of Taipei Rotary club Dhaka. Rotary DG 3281-
Greetings and messages sent throughout were well received by members.

IW DAY WORLDWIDE WITH A DIFFERENCE ----

Celebrated as membership growth and Saplings plantation day,
At UNO-Vienna --As speaker

Promoting IW not just through service but through intellectual endeavour must now become a normal process in all our IW countries

AGM -D322 -Sri Lanka ---

Was well attended by most of the clubs of the District as well PDCs , PNRs ,PIIWBDs.

Mostly familiar faces. encouraged all to promote objectives of IW.

--IWC Williamstown-

Month started with meeting with LCC / PCO AT Melbourne and visiting IWC Williamstown -- Home Club of Convention CH -Val Corva and met Members of IWC Point Cook ---a unique combination of Indian origin members now living in Melbourne.

All four weekends at zonal meets -foot prints --IW Promotional programmes

Zonal IW Promotion India ----- AP Patricia Hilton -Planned month long programmes of IW

Promotion in all four zones of India --

National level--Branding IW

Sanitation and hygiene in schools & launched Sanitary Napkin vending machines

Save and educate girl child

Sanitation and hygiene in schools

Green Environment awareness Rally.

Recognition of women achievers

September

National Rally at Stavern, Norway

PIIWBD Sissel hosted me and had meeting with her club members too.

Bulgaria

D248--Plovdiv--

National training programme for club officers, group discussions were unique feature.

Launching of awareness programme on drugs in schools. Met young Gen Members of IWC Sofia over dinner at Sofia, who showed me how inspire of working full time or part, they are enjoying IW membership.

IWA Australia is one of the oldest centres of Inner Wheel .The conference was held at Lismore, NR Karen made arrangements to pick me from Brisbane via beautiful Gold coast drive -- I was invited to attend their Council Meeting. It truly amazes me that we throughout International Inner Wheel have varying backgrounds and practises but are basically the same.

Inner Wheel in Australia is involved in many projects but one of the most significant is their "Cord Blood" project. Most of you will know of the medical benefits to be gained from umbilical cord blood and in Australia Inner Wheel has been instrumental in mobilising support and raising substantial funds for this resource. And I should also mention that I planted a rose sapling at a famous park restored after floods. On the last day had visited famous zoo and saw live Kangaroos and Koalas, I would have loved to have taken a Wombat home!

November ---

Netherlands--National conference

One of the joys of Inner Wheel is the chance we have to make friends around the world and from time to time to meet them and catch up and also to put faces to people who previously have been no more than names on letters or emails.

Meeting with NP/NR from Belgium & Luxembourg

NP,PIIWBD Corrine and some members came to Netherlands conference as well had meeting with me and exchanged views.

National event --India -Swarnmanjari--Golden Jubilee celebrations of IIW Formation --

A large, enthusiastic membership means that they have big conferences and it also means that the service that is given makes a real difference to those who need help so badly. As a simple example of something very different; Self defence programmes for girls, Tiffin boxes and vocational help to Women & Girls. .Release of post office cover with IW Stamp

IWC FAMAT--

D -73 --Dinner meeting with members as well as Deputy Mayor of Nice,

D69--District Conference and Gala Dinner to celebrate silver Jubilee of Club Pau Got chance to meet Past CCC Gunder Lannoy and IIWPP Catherine Refabert.

Izmir --WFE 8-SEMINAR

Since the first meeting held in Naples in 2009, these seminars are working on the role IIW could play in thinking, comparing and working on women's status in Europe. It is an important concept because women situation is changing fast in the world, we cannot be a passive observer when almost everywhere the role and now the safety of women remains one of the highest priorities

December----

Mexico----D417-D418----

So warmly received by Members of both the Districts which is very encouraging for IW growth in any country. Visited Earthquake hit rehabilitated areas.

