



## 16<sup>th</sup> European Meeting Minutes of our meetings 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 and 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022



### 16<sup>th</sup> European Meeting

**TOGETHER, TO CHANGE  
THE CONSTITUTION**

**31<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

**1<sup>st</sup> June 2022**



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#### **Participants: 31<sup>st</sup> May from 2 to 5 pm**

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**Cyprus:** Tasoulla Voskou

**Denmark:** Brigitte Bach, Kirsten Møller, Inner Wheel Denmark.

**Finland:** Raija Partanen, Eve Pylkkänen

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**Greece:** Gianna Gravia-Kalyva, Rozmari Nikolakopoulou, Sissy Avgerinou

**Italy:** Donatella Maestri, Donatella Nicolich, Luisa Vinciguerra

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**Turkey:** Siren Toksoy

Total: 41 participants



## Participants: 1<sup>st</sup> June from 2 to 6 pm

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Total: 40 participants

After the Innel Wheel and the European hymns opening of the 16<sup>th</sup> European meeting by

**Brigitte Le Josne:** National Representative and President of IW F.A.M.A.T. (France, Andorra, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia)

*Dear friends,*

*Welcome to the 16<sup>th</sup> European Meeting. It is with a great pleasure that Inner Wheel France welcomes you for these two days in full zoom meeting that will move our movement forward.*

*I would really like to thank our « experts » who have been working for months on this file in order to present you with a serious project; I declare the session open: Catherine, you can start please.*

**Catherine Refabert:** IIWPP

*Dear Inner Wheel friends of Europe*

*15 years ago, the necessity to create an Inner Wheel annual meeting become of a real importance.*

*It was first decided, by our friend from Italy, Luisa Vinciguerra who since she join IW, is one of the most brilliant brains behind many of our projects, and the European meeting who was proposed by her in Torino in 2005, followed the next year by France.*

*During many years we met once a year, in a different European country, trying to determine what should be improved in our organization and its functioning.*

*Step by step the work and the reflection became more intensive with real themes worked out each year. In Patras we decided that all European countries should work during the year about IW management, training, and constitution issues, that Inner Wheel in Europe should become a laboratory to revitalize IW, in order to develop some fresh thinking, original proposals, considering that our Constitution was almost obsolete.*



*Thanks to the restructuring of the European Meeting, approved in the 14° Edition of 2020, the first virtual one, organized by Greece, which includes a 3-year path, we were able to use digital methods, and transform the annual meeting into a series of meetings and workshops during the whole year.*

*But for 2021-2022, during the year of F.A.M.A.T. France organizing it , near 3 years before the Manchester Convention , where we will be celebrating our centennial, we took last October ALL TOGETHER IN OUR GROUP , one of the most important decision, to work on a new Constitution, more flexible, more adapted to the new millennium, to the requests of the younger members, and before all adapted to the biggest revolution we had seen since the discovery of the printing, I mean the digital revolution which invaded everything from economy to innovation, science, education, health and of course our lifestyle and governance .*

*The "Law area", already considered in 15° Edition by Italy, the first hybrid one, has been the focus of this 16° Edition by F.A.M.A.T. France.*

*Of course, at each Convention we made some changes, so we add, we add, but never really try to restructure it, adapt it to the new era, taking the constitution as a whole!*

*I must say that we had a real collaboration, working side by side, hand in hand, with our group of European leaders and experts and their clubs.*

*BUT we quickly realized that to make a new constitution in 7/8 months, was an impossible mission, so we decided to divide our statutes in 10 chapters organizing 10 workshops with some leaders at the head of each one, who worked with much attention...*

*First to determinate what where the most urgent changes, those we cannot avoid...*

*With a very careful attention on each phrase, each word, we removed, modified, replaced, or created an important part of what we think should rule our Association during the coming years.*

*We had a wonderful time doing that, the pleasure to do it together, it was a huge work, but we did it..... and we will be presenting 42 new proposals and several General motions for the centennial Convention, we really can be happy with our results...*

*Now, we need to hope that all IWW countries will agree and support our proposals, but first of all they have to get the agreement of our Constitution Chairmen and her Committee, an essential ordeal...!*

*In Melbourne Convention we were told that in Manchester we should have as less business sessions as possible and as much workshops and training courses we could afford?*

*But we also all have in mind that in Manchester we will celebrate our centennial and that we cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we create our First Constitution in Dublin in 1934 and following triennial Conventions.*

*A NEW CONSTITUTION IS OUR FUTURE, we need it to survive, so I beg our international executives' members and more specially our Constitution chairman to pay attention to our requests and I am sure they will do it.*

*Thank you, my dear friends, for the work done together.*

*A very special thanks to Isabelle who besides the huge work she had in F.A.M.A.T. as secretary during the year of total F.A.M.A.T. reconstruction she took the time to prepare this important meeting with a real commitment, making sure that everything is in order.*



*My last hope is that those who will follow us will be worthy of their mission and will keep the same spirit, which was the one of our founder Margaret Golding, an exceptional visionary woman.*

*I was extremely proud to be part of this work, now it is in the hand of the younger generations, and I wish them to have as much joy and pleasure as I had during the time, I serve Inner Wheel and will serve it as long as I will be able to do it.*

*Thank you for listening to me.*

### **15<sup>th</sup> European Meeting of Rimini:**

Approval of the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> European Meeting of Rimini is postponed till the 17<sup>th</sup> European Meeting.

It had been announced in Rimini that this 16<sup>th</sup> European meeting would be held 100% on zoom to allow European officers to go to the European Rally in Berlin.

From October till this meeting, a lot of European officers met regularly in zoom to work as Catherine Refabert explained in her introduction.

### **Presentation of the 10 workshops:**

#### **Workshop A:**

introduction to IW, who we are, our logo, our objects, official language, the pyramidal organisation, elections

#### **Workshop B:**

Membership, e-clubs

#### **Workshop C:**

Club structure and functioning

#### **Workshop D:**

District structure and functioning

#### **Workshop E:**

National Governing Body, National Representative

#### **Workshop F:**

Non districted clubs

#### **Workshop G and H merged:**

International level, board director

International level, executive committee (President, VP, PP treasurer, CC, Media Manager Chairman, and their committees)

#### **Workshop I:**

Convention, changes to constitution

#### **Workshop J:**

General Administration, HQ role, trustees, finance, affiliation.



## WORKSHOP A

### PROPOSAL A1

Page 4:

Delete from basic rules to foster international understanding

Replace by

Inner wheel is one of the largest women's service and voluntary Association

Inner Wheel is nonpolitical, nonsectarian, and not profitable organization

Inner Wheel members mission worldwide, is to give people better lives in a more sustainable World, promote Peace, Human Rights, and gender equality.

Inner Wheel fights against poverty as well as violence towards children and women

Inner Wheel works for a better education, better health assists with handicaps and diseases.

Inner Wheel was created in Manchester, GB & I by Margaret Golding on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1924

Inner Wheel became International in 1967

Inner Wheel joined the UN, became an NGO inserted in the ECOSOC Roster in 1972

Inner Wheel has six representatives in UN, 2 in New York, 1 in Geneva and 3 in Vienna

### **MOTIVATION**

It is vital to mention and explain what Inner Wheel exactly consists in, as it was not mentioned before in the Constitution itself.

It is vital for each member to know precisely what Inner Wheel is and does!

It is vital for a new member who joins IW to have in mind the fundamentals and the values of the Association.

It is vital for an Association to have a concrete mission, well defined and corresponding to the needs of the new millennium.

Proposer: IW F.A.M.A.T.

Secunder:

The question was to know whether we could keep "women's organisation" due to the law in The Netherland and it has been decided that the Netherlands could change it in their by-laws as if we remove the word "women" India and some other countries would immediately vote against.

