



## International Inner Wheel

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Dear Rauni

Thank you for your message dated 14 April 1999. The contents of which have been discussed with the I.I.W. President.

It would not be possible or advisable to commence a National Council from 1 July next (1999), there are a number of points which must be discussed by all the Clubs. If the members in Finland wish to have the National Representative as the President of the Council this will preclude a member who may wish to be elected as a National Representative, but who does not wish to be President of the Council. In some countries there are members with excellent qualifications who would make good National Representatives but may not wish to serve as the President of the Council, this obviously applies for the Deputy National Representative serving as Vice-President of the Council. It is essential you refer to the qualifications for a National Representative as they may not be the same as those you have decided upon for Council President.

The President considers that you should have District Chairmen serving on your Council but no additional members from the Districts as this will make your Council too large and therefore too expensive. National Councils normally deal with the District Chairman only.

With your concern about Secretary and Treasurer you state 'among the members of the Council'. This of course is possible but not advisable. Any member who is 'appointed' to a position cannot use this as a qualification for further work within Inner Wheel, it is preferable to elect all positions.

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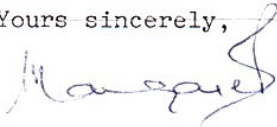
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With regard to the position of National Representative/President of the Council it is most important when electing a person to this position(s) that it is very clear the term of Office, all Offices within Inner Wheel are subject to annual nomination and election but some countries elect a Council President to serve for two years. If the Finnish members favour a two year term it must be borne in mind that the Immediate Past position remains so for two years not one.

If there is any further information you require, please do not hesitate to write again.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Margaret', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Margaret J Palmer

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