Got to know how break a Pinata

-January

IW DAY AT Bangladesh ---A very memorable visit. Met a state President! Talked about IW activities with President of Bangladesh. MP received at Martyrs memorial.

Met the Speaker of Parliament and was interviewed live on national TV.

What more could I ask for?

ND CLUB -Taipei west -A very fruitful visit ,where RDG 3481- organized Dinner and gave promise to form four new clubs li was honoured in Rotary meeting of Rt Club Taipei West. IW members promised to expand IW. All thanks to efforts of IIWBD Pearl Mohan.

Nepal ---D350

A newly formed District but going strong with founder D.C. Kamal .Attended 4th District Conference so weil organized by D.C. Kamala.

Feb-----

Greece ----

A historic visit to world's historic city .Attended District Conference. Visited Project sites .Members are trying their best for IW growth .A very meaningful service activities is undertaken to create awareness against child abuses.

Manila --Philippines ----

Very enthusiastic IW members received me at airport .Visited ICWPI Office. Visited day care Centre being run by IW club. Visited park being maintained by IW clubs sponsoring and helping in organising Sports for special children. IW activities. National Conference live on fb.

March

Germany -- from 4th March starting at Friedrichshafen meeting IW members, at IWC Lindau, had cruise at Lake Constance to be welcomed by members of IWC Konstanz and Ravensberg. On way met many IW members involved in many IW activities with younger D.C. Jutta with a vision. PIIWBD Hildegund drove me to Munich. Had great meeting at memorial hotel meeting with all the clubs of Munich.

Austria

Unique Rally in Bodensee Lake district

Bregenz a unique Rally of members from four countries around the lake Austria, Switzerland, Germany and Lichtenstein.

GB & I----attended National Annual conference at Bournemouth. Every year more than 2000 members gather to listen to famous speakers. The Mayor of Bournemouth briefed everyone about the town. He was also introduced to IW world.at the AGM and important decisions were taken .Members were encouraged to bring in more younger members and promote IW through social media.

Singapore -----

A unique example of two different countries beyond borders - every year organising AGM for years together ,fellowship dinner etc,
Clubs celebrating Silver ,Golden Jubilees –

D304--IWC Ratlam

D323--IWC Chennai--

D319-----

IWC B.North

IWC B.South

D69---IWC Pau

IWC Plovdiv

ICI--2018-19

D325 Hosting ---Incoming DC Training programme

Friends, I thank all of you for making my journey as President so eventful & enjoyable. I received lot of love & made lasting friendships along the way.

I want to thank all the members of my team as well as the administrative one. We had a wonderful time together, with a real inner Wheel spirit. Maintaining positive and fruitful work.
Thank you

I have put in my best to Leave a Lasting Legacy & all of you for making it so beautiful.



PRESIDENT OLUYEMISI ALATISE 2016-2017

I started my visit from Nigeria in District 913 and proceeded to Cotonou and Togo in West Africa to commission the VVF Centre built by Inner Wheel Club of Cotonou Espoo.

I visited Pakistan and brokered peace between the warring Districts. I visited Lahore, Karachi and Islamabad and had the privilege to lay a Wreath at the Cenotaph of the Country.

I met with Four Mayors in Italy, Citta de Castello, Spoleto, Treviso and Trieste. I delivered various speeches at each of the visited Clubs, notably in Treviso where my Micro Credit papers were requested for adoption for the Refugees in the State. I met many members in each of the State visited. I must commend a well-planned 21 days visit. A Calendar was produced with the Theme logo to raise funds for the Earthquake victims.

In Mexico I was received by Two State Governors, Puebla and Morelos where I was given a State Flag Ceremony and received a Distinguished Guest Award. I arranged a peace meeting with the two Districts and was able to bring them to work together again after almost 10 years of disagreement.

I visited India and toured the State of Bangalore, Calcutta, Mumbai, I attended the National Conference in Prem Preteek in Puri and Annand.