### PROPOSAL A2

Page 4:

Delete from 1. The name shall be "International Inner Wheel"

Till

Objects

3. To foster international understanding

Replace by:

The name is "INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL "

The international Inner Wheel objects are "SERVICE WITH KINDNESS, MUTUAL RESPECT AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING"

The emblem is .....

The official language is English

The International Constitution is for all members worldwide

The Inner Wheel year starts on July 1st and finishes on June 30<sup>th</sup>



## MOTIVATION

What defines IWM through the world, these last 100 years, is service, service, service ...  
It must definitively become our first object.

The second most striking aspect of IWM is "kindness with mutual respect" as it is the best form of humanity, it is stronger than friendship, it is a state of enduring affection, esteem, trust, and confidence between members. Respect means that you accept somebody for what she is, even if she is different from you, or you don't agree with her. Respect builds feeling of trust, safety, and wellbeing

In third: INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, as now we are 110.000 members worldwide, collaborating without boundaries thanks to the web revolution (111 words)

Proposer: IWM F.A.M.A.T.

Secunder: IWM Club Torino Europea

Before our meeting the objects presented were: "Service, international understanding with kindness and mutual respect" and after discussion we decided to present: "SERVICE WITH KINDNESS, MUTUAL RESPECT AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING"

Comments during our meeting:

- Service without kindness is impossible to realise
- Friendship in IWM is sincere in a lot of situations and not in other. Changing friendship in kindness and mutual respect is a revolution.
- Respect and kindness are 2 very important aspects and come before friendship
- Respect and kindness are modern observations, adapted to our today's life. It is very important to reflect these changes and insert them in our Constitution.

For respect we can also use many other explanations as « show curiosity for the views of others, practice transparency, understand others perspectives, have great attention for the views of others. ... etc...and this can be used also for the other « two minutes supporters »

As well as for kindness as we can say also kindness is being selfless, caring, compassionate, unconditionally kind

Kindness boosts happiness and optimism

Kindness is a moral elevation, kindness is bringing a sense of meaning to life, or

being kind brings a sense of meaning because it involves investing in something bigger than ourselves etc...etc...

The time of 3 minutes to propose and 2 minutes to comment, support or answer has to be prepared and really used to explain our "revolution".



## WORKSHOP B

### PROPOSAL B1

#### **Page 4 membership – Naming of a club –**

Delete page 8 “subject to the approval of IIW”

Motivation:

Women who create an IW Club are well aware about the importance of the name of the Club. They are the best placed to choose a geographical name taking the historical and cultural identity in mind. Clubs should have the democratic right in choosing the name, without interference of IIW.

Proposer: NGB Belgium-Luxemburg

Secunder: Great Britain and Ireland

This proposal of Belgium and Luxemburg had been rejected last time and not inserted in the agenda without any reason. It is a democratic right of the club to choose its name by itself.

The following proposals (B2 to B5) concern e-club, they were read and discussed only after the last one.

### PROPOSAL B2

Proposal 1, to amend

(C&H 2021 - MEMBERSHIP pag. 4)

#### **e-Clubs**

1. At International level

Includes all Inner Wheel Clubs and e-Clubs.

The minimum number of Active Members required to form a Club or an e-Club is 10.

#### **MOTIVATION**

New Inner Wheel needs e-Clubs.

They have the same position and targets as normal clubs and pay normal capitation fees. Many the reasons:

Having e-clubs would give IW an enormous boost and might promote IW in another way.

Thanks to the digital possibilities it's a great opportunity to meet members all over the world and promotes international understanding.

Attractive for young busy women, older members who prefer to stay at home in the evenings and a way for MAL's to be in a club.

Meeting by zoom is far more sustainable. (Words 91)

Proposer: Italy

Secunder: Germany

### PROPOSAL B3

(New article in 4 paragraphs) pag. 7 C&H

#### **e-Club**

1. A member can serve the Inner Wheel through the electronic model of an «e-Club», meeting exclusively on digital platforms.

2. Class of Membership:

Virtual Active Membership.

Virtual 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 e-Club members agree.



3. Applications for virtual active membership shall be sent to the Administrator of International Inner Wheel, together with an agreement to adopt the Guidelines for e-Clubs and to observe the Constitution. This agreement is binding on all e-Clubs.

4. A member may belong to one Club and to one or more e-Club simultaneously.

### **MOTIVATION**

Double membership would support a better launching of e-Clubs: We will have expert members collaborating with new ones, transferring their know-how and skills, and making the new Club immediately operating according to the Inner Wheel governing rules and procedures.

Many Inner Wheel members are also members of Rotary, Soroptimist, as well as of other Club Services or Associations.

So why should we not take a chance to serve the Inner Wheel through e-Clubs, too, thus multiplying the value contributed and, especially, differentiating the mode of working.

A possibility, an important innovation.

Not a «problem», rather an «opportunity». (Words 97)

Proposer: Italy

Secunder: Turkey

### **PROPOSAL B4**

new article.

#### **e-Club**

An e-Club can consist of members who belong to a District, a Country or different geographical areas. The Vice International Inner Wheel President takes care of the e-Clubs, as of new countries and ND Clubs.

### **MOTIVATION**

E-clubs could be a district e-club with members of one or more districts, a country e-club with members from one or more countries. a continent e-club with members from for instance Europe, India or Africa or even a GLOBAL e-club with members from all over the world, from different geographical zones.

Flexibility is the key word here.

Appropriate and clear guidelines are needed to help Interested members to make their choices and create e-clubs that serve their needs and interests.

The purpose is to create more Inner Wheel clubs and e-clubs and the letter could be a unique selling point for IIW.

Proposer: Italy

Secunder: Turkey

### **PROPOSAL B5**

new article

#### **Naming an e-Club**

When a new Inner Wheel e-Club is formed, the members of the new Club may decide on a suitable name.

The e-Clubs are member of IIW.





## MOTIVATION

As there will be various possible types of e-clubs in future it's advisable to choose an appropriate name but not necessarily one that is linked to its geographical area.

As with women who want to form a regular Inner Wheel club the members of a new Inner Wheel e-club will certainly be aware of the importance of their club's name.

They are surely capable of deciding a suitable name for their club and it is logical That they are the ones who decide on its name.

Proposer: Italy

Secunder: Germany

The motivation of B4 read during the meeting was far too long to be written but could be kept to be read by the proposer within the 3 minutes time.

All kind of e-clubs have been discussed. The Constitution Chairman has to write the guidelines for e-clubs, but all the aspects are inside these proposals.

### Comments:

- If I belong to an e-club, where do I pay the capitation fee? if I am in different clubs, do I pay different capitations fees?" Answer: you pay a capitation fee in each club.
- If an e-club belongs to a district, it can fall within the organization of the district.
- If, on the other hand, an e-club is national or international, it will be under the tutelage, guidance of IIW.
- E-clubs give to the member the possibility to choose flexibility
- E-clubs could be an advantage in cities.
- The purpose of e-clubs is not to give an extra-boost to a country but to IIW.
- When we spoke of global e-clubs, it means that e-clubs can be realized around the IW world, being national, continental or transcontinental; in other words, they are international e-clubs.

## WORKSHOP C

### PROPOSAL C1

PAGE 31

Delete and replace paragraphs in paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11

5 President

A

Delete "from The President, until Inner Wheel Headquarters."

Replace with

The President shall be nominated and elected to serve for one year, or more if there is no willing candidate to take office, and providing the club agrees.

If the President of a newly formed club so wishes, she may with the club's agreement, serve for a whole Inner Wheel year in addition to the part which immediately follows the club's formation.

Delete B and C

6 Vice President

Delete A, B and C



Replace with the Vice President shall be nominated and elected annually and preferably shall not serve for more than 2 consecutive years.

#### 7 Secretary

Delete A B and C

Replace with The Secretary shall be nominated and elected annually and preferably shall not serve for more than 3 consecutive years

#### 8 Treasurer

Delete A B and C

Replace with

Replace with The Treasurer shall be nominated and elected annually and preferably shall not serve for more than 3 consecutive years.

