



International Inner Wheel

PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

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PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

PART 1. Proposals for pages 1 – 16 of the Constitution

- A. PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL BOARD Proposals 1- 11**
- a) CHANGES TO GOVERNING BODY RULES**

PROPOSAL 1

Page 5

GOVERNING BODY

B Board Directors (Page 7)

Before Tenure of office insert:

In the election of Board Directors the first thirteen places will be filled by the nominees receiving the highest number of votes. The remaining three places are reserved for nominees from countries having fewer than 1,000 members (as at the previous 30 June). The three nominees elected to these places will be those receiving the highest number of votes save where one or more of those nominees has already been selected to fill one of the first thirteen places the next three highest scoring nominees will be chosen from this group of countries. In the event of there being fewer than three nominees from this group of countries the remaining places will be taken by the nominee or nominees with the next highest number of votes.

No country in this group (i.e. with fewer than 1,000 members) shall have a person serving as a Board Director for more than two consecutive years, but may nominate a candidate again after an interval of one year.

Motivation

At present there are 27 countries eligible to nominate a candidate for the position of Board Director. Of these the countries with a smaller number of members have had less than 10% of seats on the Board since it was reduced to 16 Directors. This proposal would ensure representation on the Governing Body by countries with smaller membership, thus making it more truly international.

PROPOSAL 2

Page 5

GOVERNING BODY

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

A Officers:

a) President. Add 'or the International Inner Wheel Treasurer'.

b) Vice President. Add 'or the International Inner Wheel Treasurer'.

Motivation

To recognise that the office of International Inner Wheel Treasurer is an appropriate qualification to be President and/or Vice President.

PROPOSAL 3

Page 5

GOVERNING BODY

Add as 'C' – 'Constitution Chairman.

The Constitution Chairman shall be appointed by the Board annually and may serve for a maximum of three years. The Constitution Chairman to have one vote.

Motivation

To clarify that the Constitution Chairman is a member of the Board with the same voting rights as the Officers and Board Directors.

PROPOSAL 4

Page 5

GOVERNING BODY

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

A Officers

a) President

Nominations:

After 'Any District Committee may nominate a member suitably qualified for the office of President'

Add 'If a candidate is elected President of International Inner Wheel the District Committee(s) of her Governing Body cannot nominate another President within a period of 5 consecutive years'.

Motivation

This new rule would give a greater opportunity to all those Inner Wheel countries or Governing Bodies who have never had an International Inner Wheel President.

PROPOSAL 5

Page 8

ELECTION OF GOVERNING BODY

Delete: Paragraph 1.

Add: new paragraph

1. Nominations, with the consent of the nominee, may be made by District Committees of the National Body of which they are members, to their National Body. In the event that 2 or more nominations for any one office are made by District Committees in the same National Body, there must be an election organised by the National Body. The National Body must forward to the District Committee, whose nomination was successful, the result of the election. The District Committee must then submit a completed nomination form to International Inner Wheel Headquarters not later than 30 September.

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.

Motivation

To clarify the way in which nominations and internal elections are managed

PROPOSAL 6

Page 9

COMMITTEES

2. Constitution Committee.

Delete: paragraph.

Add: 'The Constitution Committee shall consist of the Constitution Chairman, the President and Vice President.'

Motivation

To clarify the composition of the Constitution Committee.

PROPOSAL 7

Page 7

3. Meetings

Delete: 'unanimous'

Add: 'by a 75%majority'.

Motivation:

This would be a fairer way of dealing with what might be a critical problem requiring a solution in between Board Meetings.

PROPOSAL 8

Page 11

4. **Payments**

The existing clause to be deleted and replaced as follows: -

“Any payment from the funds of International Inner Wheel may be made by cheque, standing order, direct debit or bank transfer provided that payment is authorised and evidenced in writing by two members of the International Inner Wheel Executive Committee”.

Motivation:

The current wording is rather outdated and does not reflect current commercial financial practice for dealing with the management of the finances of an organisation. Further there are organisations which will not accept payments by cheques below specified sums or at all!