I attended the Annual General Meeting of District 909 in West Africa, that had six countries in attendance. I tried to get them to form another District and eventually form a National Governing Body, to have direct communication with IWW. It may take some time, but they are working towards it. In Burkina Faso I met with the Prime Minister of the country and advocated for Law against Child Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation. Had a stopover in Cote D'voire and Cotonou.

I attended the IWA Conference in Sydney and linked up with a 87 years old IWM who has been in communication with me for over 25 years in Cairns.

I was also received in Finland and attended the Club meeting of Tapiola. Made effort to meet with members in St. Petersburg in Moscow.

I attended the Nordic Rally in Skagen Denmark and had reception at the Beach of North Sea and Baltic, Skagen. Made attempt to broker peace within the members.

In Nigeria, was at the National Rally of Clubs bringing 3 Districts together and attended by over 200 members. I was received by two State Governors of Anambra and Enugu States, a reception in Abuja with the presence of Minister of Information.

I attended the District Conference in Colombo. Had a private meeting with Inner Wheel members of Colombo, to stop the various courts litigation to no avail.

In Mauritius attended joint Clubs meeting and Gala Dinner. I had meeting the Rotary Clubs and advocated for growth of Inner Wheel in the country. The Minister for Gender Matters was visited, and I also met with President of the country Her Exc. Ameena Gurib.

In Uganda, the two very strong Clubs arranged a joint meeting which I attended. I noticed they were not in any communication with IIW. I met the Speaker of Parliament and was also received by Nigerian High Commission. I made attempt to visit Malawi, despite previous communication and visa arrangement, but was denied entry.

I was received in Mombasa, Kenya by the first Club in Africa, Inner Wheel Club of Mombasa. Visited various project handed by the Club especially the one to commemorate their 50th Charter anniversary.

I was invited by Inner Wheel Club of Casablanca Renaissance, the Preschool project for less priviledged fund raising was well attended.

The Annual General Conference of Inner Wheel USA and Inner Wheel Friendship Luncheon was held during the Rotary Convention in USA Atlanta, was priviledged to be in attendance.

The Association Meeting of Great Britain and Ireland was also attended by me, visiting various District Meetings and addressing members.

In conclusion, I am grateful for the opportunity of service. I am grateful for acceptance of my theme for year, which was the pointer of service for many Clubs. I travelled to many trouble spots to make Inner Wheel stronger. The Coffee Table Books formed 50% of my luggage anywhere I visited. Some invitations were not honoured because I had problem of visa to visit the concerned countries.

Oluyemisi Alatise
IIW President 2016/2017



Pictorial details of the visits on IIW website.

PRESIDENT CHARLOTTE DE VOS 2015-2016

Impressions of my Unique Year 2015-2016

Always a pleasure to give the charter to new clubs as Varna Europea in Bulgaria, where each member presented themselves in what they are unique; Kavarna in Bulgaria, Tour'Naïade in my country Belgium, Vexin-Seine in France and Chisinau Elite Europe in Moldova, new country in Inner Wheel.

In India 2 clubs were created the same day: Chennai Unique and Chennai United.

And I've had the honor to welcome the new district 255 in Republic Macedonia.

The main purposes of my visits were Conferences and other meetings as:

1. The Conference of IW Australia
2. The Conference of D322 in Sri Lanka
3. The triennial Conference in India
4. The 50th National Conference in the Philippines
5. The Conference in Greece
6. The Conference of GB & I
7. The Conference of New Zealand
8. The Friendship days in France
9. The Conference in Italy
10. The Conference of D920 in La Réunion
11. The District meeting D86 in Germany

In some countries the members did great performances in their talent's night.

A colorful presentation by the Indian members; Music Hall performances by the members of the Philippines; and very funny sketches by the members of D920 (La Réunion & Madagascar)

There was not that many time to visit social projects, but those I could visit were very interesting: Una casa per la vita in Battipaglia (Italy) a home for children. India: a senior citizens home in Apnalay (project of IWC Calcutta) ; the charming girls of BK Home in Chennai; the impressive dialysis centre for women in Bangalore.