#### 10 Club Correspondent and International Service Organiser

Delete A and B

Replace with

shall be nominated and elected annually and preferably shall not serve for more than 3 consecutive years

#### 11 Other members of the Executive Committee

Delete A and B

Replace with

shall be nominated and elected annually and preferably shall not serve for more than 3 consecutive years

### **MOTIVATION**

This is a matter for the club, and it would be painful if a club were to close because no candidate is available. Permission from District or I/W should not be necessary.

It is really difficult in some countries to find persons who agree to take positions at any level so if the person is doing well at her job and no one is willing to take the position, why a limit on time. This is a club matter, and no permission needs to be asked either to the district or I/W Headquarters.

**Proposer:**

**Secunder:**

We should shorten and simplify our Constitution but as it the actual Constitution it is written one by one, we have to keep it in the presentation of our proposal.

We have to move slowly but this would give a kind of "freedom" to the clubs. The term "preferably" is already used in the by-laws of GB & I.

The proposal C1 came out because in a lot of countries we have no candidates for these positions in the club (president, secretary, treasurer....) Many clubs have real difficulties and if a person is doing well her job and nobody wants to take the position why a limit? This is a club matter; no permission has to be asked.

### **PROPOSAL C2**

p.35 – 18. RESIGNATION

*At the end of the first phrase add 31<sup>st</sup> May so that it will be:*

A month's notice of resignation must be given in writing to the Secretary before 31<sup>st</sup> May



## **MOTIVATION**

It is quite important to state the precise date with regard to such a serious issue. A rule must be as specific as possible. Indeed, if the deadline for submitting one's notice of resignation is clearly established, it stands to reason that there will be no right of objection.

Proposer:

Secunder:

## **PROPOSAL C3**

P.34 \_ 14. Meetings

Paragraph A and B: insert "preferably"

- a) Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held as often as necessary and preferably once a month. Special meetings may be called by the President, or when requested by 2 members of the Committee.
- b) Meetings of the Club shall preferably be held as agreed by members. Special meetings may be called by the President, or when requested by not less than 20% of the members. At least a 48-hour notice shall be given.

## **MOTIVATION**

It is important that the meetings can preferably be held according to the wishes of the members of the committee or the members of the club. The more often you meet the more you can exchange and serve

Proposer:

Secunder:

## **PROPOSAL C4**

P 34 – 15. Voting

A Voting at elections shall be by ballot

B, C and D *unchanged*

Add:

A Voting at elections can be by ballot *or e-voting or sending the vote before the meeting by mail.*

## **MOTIVATION**

As international election is now by e-voting, all clubs, all over the world should be allowed to have the choice to proceed by e-voting if they wish so. This possibility has to be given to all clubs as they must be equal, with or without district/NGB.

Proposer:

Secunder:

## **PROPOSAL C5**

Standard rules for clubs P. 30 – 3 Qualifications

Page 30 - 3-Qualifications

"President and Vice President:

Must have served on the Executive Committee for at least 1 year at the date of taking office."

Delete the whole paragraph.



### **MOTIVATION:**

Qualifications required for the offices of President and Vice President can be acquired and demonstrated within and outside Inner Wheel. These skills are not unique to Inner Wheel and should be sufficient for a nomination. The only qualification required is to be an Inner Wheel member for at least one year.

Proposer:

Secunder:

### **WORKSHOP D**

We are not sure that NGB can present proposals concerning a district or not as there is a mistake in the Constitution. Sissel knows it but the constitution was already printed so, it should last till the next Convention.

### **PROPOSAL D1:**

Page 36

NAME

Delete Committee in line one and insert District.

Insert in line five:

The district can choose to add their country to the number of the district.

### **MOTIVATION:**

The headline says Standard rules for districts and this ought to be reflected in the name.

The levels of Inner Wheel are Clubs, Districts, for some countries National association, and International Inner Wheel we have to make the rules simpler and have the same rules all through our organization.

Proposer: Cyprus

Secunder: Begium and Luxemburg

You could put the international codification before the number or the name of the country after it. It would help you know immediately the country of the district.

### **PROPOSAL D2:**

Page36

Insert after 1. NAME a new Point 2

PURPOSE OF THE DISTRICT

-To help, support and inspire the Inner Wheel clubs within their geographic area and to be the link between the clubs, the national organization if such exist, and International Inner Wheel.

-To brand Inner Wheel in their geographic area and establishing new clubs.

### **MOTIVATION:**

It is important that our constitution describes our organization and especially describes the purpose of each level. Inner Wheel is our clubs and from old time the districts, national and international organization was only meant to hold administrative tasks.

In the districts the clubs work together can promote and realize our objects of friendship, personal service, and international understanding. It is reminded that "IIW is the best secret kept in the world" therefore very important to make this proposal to change this.

Proposer: Croatia

Secunder: Finland



It is important for the new members to know the purpose of the district.

#### **PROPOSAL D3:**

Page 36

GOVERNING BODY

Officers:

Line one to three

Delete Chairman insert President.

#### **MOTIVATION:**

The same office at all three levels ought to have the same name. Club President, District President, and International President. This makes our Constitution and rules more understandable for our members.

Proposer: Croatia

Secunder: Finland

It is better to have the same rules at all the levels.

#### **PROPOSAL D4:**

Page 43

18. MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

line one delete after ... shall meet at least

insert four times a year, some meetings can be held virtually, and at least one requires physical presence.

1 meeting shall be the annual General Meeting.

#### **MOTIVATION:**

Today geographical and climate conditions is no excuse as we have the possibility to use virtual meetings.

Proposer: IWC Salzburg/D 192 Austria & Czech Republic

Secunder:

A lot of countries or districts have only one or 2 meetings but with the new virtual possibility, it is much easier to organize more meetings. There is no more excuse such as climate or geographic distance.

## **WORKSHOP E**

It was a very intensive work as we had different kinds of countries with or without NGB and districts. We saw that the work of the NR is completely different.

#### **PROPOSAL E1:**

Add a chapter: **STANDARD RULES FOR NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES** after page 45

##### **1. Name**

The name of the National Governing body shall be the usual name of the territory. Association or National or Council, it will be defined by the National Governing Body



## 2. Membership

The National Governing Body shall consist of all clubs within its boundaries?

## 3. Governing Body

### a. Officers

#### **i. National President**

Chairs the NGB, must visit all the districts at least once a year, is entitled to be a voting member on all Committees at National Level, ensures all trainings... National President and National Vice-President must not be from the same district.

Is elected for one or 2 years If only one candidate: can be elected "election non opposed"

(According to the country: National Representative and President can be one unique person)

#### **ii. Vice-President**

Must work with the president.

National President and National Vice-President must not be from the same district.

Is elected for one or 2 years If only one candidate: can be elected "election non opposed"

(According to the country: Deputy National Representative Vice President can be one unique person)

#### **iii. Immediate Past-President**

Deputises for the National President and the National Vice-President in their absence.

#### **iv. National Secretary**

She closely works with the President and covers all the administrative work. Conducts all correspondence for the National Governing Body. Takes the minutes at National Governing Body meetings. Preferably speaks English.

She is elected for a maximum of 3 years. Re-elected annually. If only one candidate: can be elected "election non opposed"

#### **v. National Treasurer**

She must have accounting skills.

She works closely with the president She is responsible for the financial affairs of the National Governing body.

She presents a statement of accounts to the National Governing Body at every National Governing Body Meeting. Presents budgets proposals, settles accounts with the districts for payments due to the National Governing Body and International Inner Wheel.