PROPOSAL 9

Page 13

CONVENTION

4. **6th Line**

After ‘each Past President of International Inner Wheel Add ‘and each Past Treasurer of International Inner Wheel is to be a Voting Delegate’. On the 5th line delete ‘and’ add a comma after National Representative so the first part of 4. reads as:-

‘Each Club, each District Committee and each National Governing Body is entitled to send 1 Voting Delegate and appoint a deputy in the event of a vacancy. Each International Inner Wheel Officer, each Board Director, each National Representative, each Past President of International Inner Wheel and each Past Treasurer of International Inner Wheel is to be a Voting Delegate.’

Motivation

That as Past Officers of International Inner Wheel, Past Treasurers should have the same ex-officio voting status as Past IIW Presidents.

PROPOSAL 10

Page 14

STANDING ORDERS

Delete 1. Add as 1. 'The President the Vice President or, if circumstances necessitate, an International Inner Wheel Past President shall preside at the Convention as proposed by the Executive Committee of International Inner Wheel and ratified by a simply majority at the Meeting of the Governing Body immediately prior to the Convention'.

Motivation

To put into place a third qualified person able to preside at the Convention in case of unforeseen problems.

PROPOSAL 11

Page 14

STANDING ORDERS

8. Delete: 3 in second line
Insert: 2 in second line
10. Delete: 10
Insert: as 10:

The proposer of a proposal shall not only have a right of reply to the proposal but also to any amendment to the proposal but shall not speak for more than 2 minutes.

14. Delete: 3 in second line
Insert: 2 in second line

Motivation

This proposal not only clarifies the position of the proposer in so far as having a right of reply on both the proposal and any amendment to the proposal is concerned but also provides uniformity as to the amount of time an individual may speak. This will reduce the time spent in the Business Session at a Convention to enable more time to be spent in seminars.

OTHER PROPOSALS

1. MEMBERSHIP

1. OF INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL

PROPOSAL 12

***Proposed by District 69 France
Seconded by the Inner Wheel Club of Bayonne-Biarritz- Cote
Basque District 69 France***

Page 2

MEMBERSHIP

1. Of International Inner Wheel
line 3 after "is"

Delete: 12

Insert: 10

Motivation

This would allow the organisation to create new clubs more rapidly. It is sometimes difficult to find 12 candidates. If you have found 10 very motivated candidates, why let them wait, they would have all their time to look for more members after having received their Charter. The Charter ceremony can help convince other females who are related to Rotarians or Inner Wheel members to join.

2 WIDEN MEMBERSHIP

PROPOSAL 13

***Proposed by the Inner Wheel Club of Antwerp II District 217
Belgium-Luxembourg***

***Seconded by the Inner Wheel Club of Mandel-Leie, District 217
Belgium-Luxembourg***

Page 3

MEMBERSHIP

4 Of Clubs

- A** Add to the first sentence (after 18 years)
'and accepted by 75% of the club members'

Motivation

Club members must have the opportunity to give their advice concerning the admission of new members.

PROPOSAL 14

***Proposed by the Inner Wheel Club of Saar, District 86 Germany
Seconded by Bad Kreuznach District 86, Germany***

Page 3

MEMBERSHIP

4 Of Clubs

A Active Membership

Insert after "The female partner of a male Rotarian, membership may be retained notwithstanding the resignation or death of the Rotarian."
A member of an Inner Wheel Club who resigns from the Club should not be allowed to enter the Club again later on. Exception is made of course for members moving to another town or country.

Motivation

In the past it happened that members of Inner Wheel Clubs used the possibility of leaving the Club and entering it again as a means to obtain the resignation of the executive board or the president of the Club. When this was achieved they joined the Club again.

PROPOSAL 15

***Proposed by the National Governing Body Germany
Seconded by the National Council Denmark***

Page 3

MEMBERSHIP

4 Of Clubs

A Add to the first sentence (after 18 years)
'and accepted by 75% of the club members'

e)

Honorary members having served for at least 2 years within a club, may then be offered membership as Active Members of that Club, providing that a majority of the Club agrees. This category of membership must not exceed 4 at any given time.