In the Philippines: The Sunday school for kids and the school for children with Down syndrome. In Greece the storage room for food for poor people, and the collecting of medicines for the refugees. In D920 Kazanou , the joint project with Rotary, where parents can stay while their children are in hospital.

In Sri Lanka a wheel chair donation and the very emotional and hard visit to the rehabilitation center for young soldiers.

A little bit of sight-seeing: Matera in Italy, le Mont Saint-Michel in France, Stuttgart in Germany, the Great Ocean Road in Australia, Acropolis in Athens, a winery in Moldova, the Taj Mahal in India, and Christchurch New-Zealand (10 years after Convention and 5 years after the terrible earth quake).

At each visit there was a cake cutting time. The most possible variety of cakes with the theme Unique & United.

And in Inner Wheel we can't forget all the Inner Wheel paparazzi, and photoshoots like in India, where each morning there was a photo session of one hour.

Due to circumstances I couldn't attend Egypt & Jordan and Croatia, and I am really sorry for that.

To end it is time to thank all of you, my club members, the Executive committee members and media manager, the Governing Body and Elaine at office.

And of course my 3 daughters and their husbands, who have given my Unique 7 Grandchildren.

They were the stars of my year and have accompanied me during all my travel and are now known as "the hands"

Let us remember that we are all Unique and that we work United for our Unique Organisation.



VICE PRESIDENT – CHRIS KIRBY

It is my pleasure to work closely with our talented and dedicated current Board Directors. At the commencement of this IW year, each of the 16 BDs was asked to firstly ensure that their allocated ND Clubs feel less isolated and then to give them an awareness of what is occurring in the wider IW world.

Quite a few NDCs respond well to contact. Among them are: NDCs of:

Kaunas, Silute and Vilnius, Lithuania;

St George, Canada

Blantyre, Malawi

Safia and Fredrikstein, Kenya

Cotonou Espoir, Benin

Malta

Wisconsin USA

Canberra Belconnen Australia

Curepipe and Quatre Borne, Mauritius

Hatyai, Thailand

Taipei West

Maribol and Ljubljana Slovenia

Belgrade Singidunum

Barcelona

as well as Ds 136 Iceland & 255 Macedonia

This annual contact with ND Clubs relies on both the enthusiasm of the BD and the Club and sometimes the lack of response can be a disappointment for the BDs, but they persist.

Through external detective work we know that other NDCs such as

Tbilisi and Martuli, Georgia;

Remire Montjoly, French Guyana;

Mombasa and Kampala, Uganda

East Nassau

Budapest and Mateszalka, Hungary

All remain active.

We are creating a dedicated page on the IIW website for NON DISTRICTED CLUBS, and single Districts, under the heading 'WHERE IN THE WHEEL' to include relevant excerpts of the reports from either BDs or the ND Clubs, photos and associated articles.

Some NDCs are already able to be followed through their activity on Facebook.

Take a look at the IW Clubs of

Lublin, Poland,

Schoelcher and Lamentin, Martinique

Mombasa and Kampala, Uganda

Georgetown

and D 909 West Africa

IIW now encourages new Clubs to establish a Facebook page from the outset, perhaps beginning with coverage of their Charter or an introduction to the Club Executive and general ongoing Club activities.

While the charter towards further NDCs appear to be in the pipeline, 4 NDCs have chartered in this IW year and we warmly welcome the Clubs of : Kiev and Odessa, Ukraine; and Kale and Berlerbey, Northern Cyprus

The other responsibility of the Vice President is to work with the UN Representatives who volunteer on behalf of IIW in Vienna, Geneva and New York.

While the reports of the UN Representatives are presented at this Convention, I would like to further report on some relevant matters that have not been included in the reports.