Makes all payments to International Inner Wheel

She is elected for a maximum of 3 years. Re-elected annually. If only one candidate: can be elected "election non opposed"

### b. Ex-officio members:

#### **i. National Web-manager:**

She is in charge of the website, the international database, the edition of the directory. Works closely with the Editor-Media Manager

She is elected for a maximum of 3 years. Re-elected annually. If only one candidate: can be elected "election non opposed"

#### **ii. National Editor-Media Manager:**

She is in charge of the magazine and all national publications. Works closely with the web-manager for various publications on social network.



She is elected for a maximum of 3 years. Re-elected annually. If only one candidate: can be elected "election non opposed"

**A and b are the executive committee of the National Governing Body.**

**c. Other Members of the National Governing Body:**

The district president/chairman of each district.

She is the link between the National Governing Body and her District and has to make reports of the National Governing Body to her Districts. She promotes co-operation between the Districts and the National Governing Body.

**4. Vacancies:**

- a. In case of vacancy of the National Representative or the President the deputy or the vice president shall deputise.
- b. In case of vacancy in any of the other offices, the National Governing Body shall appoint a qualify successor to complete the year.

**5. Nominations:**

- A. Must have been district president. Nominations shall be made through the district committee and must be sent, in writing – mail or post - to the National Secretary. Nominations must be received not later than 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- B. A list of nominees, with a short description of offices held, will be sent by email by the National Secretary. E-voting (advised) has to be made before 15<sup>th</sup> February. To be eligible to vote, Clubs must have paid Capitation Fees by 31<sup>st</sup> October. Each Club is entitled to 1 vote.
- C. Results of vote shall be sent to Inner Wheel Headquarters immediately.

**6. Meetings**

- a. The National Governing Body (the executive committee and the District Committee and the District Chairmen) must meet at least 3 times a year (Sept. January and May)
- b. The executive committee of the National Governing Body shall meet the day previous the meeting of the whole National Governing Body.
- c. Thanks to modern ways of communication more meetings can be organized.

**7. Finance**

- a. The accounting year begins on July 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.
- b. The accounts of the previous year must be audited and certified by an accounting firm and presented by the Treasurer of the audited year to the National Governing Body + districts presidents during the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**8. Bye Laws**

The national Governing Body may draw up national, district and club bye laws, based on IIW constitution, and to be validated by IIW before implantation.

**9. Disbandment**

If necessary, the proposal of disbandment of the National Governing Body will be submitted in General Assembly, to a secret ballot vote by a majority of 2/3 of the present members of the National Governing Body (Executive committee + district Presidents) with a quorum of 75% of the members. Proxy and mailing vote are not allowed.

*Each National Governing Body decides on the status of the National Representative. The National Bye Laws will contain the information concerning her role.*



### **MOTIVATION:**

All the countries with National Governing Body should be submitted to the same general rules and there is nothing about National Governing Body in our Constitution, it's a real lack. It must be corrected.

Proposer:

Secunder:

We noticed that there are standard rules for clubs or districts but not standard rules for NGB. A lot of them have their own by-laws but it is important for a country which wants to form a NGB to know the rules.

There are 16 countries with national governing body all over the world. Most of the countries the National president and vice president are at the same time NR or deputy NR. The standard rules don't have to take in consideration the role of the NR in these countries.

In some countries such as Italy, the Netherlands, GB&I, it is not the same person and that's the reason why it should not be incorporated in the rules of the NR. These countries can decide by themselves the role of the NR in their country and if this person is in the NGB or not.

The standard rules for NGB are missing in our Constitution.

Proposal E1

Point 9. Dissolution

In IW we use the word Disbandment

The term has been changed in the above proposal.

### **PROPOSAL E2:**

#### **Duties of the National Representative without National Governing Body (p23)**

The National Representative is the link between

Add the parts into the paragraph page 24:

**"In a country with no National Governing Body the National Representative represents her country outside of her country. She plays no part in the running of the district(s), but she works closely together with the District Board. A National Representative has to accompany the IIW-President on her visits in her country. She is the member to address from the outside.** A National Representative must not hold at the same time....

### **MOTIVATION:**

The National Representatives of Countries without National Governing Body have a lot more to do than translating documents. They represent their country on National level and do the work on this level without the help of a National Board. The District and the National Representative must be a good team in the work for their country. She also has to take care of the IIW-President on a visit in her country

Proposer: Turkey

Secunder





### **PROPOSAL E3:**

#### **Proposal for National Representative and Deputy National Representative of countries without National Governing Body**

Add page 24 before Affiliation

#### **Expenses**

Expenses incurred in carrying out the work of the Duties of the National Representative or/and the Deputy National Representative shall be met from funds of the District Committee.

#### **MOTIVATION:**

As the National Representative has also duties with expenses, for example to accompany the IIW-President at a visit in her country, or, has to attend seminars, trainings or charter ceremonies in the name of her country, it is fair to submit her expenses as in all other levels it is done already.

Proposer

Secunder

### **WORKSHOP F**

#### **PROPOSAL F1:**

Add page 35 after 18 Resignation

#### **19. Training**

All clubs should receive training every year. Either by the Districts or appointed persons by the district.

**NON-DISTRICTED CLUBS** receive the annually training by IIW or appointed persons of IIW.

#### **MOTIVATION:**

To give training and knowledge to as many members as possible. For ND-Clubs it might strengthen the feeling of being a part of a big family. Knowledge avoids fights.

Proposer: IW Club Graz Uhrturm/ D 192 Austria & Czech Republic

Secunder: IW Club Trieste Italy

#### **PROPOSAL F2**

Add at Page 9 after B and before 2. The international Governing Body....

#### **C Representatives of Non-Districted Clubs**

There shall be 2 Representatives of different Non-Districted Countries.

Page 14 before 3. Meetings

#### **C Representatives of Non-Districted Clubs**

##### **-Qualification**

Must have been Club President

##### **-Nomination**

A Club can nominate a suitable candidate for this position. In countries with more than one Non Districted Club only one nomination can be sent in.

##### **-Voting**

By electronic voting, each club having the right to one vote

##### **-Voting and Tenure of office:**

She may serve for one year.

Page 14 - **3. Meetings**

Add before A



The Meetings are attended by the EC, the BDs, and the Representatives of Non-Districted Clubs. The representatives of Non-Districted Clubs have no right to vote, they are observers. They must be invited and reimbursed like Board-Directors.

**MOTIVATION:**

To involve the non-districted clubs more in the international work and to give them more respect.

Proposer

Secunder

**WORKSHOP G and H**

**PROPOSAL G-H1:**

**PAGE 14 – ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Executive committee members nominations.**

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

**a) Nominations of President**

page 10: Delete twice the words "of a National Governing Body"  
to be read as:

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

**b) Nomination of Vice-President**

page 11: Delete twice the words "of a National Governing Body"  
to be read as:

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

**c) Nomination of Treasurer**

page 11: Delete twice the words "of a National Governing Body"  
to be read as:

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

**b) Nomination of Constitution Chairman**

page 12: Delete twice the words "of a National Governing Body"  
to be read as:

"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, by IWCs from all over the world, as IIW Governing Body Members are sufficiently qualified to have the right to be nominated for IIW Executive Committee Offices. Therefore, the unfair distinction among Past IIW Governing Body Members will not go on. Out of 36 countries having the right to nominate for IIW Governing Body members (IIW BDs), only 16 can nominate for IIW Constitution Chairman. This inequality must be corrected.

**Explanation:** (this is just clarification)

The situation as it is today



Only countries with NGB can nominate members for IIW EC

The proposal suggests

Countries with an elected NR to nominate suitably qualified members for IIW EC

Proposer: NGB Finland

Secunder: NGB The Netherlands or NGB F.A.M.A.T.

At the moment, to be in the International executive committee, you must be from the 16 countries with NGB. That means that we lose too many competent persons.

This also means there is a difference between persons from countries with NGB and persons who can only reach the position "Board Director". This is unfair.