Delete the last sentence
"This category of membership must not exceed 4 at any given time."

Add: "The size of this category of membership to be decided by each club."

Motivation

The restriction of 4 slows down the development of clubs. We would still take our members from the women provided by Rotary. We owe it to our predecessors to strengthen the organisation.

PROPOSAL 16

***Proposed by the Inner Wheel club of Atherstone District 6 GB & I
Seconded by the Inner Wheel Club of Coventry District 6 GB & I***

Page 3

MEMBERSHIP

4 Of Clubs

A e)

Delete the second sentence which reads:-

'This category of membership must not exceed 4 at any given time.'

Motivation

- 1) A person considered for Active Membership in this category has been known to the Club for at least 2 years and their worth recognised.*
- 2) No other category of membership carries this discrimination of members.*
- 3) There is a safety mechanism for the club in that a majority of club members is required to propose membership in this class.*

PROPOSAL 17

***Proposed by the Inner Wheel Club of Mandel-Leie District 62
Belgium-Luxembourg
Seconded by the Inner Wheel Club of Wetteren, District 62
Belgium-Luxembourg***

Page 2

MEMBERSHIP

4 Of Clubs

A

e)

Fifth line Delete 4

Insert 8 nor more than 50% of the total active club membership.

Motivation

It is disappointing that only 4 honorary members can become active members and that the 4 remaining honorary members remain honorary members. This prevents them from active participation in the Club as well as to become members of the committee. They cannot participate in the decision making process of the club as they cannot vote.

PROPOSAL 18

***Proposed by District 69 France
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Bayonne-Biarritz-Cote Basque
District 69 France***

Page 3

MEMBERSHIP

4 Of Clubs

A Active Membership

Add After e) as f)

f) "A female who has participated in a programme of Rotary International – such as Student's Exchange Ambassadorial Scholarships and Group Study Exchange (GSE) –and who has been personally invited to join."

Motivation

Females who have participated in one of these programmes of Rotary have a good knowledge about its organisation, its humanitarian and educational commitment and its aims. Clubs should be allowed to invite such females to join their Clubs as active members. These ladies would not join by right, but by invitation.

PROPOSAL 19

Proposed by District 69 France

Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Pau District 69 France

Page 3

MEMBERSHIP

4 Of Clubs

A Active Membership

Add After e) as f)

f) Females without any relationship to Rotarians, but who share International Inner Wheel objects who have been presented by 2 active members and accepted by a majority of the Club members. This category must not exceed 4 at any given time.

Motivation

There are many Service-minded females who share our ideals and whom we would like to invite to join our movement. We need to increase our membership. A little bit of fresh blood would do no harm to our identification with Rotary. It is up to us to teach them our spirit and our ways. And perhaps their male family members would like to join Rotary.

PROPOSAL 20

**Proposed by National Council Inner Wheel New Zealand
Seconded by District NZ291 New Zealand**

Page 2

MEMBERSHIP

4 Of Clubs

C Honoured Active Membership (Page 3)

Delete: Whole Paragraph

Insert:

“A Club may confer Honoured Active Membership on an Active Member who has given outstanding service to Inner Wheel. The Club will pay the members dues for the year in which Honoured Active Membership is awarded. In the following years, she retains Honoured Active status but pays all her own dues. Such a member retains all the rights of Active membership for life or until she leaves Inner Wheel.”

Motivation

It is not clear from the Constitution why the status of Honoured Active Membership has to be renewed annually. This makes it look like a one off success premium as opposed to genuine Honoured membership. If this is the highest distinction that a Club can give a member why should it be awarded for one year only? By inserting that the Club pays the members dues for the year in which it is awarded it does not make the continuation of the award a burden on Club funds but allows for the continued recognition of the member.

PROPOSAL 21

***Proposed by the Inner Wheel Club of Pune, District 313, India
Seconded by District 313***

Page 2

MEMBERSHIP

4 Of Clubs

D Honorary Membership (Page 4)

Insert: as b) Honorary Active Member

Having served for 2 years within a club and with the approval of majority of the club members, Honorary member may be offered Active Membership of that club. Such Member has all the rights of an active member. This category of membership must not exceed 4 at any given time.