Vienna:

It was decided by the IIW Executive, (Feb2018) on the recommendation of the UN Representative, Ceja Gregor- Hu, to forward a letter of resignation to the declining NGO COMMITTEE ON THE FAMILY and, as an alternative IIW has now applied for membership of the Committee on Sustainable Development, as agreed.

COMMITTEE ON AGEING

This Committee's recent Elections resulted in IIW UN Representative, Ceja, being elected to the Board as Treasurer. I extended congratulations to Ceja on this honour and have every confidence in her abilities to acquit herself well in this new challenge.

GENEVA

On 7 March, I travelled to Geneva to meet with new UN Representative appointee Gülru Erdier, continuing UN Representative, Karin Rivollet and Mentor and past UN Representative, Beatrice Lombard to facilitate the integration of Gülru into her new role.

It has always been considered ideal to have 2 Representatives for mutual support in each of the UN sites- Vienna, Geneva and New York, but this has not always been possible.

Gülru Erdier was recently nominated by her District 242 and after due consideration the IIW Executive appointed her to this voluntary role on behalf of IIW.

Among the terms written and agreed by the Representatives are the following reminders:

THAT:

All contact with the UN Representatives are to go through IIW Administrator to the Vice President.

All reports, pictures and social media postings will go through the IIW Vice President to be vetted.

NEW YORK

IIW UN NY Representative, Martine Gayon undertakes extra voluntary work at the UN to translate their Enable Newsletter into French. This publication is prepared by the Secretariat for the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the Division of Social Policy. It acknowledges Martine's contribution in the newsletter and her membership of Inner Wheel.

STATUS OF WOMEN CONFERENCE

I met with IIW UN Rep, Martine in New York to attend the first week of the UN ECOSOC Commission on the Status of Women Conference.

More than 4300 representatives from over 600 civil society organizations attended, showing a growing strength and unity of women's voices around the world, and showcasing the potential for civil society to leverage the agreed conclusions in their mission to hold governments accountable. Along with the 18 official meetings that included Ministerial Round Tables, high-level interactive events and expert panels, over 280 side events hosted by Member States and UN Agencies, and 440 parallel events hosted by civil society organizations took place.

This 62nd session of the Commission on the status of Women focused on the priority theme of « Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls »

Our schedule of sessions included programme topics as varied as Counter Terrorism Strategy, advancing Women's Leadership and Participation, Human Rights, Gender and Trafficking in Humans.

In the last year, global movements for gender equality, from marches to powerful grassroots organization and viral social media campaigns, such as #MeToo and #Timesup in the United States of America and their counterparts in other countries, have galvanized world attention and captured the headlines.

The Conference was an opportunity to provide concrete suggestions on how to empower rural women and girls, making the promise of « leaving no one behind » of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development a reality.

The key issues ranged from how to ensure their adequate living standards with increased access to land and productive assets, decent work, infrastructure and technology, education and health, including their sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, and ending all forms of violence and harmful practices.

The Agreed Conclusions of the Conference, adopted by member States, puts forth concrete measures to lift rural women and girls out of poverty and to ensure their rights, well-being and resilience and provides a strong roadmap on the next steps that governments, civil society and women's groups can undertake to support the realization of rural women's rights and address their needs.

These Agreed Conclusions will shortly be included in the UN page of the IIW website.

The priority theme for 2019 will be "Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls".

REPORT BY IIW TREASURER. AZHAGU ANNAMALAI

It gives me great pleasure to present to you an insight to the finances of IIW. My report will be followed by a short power point presentation giving you the details of income and expenditure in percentages and some pictures of the IIW Headquarters in Altrincham, the staff at our headquarters and the Executive committee.

As you all must be aware, our finances go through a cycle, with regard to the income received and expenditure undertaken depending on the year. The year before the convention that is 2016-17 would also include the advance amount paid to the Convention Committee, then the Convention year 2017-18 would show the most expenditure taking into account the money spent for the convention, the final Convention income and expenditure account would be presented only during the following year that is 2018-19. The year after the Convention that is 2018-19 would be the least expensive....