This proposal is a democratic proposal

## **PROPOSAL G&H2**

### **PAGE 11 – ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

#### **C) Treasurer**

##### **Qualifications**

Qualifications

3rd line, after the phrase "of a National Governing Body" insert the phrase: or an International Board Director

To be read as: Must have served on a National Governing Body or District as a Treasurer and have served as a member of a National Governing Body or an International Board Director at least one year at the time of nomination

#### **MOTIVATION**

Members who have served in all District offices, have been elected National Representative and additionally elected, by IWCs from all over the world, as IIW Governing Body Members are sufficiently qualified to have the right to be nominated for IIW Executive Committee Offices. Therefore, the unfair distinction among Past IIW Governing Body Members will not go on. Out of 36 countries having the right to nominate for IIW Governing Body members (IIW BDs), only 16 can nominate for IIW Treasurer. This inequality must be corrected.

Proposer:

Secunder:

This proposal is to democratize the access. It doesn't change anything for India.

The motivation must be "clearer" and more explanatory. We must work it again to make "normal people" understand it. "Normal people" being members who are not used to read and work on the constitution.

We must explain the changes to the clubs, this change is for countries without NGB

It has been decided that: Sissy, Gabi, Luisa, Karin, Letty, Charlotte and Catherine R will work on the new motivation to make it clearer.

Generally speaking, motivations must be short, incisive and give the motus of the change.



## **PROPOSAL G&H3**

### **PAGE 14 – 3 - MEETINGS**

Replace A

A Non-Convention year: One international Governing Body Meeting in presence will be held annually. Online meetings will be held every second Month and on special request of the IWW President

B. Convention Year: replace before "The International Governing Body ..."

A second international Governing Body Meeting in presence will be held the day prior to Convention. Online meetings will be held every second Month and on special request of the IWW President.

### **MOTIVATION:**

The new technology allows us to meet more often, which is important for good work, without costs and low time efforts

Proposer:

Secunder:

Some of us were allowed into the group of "leaders" in these workshops with absolutely no experience of the work in IWW. I have only the words in the Constitution.

A lot of us when we became members of IW we did not think about the Constitution before we became club President.

Some of us, from their professional life found it necessary to look into the rules in the Constitution. And there, could read that there was a IWWGB! In my opinion a GB is the one there takes decisions!!!

But our lovely friends in the leader group told us, that the BDs have absolutely no influence!!! All is decided in the EXC.

It seems that some BDs had no influence on the decisions taken only by the executive. This situation did not exist when Catherine and Charlotte were IWWP.

So, this proposal is very important to prevent this situation. Therefore, this point in the Constitution about the meetings in the IWWGB very important!

These last years have been difficult due to Covid as BDs never met face to face. For good results it is better to know your colleagues and meet them face to face.

Concerning the following proposals with committee:

To make the job of BDs more attractive and become more involved with IWW, we decided to create different committees

## **PROPOSAL G&H 4**

PAGE 18 – 2 - CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

After and Vice – President add

### **Constitution Committee BIS**

The IWW Constitution Chairman shall appoint and be Chairman of the Constitution Committee, to consist of 4 IW Expert and 4 Board Directors maximum.



The nomination will be approved in the first International Governing Body Meeting.  
The Committee will remain in office until June 30th.  
The IIW President is a member of the Constitution Committee 2.

### **MOTIVATION**

The increased complexity of the role of the Constitution Chairman must make use of the collaboration of Members with proven experience on in-depth knowledge of the Constitution, the Rules, and Inner Wheel.

The Committee will be indispensable for tackling special jobs that require a close-knit and highly qualified team.

Proposer : IWC Graz Uhrturm/ D192 Austria & Czech Republic

Secunder :

The biggest job at the executive is the CC.

This Constitution Committee 2 is another possibility to work. The CC could ask for the help of experts in certain circumstances.

Joke, Gabi, Charlotte will work again on this proposal that will be written again.

### **PROPOSAL G&H5**

PAGE 18 ADD 4

The IIW President may appoint specific Committees she needs.  
The nomination will be approved in the first International Governing Body Meeting.  
The Committees will remain in office until June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **MOTIVATION**

The increased complexity of the role of the International President calls for the possibility of appointing specific Committees to help carry out the programmatic guidelines of the President, her Theme.

Proposer: Belgium

Secunder:

### **PROPOSAL G&H 6 –**

PAGE 18 ADD 4

#### **Tutoring for e-Clubs & Non-Districted Clubs Committee**

The IIW Vice President shall appoint and be Chairman of the Tutoring for e-Clubs & Non-Districted Clubs to consist of 4 Board Directors.

The nomination will be approved in the first International Governing Body Meeting

The Committee will remain in office until June 30th.

The IIW President is a member of the Tutoring Committee.

#### **Duties**

The Committee shall be the main reference for the Non-Districted Clubs and international e-Clubs, with the duties of following them in management, training, problem solving, relations with the IIW. The Non-Districted Clubs and international e-Clubs are under the guide of the IIW.



## **MOTIVATION**

It is necessary to develop and apply the Tutoring method to Clubs without a District and to e-Clubs, providing, through the 4 Board Directors led by the IIW Vice President, a series of information and training services, using digital technology.

The qualified presence and constant availability would have the dual function of improving knowledge of the Statute and Regulations, as well as knowledge of Inner Wheel.

Proposer IWC Torino Europea

Secunder

## **PROPOSAL G & H 7**

PAGE 18 ADD 4

### **UN IW Representatives Committee**

The IIW Vice President shall appoint and be Chairman of the UN IW Representatives Committee, to consist of UN IW Representatives.

The nomination will be approved in the first International Governing Body Meeting.

The Committee will remain in office until June 30th.

The IIW President is a member of the UN Representatives Committee.

#### **Duties**

The Committee shall coordinate the IW UN Representatives.

- a. knows and compare their function and job within the different UN offices;
- b. informs periodically IW members about the main actions implemented;
- c. identifies and share UN projects with IW members.

## **MOTIVATION**

A new important Committee that, through digital technology, would allow the IIW Vice President to coordinate the UN IW Representatives not only to collaborate on the network, but also to use new forms of communication to get closer to the Clubs and involve them in the knowledge of their role, often underestimated or ignored. This aspect of internationality would be a further way to enrich our "international" belonging towards other horizons.

Proposer: Italy

Secunder:

The vice-president works with the UN IW representatives, but a committee would help to have another vision of this role that is very important.

## **PROPOSAL G&H 8**

PAGE 18 ADD 4

### **Extension Committee**

The IIW Past President shall appoint and be Chairman of the Extension Committee, to consist of 4 Board Directors.

The nomination will be approved in the first International Governing Body Meeting.

The Committee will remain in office until June 30th.

The IIW President is a member of the Extension Committee

#### **Duties:**

The Committee shall operate to increase extension.

- a. carry out the mapping of membership growth and decrease in the various geographic areas;
- b. study causes and remedies for areas in crisis;



- c. promote extension in non-IW countries or where IW is barely represented;
- d. organize new Districts where the minimum Clubs number is available.

### **MOTIVATION**

The Expansion Theme deserves particular attention, and, more than ever, needs a team dedicated to carrying out targeted studies to understand, map and monitor its progress in the various geographical areas. An intense and methodical work that requires a dedicated Committee, chaired by the IIW Immediate Past President.

To know, to deepen to identify adequate strategies to implement the "identified" duties and give new impetus to expansion. (Words 69)

Proposer: IW Club Trieste Italy

Secunder:

### **PROPOSAL G & H 9**

PAGE 18 ADD 4

#### **Training Committee**

The IIW Past President shall appoint and be Chairman of the Training Committee, to consist of 4 Board Directors.

The nomination will be approved in the first International Governing Body Meeting.

The Committee will remain in office until June 30th.

The IIW President is a member of the Training Committee

#### **Duties:**

The Committee shall perform a dual function:

1. intervene as a trainer in meetings requested by Clubs, Districts, National Governing Bodies.
2. collect and/or produce Training & e-Training Documents, always updated and available to members all over the world.

