

# INNER WHEEL 19TH EUROPEAN MEETING 2025

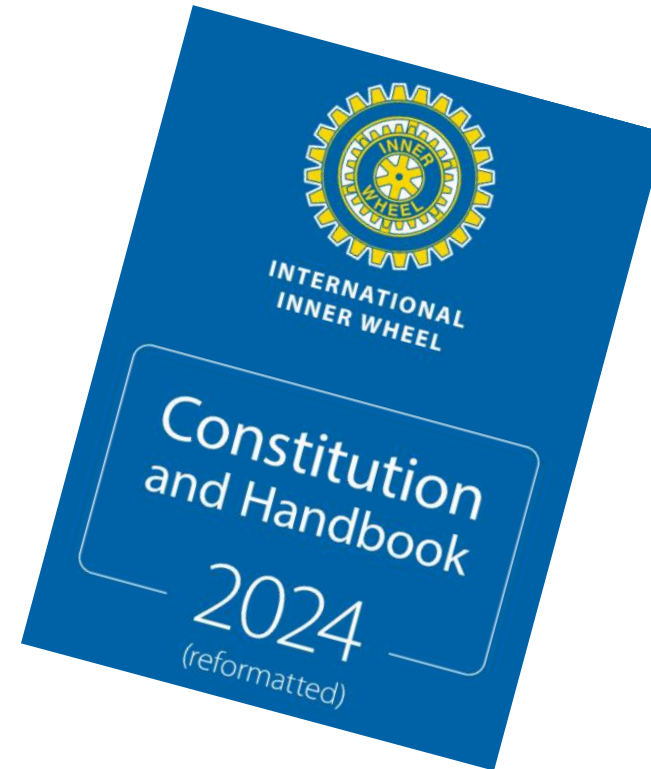
## 18 – 21 SEPTEMBER 2025



# Proposals

## OUR TEAM

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20<sup>th</sup> International Inner Wheel Convention, 11-14 May 2027, Manila, Philippines

# PRESIDENT (Co-PRESIDENCY)

PROPOSED BY SWITZERLAND D199 / SECONDED BY: OPEN



## REFERENCE of the PROPOSAL¶

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| Page number¶             | 32¶                       |
| Main heading¶            | STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS¶ |
| Sub-heading (if needed)¶ | President¶                |
| Clause number¶           | 6A¶                       |

## PROPOSAL

*Add* after the existing paragraph: « The members of a Club may ALSO nominate and elect with the consent of the nominees TWO candidates as Presidents for the term of one year. Both shall share equally the duties and responsibilities of the Office

## MOTIVATION

Internationally we experience an increasing number of Clubs disbanding, because nobody wants to take office as President out of professional, private and sometimes age-related circumstances. To help Clubs continuing their Membership we suggest a job-sharing model with two motivated and cooperative Club Presidents helping each other along the way. How this is organized is a Club matter and must be openly shared with all Club members on election day. Both names to be published in the official Inner Wheel Directories.

# VOTING DELEGATES

PROPOSED BY SWITZERLAND D199 / SECONDED BY: OPEN



## REFERENCE of the PROPOSAL¶

|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Page number¶             | 24/25¶                    |
| Main heading¶            | INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION¶ |
| Sub-heading (if needed)¶ | VOTING DELEGATES¶         |
| Clause number¶           | 1b/1c¶                    |

## PROPOSAL

*Add* after National Representative “or each Deputy National Representative if replacing the National Representative”:

To read: Each International Inner Wheel Officer, each Board Director, each National Representative, **or each Deputy National Representative if replacing her National Representative** and each Past President of International Inner Wheel is to be a Voting Delegate.

All of the above, if not represented, may designate as proxy provided they will be elected Voting Delegates at the Convention, a National Representative, **or each Deputy National Representative if replacing the National Representative**, a Past National Representative, a Past Board Member, a past Board Director, a District Committee Voting Delegate or the International Official Proxy Vote holder.

## MOTIVATION

A Deputy National Representative is elected by all Clubs in the country to replace a National Representative who is unable to attend a Convention or any other event. If her presence is needed at a Convention, it is already in the law text which simplifies the whole process.

# QUALIFICATIONS, NOMINATIONS, VOTING AND TENURE

PROPOSED BY SWITZERLAND D199 / SECONDED BY: OPEN

## REFERENCE of the PROPOSAL¶

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| Page number¶             | 7¶                                              |
| Main heading¶            | QUALIFICATIONS, NOMINATIONS, VOTING AND TENURE¶ |
| Sub-heading (if needed)¶ | ¶                                               |
| Clause number¶           | 2. line¶                                        |

## PROPOSAL

*Add* after The International Governing Body is to be elected as follows:

A maximum of **two** members from the same country can be represented in the International **Executive Committee**. Any voting paper declares a vote for more than two members of the same country, shall be invalid.

## MOTIVATION

We are a global women's organisation with members spanning every continent. In keeping with the spirit of Inner Wheel, no more than two people from the same country should sit on an Executive Committee of five.