The Inner Wheel year starts on 1st July and ends on 30th June. At the start of the New Year, the accounts for the year gone by are prepared and audited. This audited financial statement is presented, discussed and passed first at the Executive Committee Meeting and then at the Governing Body meeting which usually takes place in the months of September or October. These statements are circulated along with the Governing Body Meeting Minutes to all clubs in International Inner Wheel.

The income and expenses being presented today are for the year 2016-17, the year before the convention.

Income received:

--- Capitation dues received from **106,400** members, constituted for **97.18%**

---Sale of Directories constituted for **2.48%**

---Sale of Constitution and Handbooks constituted for **0.24%**

---Interest on Deposits Constituted for **0.10 %**, the interest amounts received are almost negligible as the interest offered is almost nil by the banks in the UK.

Expenditure:

The Budget is prepared and approved every year by the Governing Body at the GBM, and every effort is put to keep the expenses within the allotted budget, except that sometimes due to unforeseen rises in costs due to inflation, a marginal amount may exceed under certain headings... though enough cushion is set aside to face such situations.

The expenses fall under three headings:

---**Publication Costs**, which include the various printing jobs undertaken... Printing of Convention requirements, Governing Body Minutes, Financial statements of the year,

IIW Constitution and Handbooks, IIW Directories, and the Newsletter. The postage costs are also included under Publication. This constituted to about **22 %** of the expenditure.

---**Accommodation Costs**, which includes maintenance of our office, rent of the meeting room where we do have our EC meetings if required and parking space. Service charges, security, rates, local taxes, Insurance, Lighting and Heating, Cleaning, repairs and Depreciation of Property. This Constituted to about **7%** of the expenditure.

---Administration Costs,-- Salaries, UN Representation, Executive Committee meetings at Headquarters, Governing Body Meeting, extension, IIW President's Expenses, website maintenance, office furniture and equipment maintenance, telephone, fax, postage and stationary, accountancy , audit and other professional fees etc. This constituted for **71%** of the expenditure.

IIW is always looking ways and means to protect our reserves. The capitation dues per member was raised at the Christchurch convention in the year 2006 to GBP 3.50 per member and has remained the same ever since for the past twelve years despite the increased costs due to inflation. IIW has been able to maintain a marginal surplus, though this could become a problem if we do not steadily increase our membership. On IIW Day ...10th of January 2018, IIW President Dr Kapila Gupta urged members world over to invite like-minded friends to join and strengthen our organisation, Thank you members for the efforts taken, Our President will announce the numbers inducted on the 10th of January 2018 this year.

As you all must now be aware that we have invested a good some of money into buying our own property in the year 2010-2011. We now own Suite no 2.3 at My Buro on Market Street in Altrincham. I urge those of you visiting Manchester or the whereabouts to pay a visit to our headquarters. Besides our office space, the building also has a reception area manned by two common staff, kitchenette, rest room facilities and a meeting room with modern technical facilities for meetings in small groups. Though we own the premises, all other incidental costs amount to about 10,000 pounds for a year..

IIW Executive Committee is always looking to curtail expenses and seek new suppliers and service providers. Last year that is 2016-17, the printing and postage of Mailshots and Newsletters for Clubs in India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka was printed in and posted from India and likewise for the clubs in Nigeria the printing and postage for the Newsletters and Mailshots was done in Nigeria. This year 2017-18, the same was done for the clubs in India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Malaysia and Singapore were also included. A considerable amount has been saved by doing so as the cost of printing is comparatively lower in India and this exercise has assured the receipt of the printed matter to all the clubs in the region.

IIW has invested around £100,000 in a Norwegian Kroner account in the year 2011... this was done to keep our money in a country with a strong currency and stable economy. We also have also invested in GBP and Euro accounts. These are basically our reserves. We are quite comfortable at the moment ... though I anticipate that we will have to increase the capitation dues if the earnings through interests remain as sluggish as it has been for the past two years.