### **MOTIVATION**

The need for Training is increasingly confirmed in the Inner Wheel of the third millennium.

The training of competent - and motivated - leaders and members is essential for the guidance and management of a Governing Body at all levels. The Committee will be able to offer qualified, interactive meetings, seminars, as well as produce ad hoc material, which can be reached and enjoyed through the IIW website.

Training must be constant, attractive in communication, open to dialogue, using digital technology and all the modern tools that Global Communication makes available.

Proposer: Italy

Secunder:

### **PROPOSAL G & H 10**

PAGE 18 ADD 4

#### **Global Communication Committee**

The IIW Global Communication Manager shall appoint and be Chairman of the Global Communication Committee, to consist of 4 Board Directors and of a maximum of 4 IW experts from different IW countries.

She can nominate and use external Communication Companies if needed with a budget assigned.

The nomination will be approved in the first International Governing Body Meeting.



The Committee will remain in office until June 30th.  
The IIW President is a member of the Global Communication Committee

### **Duties:**

The Committee Members will collaborate with the Chairman in implementing the various areas of Global Communication:

- a. Newsletters, Bulletins, promotion, and information brochures;
- b. IIW website management (guaranteeing the constant updating of all sections);
- c. IIW official social pages management.

### **MOTIVATION**

Because of the numerous and specific skills required for the position of Global Communication Manager help is needed. The Global Communication Manager shall be assisted by four Board Directors who will support her and extend their cooperation to her engaging work. It is important to work with IIW experts from different countries.

The Global Communication Manager won't achieve a solitary dense work; on the contrary she will be able to entrust her diverse technical tasks to her assistants. Together they will achieve greater work with more ideas and possibilities. These managers are not necessarily BD but must be skilled either in their professional or IW life and may be chosen in accordance with their experience.

Proposer : F.A.M.A.T.

Secunder: Denmark

If we want to no longer be the best keep secret, we must be very active in our communication on all possible platforms. Because of that our global communication manager is the most important person for our survival, and she needs help from all the dedicated and professional media members we have around the world.

This proposal is to better "sale" IIW to the knowledge of the world.

### **PROPOSAL G&H 11**

#### **PAGE 18—EDITOR / MEDIA MANAGER**

1) Delete the whole text

2) Change the name editor/media manager in Global Communication manager.

3) Add on page 9 THE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

1. A Officers: after Chairman of the Constitution Committee add: Global Communication Manager

#### **4) Page 13 After first paragraph add:**

##### **e) Global Communication Manager**

###### **Qualifications**

Must have served on a National Governing Body or District as an Editor and have served either as a member of a NGB or as an IIW BD at least one year at the time of nomination.

###### **Nominations**

A District Committee may nominate a member suitably qualified for the Office of Global Communication Manager. Members may accept nominations only from the District Committees of which they are members.

###### **Voting**

By electronic voting, each club having the right to one vote

###### **Tenure of Office**





The Global Communication Manager may serve on a maximum of 3 consecutive years but must be elected annually.

In the event of a vacancy the Board may appoint a qualified successor to complete the year.

**Duties of Global Communication Manager**

Is responsible for the IIW Website, the IIW social media, media output, and promotional documents, therefore she must have advanced computer skills and editorial skills expertise in modern technology, graphic software, desktop publishing and layout.

**MOTIVATION: to be adapted**

We have to work to complete these proposals especially in Duties of Global Communication Manager

The situation as it is today: Any country with a District (with or without NGB, with or without NR) can nominate a past District Editor for IIW Editor/MM. The IIW Editor/ MM is not a member of the IIW Governing Body

Changing the name Global Communication Manager (to be completed by Luisa??)

Global Communication Manager to be a member of the IIW EC

Apart of her skills to have the same experience and criteria to be elected as an IIW EC member as the other IIW EC members and not to have discriminations. (Shortcut from District Editor to IIW EC)

Proposer:

Secunder:

**PROPOSAL G&H 11-1**

p.18 – Editor/Media Manager

*Delete the title, insert Global Communication Manager*

**MOTIVATION**

The Editor/Media Manager shall henceforth be called the Global Communication Manager.

The term better expresses the concept of communication throughout the world. The word “communication” is immediately understandable to all within and outside Inner Wheel. Communication evokes not only social media but also all means of transmission that is visual communication such as posters, flyers, flags, pins, or any other promotional object. As a Global Communication Manager, she is responsible for the IIW Website, the media output (social media, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, etc.) exhibitions, special meetings, conferences.... All what enables us to appear in the communication world.

Proposer : F.A.M.A.T.

Secunder: IW Club Torino Europea

**PROPOSAL G&H 11- 2**

Page 18 – *delete the whole paragraph: “The Editor/Media Manager shall not be a member of the Executive Committee, but she may be invited as an observer, when necessary, to attend the International Executive Committee meetings or the International Governing Body Meetings and the Triennial Convention as an observer with the same benefits as a Board Director, including payment of costs incurred in attending the meetings”*

*Insert: “The Global Communication Manager shall be a member of the Executive Committee”*



## MOTIVATION

It is inconceivable that the Global Communication Manager is not a member of the Executive Committee. She should definitely take part in the issues discussed at the meetings; should give her advice and provide her experience as editor.

She is a link; she serves as a channel for conveying information.

Consequently, being a member of the E.C., she will be in a position to relay the right items, her judgment will be more appropriate, and the supplied information will be more accurate.

Never forget that the Global Communication Manager contributes to the reputation of Inner Wheel! She is a veritable showcase of what Inner Wheel is and does.

It is high time that we remedy a basic injustice.

Proposer : F.A.M.A.T.

Secunder: IW Club Torino Europea

Our IIW is not updated. There is no conference to promote IIW.

We should write proposals 2 and 3

### PROPOSAL G&H 11-3

Page 18 – Qualifications

*Modify:*

Must have served on a National Governing Body or District as an Editor for at least 1 year at the time of nomination”

*Insert:* “and must have served as a member of a NGB or an IIW BD at least one year at the time of nomination”

## MOTIVATION:

It is more than important that the Global Communication Manager belongs to the International Executive Committee but to belong to this committee, she must, as the other members, have been a member of a NGB or an IIW BD.

Proposer : F.A.M.A.T.

Secunder: IW Club Torino Europea

*Important notice:* this motivation may be too brief!

We should write proposals 2 and 3 together. This proposal should be similar to the treasurer.

This is a very important proposal that must go through

The Global Communication Manager cannot be outside IIW.

### PROPOSAL G & H12

PAGE 19 – UN Representatives

Add at Page 19 after Global Media Manager

#### **UN Inner Wheel Delegates – Geneva, New York, Vienna**

##### **-Qualification:**

She must be fluent in English language. She must have been an IW member for at least one year. She must not serve at the same time at any other function at any IW-Level

##### **-Nomination:**

A Non districted Club and any District Committee may nominate a suitable qualified member for the office of an UN Representative

##### **-Voting:**



The Un IW-Representative are elected during the Governing Body Meeting before the Convention by the whole International Governing Body.

**-Tenure of Office:**

They are elected for a term of 3 consecutive years from Convention to Convention. They might be re-elected for a maximum of 2 Periods total (6 years). They serve from 1<sup>st</sup> July after a Convention till 30<sup>th</sup> June after next Convention.

**-Expenses:**

Expenses incurred in carrying out the work of their duty shall be refunded up to 1000 Pounds for each UN Inner Wheel -Representatives.

**MOTIVATION:**

We have a membership of more than 100.00 members and 7 Un-Representatives position in total. In former days, some UN Inner Wheel -Representatives served more than 30 years, other members didn't apply for it not to be unkind to those in the chair. But especially for young women it could be very attractive. It is a very important function; therefore, it should be for a term for 3 years from Convention till Convention. If there is no other nomination, the term can be prolonged for a maximum of 2 times in total (6 years).