# QUALIFICATIONS, NOMINATIONS, VOTING **AND** TENURE

PROPOSED BY BULGARIA D248 / SECONDED BY: CROATIA D191

## REFERENCE of the PROPOSAL

|                         |                                                |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Page number             | 10                                             |
| Main heading            | QUALIFICATIONS, NOMINATIONS, VOTING AND TENURE |
| Sub-heading (if needed) |                                                |
| Clause number           |                                                |

## PROPOSAL

*Add* a new paragraph on page 10, between iv. “Voting and Tenure of office” of the CC and 2. Board Directors – a) Qualifications”.

**A country may nominate only one member to stand for Office on the IIW Executive Committee and International Governing Body. One member to be nominated for either President – Vice President – Treasurer – Constitution Chairman-Editor/MM. If a country receives nomination for more than one of the four Offices of the IIW Executive there must be an internal election to decide which Officer is elected.**

## MOTIVATION

As we are International inner wheel, to be International, all Officers of IIW governing body should be from different countries.

# GENERAL MOTION – ELECTION WITH DETAILED REPORT

PROPOSED BY CLUB TRIESTE D206 / SECONDED BY: CLUB TORINO EUROPE D204



## **REFERENCE of the General Motion**

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## **GENERAL MOTION**

Following every vote for the election of the IIW Governing Body, a detailed report of the results shall be made public, including the total number of clubs voting and the number of votes cast for each candidate.

## **MOTIVATION**

We believe it is essential for our organization to operate with the highest level of transparency. Empowering all members with access to comprehensive information regarding the election of the Governing Body isn't just a democratic principle; it actively strengthens the trust, engagement, and informed participation of every member.

# INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - HYBRID FORM

PROPOSED BY ITALY D209/ SECONDED BY: OPEN



## REFERENCE of the PROPOSAL

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Page number             | 24                       |
| Main heading            | International Convention |
| Sub-heading (if needed) | 2                        |
| Clause number           |                          |

## PROPOSAL

After 2 add 3: “International Conventions will be organised in a hybrid form, allowing Inner Wheel members to participate either in person or virtually. If necessary, in virtual form only.

## MOTIVATION

Thanks to the widespread use of digital technologies within Inner Wheel, it is now possible to organise the Convention in a hybrid format. This approach enables significantly greater participation by members in the most important event held by the International Inner Wheel. Moreover, smaller clubs or districts may not have sufficient financial resources to cover the travel expenses of Voting Delegates, but no member should be prevented from holding office due to financial constraints. If, for serious reasons, it becomes impossible to convene members in person, the Convention will be held virtually, as was the case with the 18th Convention—the first virtual Convention in Inner Wheel history.

# NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

PROPOSED BY FIRENZE IRIS, ITALY D209/ SECONDED BY: FIRENZE AND FIRENZE MEDICEAA



## REFERENCE of the PROPOSAL¶

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|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Page number¶             | ...20¶                                   |
| Main heading¶            | ·NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES¶               |
| Sub-heading (if needed)¶ | ·Duties of the National Representatives¶ |
| Clause number¶           | ·1¶                                      |

## PROPOSAL

ADD: To ensure that all members are informed about the updates from the international level, it would be appropriate for her (or her Deputy) to deliver an address at the district meetings

## MOTIVATION

The National Representative serves as the voice of the IGB to the members. She provides reports on the annual theme, the social project, and on initiatives and proposals originating from IGB world.

# DUAL MEMBERSHIP

PROPOSED BY GB / SECONDED BY:



## **PROPOSAL received from NR Pat Rusell**

Women who are already members of an Inner Wheel Club may become Dual Members of another Inner Wheel Club by paying the required Club subscription to their second Club.

An Inner Wheel DualMember May participate and vote at the meetings of both Clubs on matters relating to those Clubs, but she may only vote on Constitutional matters and resolutions on public affairs or stand for election as an Officer, Committee Member at her main Inner Wheel Club.

The Association may alter this provision by adopting bylaws to permit an Inner Wheel Dual Member to stand for election as an Officer or Committee Member in her second Club.

Each Dual Member must pay an additional subscription to her second Club as may be decided by Association, District and Club.

Termination of membership as stated in the bylaws.

# DUAL MEMBERSHIP

PROPOSED BY GB / SECONDED BY:



## MOTIVATION

Geographically some members find it impossible to travel to their main Club at times. To have another Club within the same District to belong to as a Dual Member would keep them in touch with Inner Wheel.

Clubs with low membership would benefit from additional ladies from another local Club supporting them in a range of ways. We hope that the host Club could then seek new members to boost their numbers.

We also have in place a five year strategy plan to take us forward into the next century. And the Association website includes a large amount of useful information for our members.

Inner Wheel must prioritise communication, mentorship, and inclusivity. Understanding members concerns and involving them in discussions will foster trust and collaboration. Recognising the past achievements and contributions of long-standing members will build a sense of value and respect. Mentorship and support will help ease fears and facilitate a smoother transition towards change. By adapting to the changing needs of members and streamlining bureaucracy, Inner Wheel can address challenges and build a vibrant future while honouring its rich legacy.

In summary, Inner Wheel can flourish by encouraging positive engagement, embracing change, enhancing communication and involvement, and showcasing its value by rebranding and increased visibility.

Recognising and appreciating members contributions will foster a sense of belonging and purpose, inspiring continued dedication to the organisations core values of friendship and service.

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