We have had a change at our headquarters with Mr Alan Phillips replacing Alison Bagshaw as our Book keeper from November 2017 onwards. I think in the history of International Inner Wheel ... Alan will be the first male employee of IIW. Therefore at our Headquarters in Altrincham we have Elaine Hathaway our able administrator ... whom most of you are familiar with and Alan Phillips who comes in twice a week.

I would like to thank Admin Elaine Hathaway, Book keeper Alan Phillips and Alison Bagshaw who was with us till October 2017 for their assistance and help at all times. I would like to express my gratitude to IIW President Dr Kapila Gupta for her expert guidance and direction.

My thanks are also due to my colleagues in the EC, Vice President Chris Kirby, Immediate Past IIW President Oluyemisi Alatise, Constitutional and Credentials Committee Chairman Phyllis Charter and IIW Editor Sandra Neretljakovic.

I would also like to thank ICMS Australia for all the coordination, the LCC with Convenor Val Corva at the helm, and Treasurer Lorraine Hyde in particular for her prompt communication regarding the finance and expenses involved for the Convention and all the members of the Convention Committee for the wonderful arrangements and coordination to make this Convention one of best so far.

I wish each one of you a memorable Convention with useful deliberations and everlasting friendship. I now request all of you to view the small presentation of our finances and a glimpse of the leaders at the helm.

IIW Editor/MM SANDRA NERETLJAKOVIC

The IIW Editor gave a brief outline of her workload and the use of the website by the membership and the impact of social media.

The IIW website www.internationalinnerwheel.org had been re-designed to make it more attractive and to give a better indication of what the organisation was all about. The website went live during the Convention and was much appreciated.

THE WAY FORWARD - RESTRUCTURING AND STEAMLINING THE TRIENNIAL CONVENTION

1) IIW PP KAMALA RAMAKRISHNAN

Kamala Ramakrishnan spoke on changing the way the Business part of the IIW Convention is handled.

She gave a brief outline on how this whole thought process evolved in 2012, very soon after Catherine Refabert took over as Convention President. A Review Committee consisting of two IIW Past Presidents - Lovise Richardson and herself and Past CCC Shirley Hope was formed. The purpose was to check for anomalies that needed correction in the IIW Constitution since many such has arisen as the Constitution changed with proposals at every IIW Convention.

Going through the Constitution with a fine comb the review Committee realized how much thought is needed to keep the Constitution clear and relevant. It was therefore felt that members needed to give the business session their undivided attention.

So an idea was put across to the then Governing body that a separate body consisting of only the voting delegates, with possibly each District sending a voting delegate and this body meeting separately from the Convention days can be a more efficient way of discussing about the proposals and a more aware and focused voting sessions. So a general motion was passed at the Istanbul Convention of 2012 asking further thought about this.

This idea did not go down well for varied reasons.

But the review committee had another suggestion under which the existing system of business session would be shifted to the previous day and half of the next. This would be followed by the Inaugural and the consequent events. This would be a great compromise between having members from clubs participating and yet end up having a focused Business Session.

It would also help in having other interactive sessions at the Convention like the popular seminars, speakers, time for open house and so on.

Making a strong plea to considering this change seriously Kamala Ramakrishnan ended with a quote of Bernard Shah - Progress is impossible without change and those who cannot change their mind cannot change anything.

THE WAY FORWARD - RESTRUCTURING AND STEAMLINING THE TRIENNIAL CONVENTION

2 CONSTITUTION CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS CHARTER

With cost and distances travelled by members attending the Convention, we need to make the most of the time spent at Convention both at the Business Sessions or social time.

If the time spent in dealing with changes to the Constitution was restructured and streamlined there would be more time to discuss what and how the members go about our Inner Wheel work around the world.