Proposer: Denmark

Secunder:

This proposal is very important to attract young women who would be very proud to take this position.

As we are not UN delegate but only observers, it has been decided to write "UN-IW Delegates". They are delegates from IW at the UN.

A UN IW delegate must have been IW for at least one year before.

Martine Gayon will be asked how we can be more than an observer, but we must be aware that IIW is an administrative administration and the statutes we have today come from the years 70. If we ask for more, we can lose everything.

UN should be open to any member and not only to those living close to either Vienna, Geneva or New York.

We should know how much time it takes to be UN IW delegate in order to know if young IW members who work could apply for the position.

Some are surprised that the reports they make are not on the website. Martine Gayon communicates a lot through Facebook and Instagram but what about the other delegates.

They all give reports to the IIWVP and years ago these reports were collected in the IIWVP's report. Today these reports are shorter and shorter, not reports but summary of reports.

In Switzerland, they receive the report from the delegate in Geneva, once a year, when the district committee life is over.

The present delegates were nominated by the board. We must find the way to use this information. We have a lot of tools to communicate, understand how we must change.

Our executive is not working enough.



## WORKSHOP I

### PROPOSAL I-1

C&H, Page 24 Convention

~~Convention – Point 1~~

~~Add in the end: An international airport should be near the Convention City and a variety of hotels near the Convention venue.~~

#### **MOTIVATION**

~~It is considered appropriate to add and underline how important it is to make it easier for members to reach the Convention venue also through the proximity of the International Airport of the chosen city, to optimize both times and reduce transfer costs. (Words 43)~~

~~Proposer:~~

~~Secunder:~~

It is very important to have a place with a lot of hotels in walking distance, but this should not be in the Constitution but in the handbook. That's the reason why this proposal is cancelled.

Catherine R and Charlotte told us that everything is on paper. This document – a real booklet – is updated after each Convention. It is all regulated in a blueprint. It is a well-done booklet.

### PROPOSAL I-2

C&H, Page 24 Convention

Convention, after point 1 insert a new point

2. The Convention will be organized in a hybrid form, allowing the participation of Inner Wheel members either in person or virtual.

In virtual form only, if necessary.

#### **MOTIVATION**

It is appropriate, thanks to the digital technologies also used in Inner Wheel, to organize the Convention in a "hybrid" form. In this way it will be possible to significantly increase the participation of members in the most important event held by International Inner Wheel.

If, for serious reasons, it is not possible to convene the members "in presence", the Convention will have to take place "virtually", as already occurred in the 18th Convention, the first virtual one in Inner Wheel history. (Words 82)

Proposer:

Secunder:

This point needs to be in the Constitution, very important for the future as young IW who work will be able to assist to virtual Conventions and will also be able to vote.

### Proposal I-3

C&H, Page 26, Standing Orders

Standing Orders, Point 1

Delete the whole text

Insert: - The President and in her absence the Vice President or the Immediate Past President shall preside the Convention.



## **MOTIVATION**

It is considered appropriate, in case the IIW President cannot preside over the Convention, to replace her with the Vice President, or with the Immediate Past President, who are officers of the International Inner Wheel Governing Body in charge, simplifying in this way the procedure. (Words 45)

Proposer:

Secunder:

## **PROPOSAL I-4**

C&H, Page 27, Standing Orders

Insert a new point 19

19. A proposal can be withdrawn only if the proposing and seconding Clubs, Districts, NGBs have discussed and agreed about this withdrawal.

## **MOTIVATION**

This is a crucial point, which concerns the withdrawal of a proposal.

It is established that:

The withdrawal can be accepted only if the proposing Club, District, NGB and the seconding Club, District, NGB have discussed and voted on it in their respective Assemblies and "agree" to withdraw the proposal.

Otherwise, the proposal lives on and will be submitted to a vote during the Business Session of the Convention.

What has matured in the agreement cannot be dissolved only by a Club, District, NGB, whether proposing or seconding it. (Words 102)

Proposer: IW Club Graz Uhrturn/ D 192 Austria Czech Republic

Secunder: Bina's club or F.A.M.A.T.

If clubs worked together to write a proposal it is logical to discuss together to cancel or withdraw a proposal. This possibility must be given if the 2 parties agree.

We all have the possibility to change our mind, but it must be made together. The focus is the agreement of both parties.

## **PROPOSAL I-5**

C&H, Page 28, Changes to the Constitution

~~Changes to the Constitution, Point 1~~

~~Insert after ...International Inner Wheel by the required date.~~

~~No proposal can be submitted without having been discussed and approved in an IIW GB Meeting, NGB Meeting, District Meeting or Club Meeting. A copy of the page of the minutes, related to the proposal, should be sent to IIW Headquarters, and be published at the website together with the proposal.~~

## **MOTIVATION**

~~There are two basic steps to follow before submitting a proposal to change the Constitution. First, the proposal must be discussed and approved by the Assembly at every level; IIW Governing Body; National Governing Body; District Committee; Club. Therefore, this approval will be documented by the extract of the Minutes certifying the approval, which will be sent to the Headquarters together with the proposal. In this way any wrong procedures, not respectful of the sovereignty of the Assembly of each Governing Body, will be avoided. (Words 85)~~

~~Proposer:~~

~~Secunder~~



## **PROPOSAL I-6**

C&H, Page 28, Changes to the Constitution

~~Changes to the Constitution Point 2~~

~~Delete the whole point~~

### **MOTIVATION**

The national byelaws made by countries with a NGB must be based on the rules for Clubs and Districts in the Constitution because of that they must also be allowed to submit proposals and to vote.

~~Proposer:~~

~~Secunder:~~

## **GENERAL MOTIONS**

### **WORKSHOP G & H**

#### **GENERAL MOTION G & H - A**

**Rewriting of the Handbook, including the history, the duties and responsibilities of all functions**

The Handbook should be rewritten totally.

### **MOTIVATION**

The handbook is outdated.

Members need clear and precise guidelines in the handbook.

Why not include all D & R in it.

Charter application form and all forms has to be updated.

List of Conventions and important decisions are not correct.

Who can do changes to the Handbook?

Participation of the membership is required.

A lot of experts in IW matters are willing to work on it.

~~Proposer: NGB Belgium Luxemburg / IIWPP Charlotte de Vos~~

~~Secunder: IW Club Torino Europea~~

#### **GENERAL MOTION G & H - B**

Rewriting of the Constitution

The Constitution should be rewritten totally.

### **MOTIVATION**

The Constitution is a mixture of adaptations over the years. There is no logical order in it anymore.

Some topics are mentioned several times on different pages....

The Constitution should be easy and simple to understand.

~~Proposer: NGB F.A.M.A.T. / IIWPP Catherine Refabert~~

~~Secunder: IW Club Torino Europea~~

#### **GENERAL MOTION G&H - C**

In our constitution book it would be normal and useful to reverse the order of the different paragraphs, starting by explaining the role and the functioning of the clubs and end with the role and duties of the International Executive Committee



## **MOTIVATION**

A member and specially a new one, who consults this document must wait till page 30 to get the first information about the role of the club, who is the basic structure of IIW, and the first information the member needs to know

A summary with the list of all paragraphs giving the number of the page where we can find them would make this essential document much easier and really more understood able to work with.

Proposer: IW F.A.M.A.T./ IIWPP Catherine Refabert  
Secunder

## **GENERAL MOTION G & H - D**

Presentation of the International Board nominees (EC and BD)

Should not only offered on paper (nomination booklet) but also be presented in short videos (one minute each maximum) at the international website to get a better impression for the voting.

## **MOTIVATION**

To have a better chance for the right decision.

Proposer: IWC Graz Uhrturn (D192 Austria & Czech Republic)  
Secunder: IWC Saint-Paul / Etang Salé (D920 Reunion Island & Madagascar)

## **GENERAL MOTION G & H - E**

It must be mandatory to send to all IW clubs, on beginning of April, the number of votes get by all the candidates to an international position, the elected as well the rejected candidates.

## **MOTIVATION**

Since years specially during the annual European meeting members are asking for more democracy and more transparency in international elections, it is normally always given when elections take place, including Associations, to get immediately after the vote specially when done electronically, the results in numbers for elected and rejected candidates

Proposer:  
Secunder:

## **WORKSHOP J**

## **GENERAL MOTION J-A**

We ask IIW HQ to have an Account in Euros in a European country and in Indian Rupees in India and/or other currencies in any other country.

## **MOTIVATION**

To transfer Cap Fee and amounts to HQ the amount of the Bank fees is extremely high and sometimes double of the fee was sent.

Proposer: NGB Belgium and Luxemburg  
Secunder: Dr. Kapila Gupta (Indian NGB?)

## **GENERAL MOTION J-B**

We ask for the results of the elections of the IIW GB, not only the row, but the figures for every candidate.



## **MOTIVATION**

If somebody goes for an election it is normal and fair, as well as democratic that everybody (all members) receives the results. All have the right to receive the results and the number of votes.

Proposer

Secunder

## **GENERAL MOTION J-C**

**Administration:** The Administration of IIW should be an Inner Wheel Member.

## **MOTIVATION**

We are the largest Women Association worldwide and we support in general women. Therefore, we should have Inner Wheel administrators !

Proposer

Secunder

To avoid problems in some countries, we changed "female" with Inner Wheel member.

All the proposals have to be sent on the formular available at:

<https://www.internationalinnerwheel.org/for-members/official-documents.html>

## **Distribution of proposals**

It has been agreed during the meeting that all participants will offer to their clubs/districts/NGB to propose or support one or several proposals and will send their choice as soon as it is made in order to always update this file.

Time limit to send the choice 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

		Proposer	Secunder
<b>Workshop A</b>			
A1	explanations of IIW	NGB IW F.A.M.A.T.	
A2	modification of objects	NGB IW F.A.M.A.T.	IWC Torino Europea
<b>Workshop B</b>			
B1	naming of a club	NGB Belgium-Luxemburg	GB&I
B2	e-clubs	Italy	Germany
B3	e-clubs	Italy	Turkey
B4	e-clubs	Italy	Turkey
B5	naming an e-club	Italy	Germany
<b>Workshop C</b>			
C1	nominations of clubs 'officers		
C2	resignation		
C3	Meetings		
C4	Voting		
C5	Qualifications		
<b>Workshop D</b>			
D1	Name of district	Cyprus	Belgium-Luxemburg
D2	Purpose of the district	Croatia	Finland
D3	Governing body of a district	Croatia	Finland





D4	Meeting of the district committee	IWC Salzburg/D 192 Austria & Czech Republic	
<b>Workshop E</b>			
E1	Standard rules for NGB		
E2	Same rule for all countries with NGB	Turkey	
E3	For NR and DNR without NGB		
<b>Workshop F</b>			
F1	training	IWC Graz Uhrturn/D 192 Austria & Czech Republic	IWC Trieste Italy
F2	International Governing body	NGB Belgium Luxemburg	IWC Graz Uhrturn/D 192 Austria & Czech Republic
<b>Workshop G-H</b>			
G-H1	executive committee members nominations	NGB Finland	NGB The Netherlands or F.A.M.A.T.
G-H2	Election of the executive committee members		
G-H3	meetings		
G-H4	Constitution committee	IWC Graz Uhrturn/D 192 Austria & Czech Republic	
G-H5	specific committees		
G-H6	tutoring for e-clubs & ND Clubs committee	IWC Torino Europea	
G-H7	UN representatives committee	Italy	
G-H8	Extension committee	IWC Trieste Italy	
G-H9	Training committee	Italy	
G-H10	Global communication committee	F.A.M.A.T.	Denmark
G-H11-1	Editor/Media Manager	F.A.M.A.T.	IWC Torino Europea
G-H11-2	Editor/Media Manager	F.A.M.A.T.	IWC Torino Europea
G-H11-3	Editor/Media Manager qualifications	F.A.M.A.T.	IWC Torino Europea
G-H12	UN delegates	Denmark	
<b>Workshop I</b>			
I2	Hybrid Convention		
I3	Concerns Convention		
I4	withdrawal of proposal	IWC Graz Uhrturn/D 192 Austria & Czech Republic	Bina's club? /F.A.M.A.T.?
<b>General motions</b>			
<b>Workshop G-H</b>			
G-HA	Handbook	NGB Belgium & Luxemburg	IWC Torino Europea
G-HB	Rewriting the constitution	NGB F.A.M.A.T.	IWC Torino Europea
G-HC	Order in the Constitution	NGB F.A.M.A.T./IIWPP C Refabert	



G-HD	Presentation of IIW Board nominees	IWC Graz Uhrturm/D 192 Austria & Czech Republic	IW St Paul-Etang Salé D920 Réunion Island (France)
G-HE	results of all candidates		
Workshop J			
J-A	account in different currencies	NGB Belgium & Luxemburg	IIWPP Kapila Gupta?
J-C	Administration of IIW		

### European Rally 2025:

In Berlin, it will be announced that the future European Rally will take place in Tampere, Finland.

### 5<sup>th</sup> European IW-Cruise 13<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Please Save the Date – organized by Gabriele Schrumpf, IIW PBD



### Chris Kirby's book for the Convention

Extract of 3<sup>rd</sup> executive meeting minutes

EM – informed the group of the actions of IIWPP, Chris Kirby, in having a book written on the more recent history of IW and that some articles have already been written and that Chris Kirby has agreed to carry on with her work on this project. PMc said that this could be quite expensive.

AP – mentioned the options that self-publishing through Amazon might be a possibility.

BV – Rashmi Sharma was asked to write and that, to her knowledge, only 75% of the book was completed.

SL – asked about the closing date for the book and if articles could still be sent.

EM – read to the meeting the report from IIWPP, Chris Kirby.

BV – said that to have the document be printed in India, where the costs would be 60% lower. Said that Rashmi had been asked to collect and collate the articles that have been / are being produced.

Thought that it would be a good souvenir for the Convention and that thousands of copies would not be expensive, if produced in India. SL pointed out that the cost of shipping could be awfully expensive.

BV – stated that the book is not a history book, but articles submitted by IW members; ZF – pointed out that the previous books on IW had been very focused on GB&I.



Most of the National Representatives who took part to this meeting were not aware of this book. It seems that IIWPP Chris Kirby did not follow the usual and official way to contact the countries.

### 17<sup>th</sup> European Meeting

Cyprus NR Tasoulla Voskou read the hereunder letter to the participants and presented a video of Cyprus:

[Cyprus welcomes the world!.mp4](#)

The 17<sup>th</sup> European meeting will be held in Larnaca in April 2023 from 21 to 24.



The 16<sup>th</sup> European Meeting ended at 6 pm on 31st May.

**Special thanks to all the participants.**



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26/05/2022

To the Committee of 16<sup>th</sup> European meeting,

Dear all,

On behalf of the executive Committee District 96 Cyprus I.I.W. we have the pleasure to inform you that we will undertake the 17th European meeting. We already started to prepare and inform our 11 Clubs about this wonderful opportunity.

Hope that 2023 will be covid free, we will be very glad to welcome you to our beautiful island.

Cyprus is a small island with a long history and a rich culture that spans 11.000 years, making it one of the oldest civilizations in the Mediterranean- as evidenced by the many fascinating cultural sights, museums, monuments and galleries. Situated at the crossroads of three continents-Europe, Asia and Africa.

We already agreed to host our guests and Officials in the City of Larnaca from 21- 24/04/23.

Kind Regards

Tasoulla Voskou National Representative

Dina Constantinides District Chairman