There are almost 4,000 Clubs worldwide doing wonderful activities. But what do they do – what makes one Club more successful than another?

It is up to the members as to how many Proposals and Amendments are forwarded – therefore determining how long the Business Session and Voting takes – and how much time we have to look at the “success stories” of Inner Wheel.

By finding more time at Convention to look at successes around the world, where we can learn from each other’s experiences and take these ideas home to our clubs, we can introduce a new session “**Innovation at Work**” – with Seminars – Workshops –Discussions – Symposiums – Open Forum – Questions and Answers – Speakers - on all our wonderful work around the world.

We need to be more up to date – using Skype – Internet Conference Meeting – electronic voting and be more contemporary with our technology.

Members have told us – **There are too many Proposals and Business takes too long.**
 Members have told us – **More interaction by the membership.**
 Members have told us – **More time for Fellowship.**

We have listened and put forward a **suggested Programme.**

Suggested Programme

Monday	14.00 - 21.00	Registrations and Tour desk
	14.00 - 17.30	IIW Governing Body meeting
Tuesday	9.00 - 12.00	Registrations and Tour desk
	9.00 - 12.00	IIW Gov. Body Meeting Cont. and Rehearsals for Board Members - lun
	13.30 - 17.30	
Wednesday	9.00 - 12.00	Registration and Tour desk
	9.00 - 12.00	Business session Part -1 -Proposals followed by lunch
	13.30 - 17.30	Business session Continued with Proposals
	14.00 - 17.00	Welcome Reception & Banner Exchange and Fellowship
Thursday	9.00 - 10.00	Registrations and Tour desk
	9.00 - 12.00	Opening Ceremony
	13.30 - 1400	Lunch

	14.00 - 16.00	Business session --II
	16.00 - 17.30	Business session. Reports (limited time allowed for each – e.g. 15 mins per category.) by Past Presidents x 3 by Treasurer by Constitution Chairman on the results of the Constitution Council meeting by United Nations Reps if attending. IIW Editor if applicable/attending
	19.00 - 22.00	Friendship Evening
Friday	9.00 - 12.00	Seminars/workshops depending on room space and availability OR Business session in main theatre discussing topics sent in by members followed by lunch
	14.00 - 15.30	Keynote speaker(s)
	15.30 – 16.30 15.30 - 17.30	Open Forum and Earlier finish to prepare for Gala Dinner OR Brief reports on the seminars (if held) Business session - Discuss topics sent in by members
	19.30 - 22.30	Gala Dinner
Saturday	9.00 - 12.00	Presentations, speakers, then Open Forum - followed by lunch
	OR 9.00 – 9.30 OR 14.00 - 14.30	Address by IIW President
	9.30 -9.45 OR 14.30 - 14.45	Introduction of IIW Governing Body for following year and announcement of next Convention
	10.00 – 12.00 OR 15.00 - 17.00	Entertainment and Closing Ceremony

After my brief talk, members gave opinions and suggestions.

Members were in favour of change for structure of Convention.

Members felt Convention should not be extended in length as would be costly to members and IIW.

Young working members cannot afford to take time off for Convention as holiday time.

The Reports and Accounts to be sent before Convention.

Questions to be sent before Convention

Motivational Speakers should be from within Inner Wheel.

Just one day for Proposals and Amendments.

Try a Convention over a weekend.

Toilet break.

More discussion in small groups.

Convention must benefit members and learn from each other.

Advance notice of Workshops etc. so that members can choose which to attend.

Clarification of Voting Delegates' attendance.

Time management.

Must be within budget.

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The suggested programme will probably be adjusted following members comments. I have also received comments by email.

The topic was open to discussions-- to which many delegates came forward to express their views in favour of restructuring. So it was decided with show of hands that restructuring of the sequences of events for future convention may be done.

CLOSING REMARKS

IIW President Kapila thanked all for their input and agreement to the restructuring of future conventions for a step forward to better Conventions in future.