Motivation

New Class of Active Membership has been established. It is only natural that this category of Active Membership is clearly defined under that heading to make clear the status of Honorary Member turned Active Member.

PROPOSAL 22

***Proposed by the Inner Wheel Club of Antibes, District 73, France
Seconded by Cagnes Sur Mer District 73 France***

Page 4

MEMBERSHIP

D Honorary Membership

Delete:

“up to 4 persons”

Add:

“The number of Honorary Members is decided by the Club”

Motivation

It is unfortunate, if the Club desires, to lose future active members. It is up to each Club to estimate its own ability to integrate Honorary Members according to the possibilities of local recruitment, often depending on the size of the Rotary Club and their average age.

PROPOSAL 23

***Proposed by the Inner Wheel Club of Pune, District 313, India
Seconded by District 313 India***

Page 2

MEMBERSHIP

4 Of Clubs

F Transfers (page 4)

a)

Delete: "a nearby"
Add: "any I.W. Club"

Motivation

As per new rules, a qualified I.W. Member can join any club most suited to her, so she can also take transfer to any club convenient to her to suit her demand of location or otherwise. It could be in other area, State or even in other country.

PROPOSAL 24

***Proposed by the Inner Wheel Club of Pune, District 313, India
Seconded by District 313***

Page 2

MEMBERSHIP

4 Of Clubs

F Transfers (page 4)

b)

Delete: 1st paragraph

Motivation

As per new rules I.W Membership is taken up through many more categories. So long as I.W member pays her dues, she has a right to be the member of her club independent status of only a Rotarian is no more applicable for transfer of an active member in any I.W. Club.

PROPOSAL 25

***Proposed by District 69 France
Seconded by the Inner Wheel Club of La Rochelle,
District 69, France***

Page 4

MEMBERSHIP

4 Of Clubs

G Retirement

Line 1

Delete "elderly"

Motivation

Sickness and infirmity do not only strike "elderly" members. Younger members who cannot continue through sickness or infirmity must have the same right to be termed "retired".

3 CHANGES TO GOVERNING BODY RULES

PROPOSAL 26

*Proposed by the National Council Italy
Seconded by National Council France, Andorra, Morocco,
Algeria, Tunisia and National Council of Belgium-Luxembourg*

Page 6

GOVERNING BODY

2 A

b) Vice President

Qualifications

Delete:

Must have served at some time as a President of a National Governing Body, or an International Inner Wheel Board Director or a Board Member

Insert:

Must have served at some time as Treasurer of the International Inner Wheel or as International Inner Wheel Board Director.

Motivation

This proposal is aimed to secure a better qualification at the highest levels: in order to undertake the office of Vice President, it is necessary to have served in the International Inner Wheel Governing Body.

PROPOSAL 27

***Proposed by the National Council Italy
Seconded by National Council France, Andorra, Morocco,
Algeria, Tunisia and National Council of Belgium-Luxembourg***

Page 6

GOVERNING BODY

2 A

a) President

Qualification

Delete:

Must have served at some time as a President of a National Governing Body, or an International Inner Wheel Board Director or a Board Member.

Insert:

At the time of the nomination, she must be Vice-President of the International Inner Wheel

Motivation

This proposal is aimed to turn an established practice into a specific rule.

PROPOSAL 28

***Proposed by the Inner Wheel Club of Nagpur, District 303, India
Seconded by District 303 India***

Page 11

TRUSTEES

4

Delete:

“1 from Great Britain and Ireland and 1 from another country”

Motivation

“1 from Great Britain and Ireland and 1 from another country” the equal opportunity will be availed to the qualified members in any country to become trustees. Earlier (in 1962) members from countries outside Great Britain and Ireland were not given rights to become officers but in 1967 when International Inner Wheel came into being opportunity was given to qualified members in any country to become officer of International Inner Wheel.

PROPOSAL 29

***Proposed by the District 206 Italy
Seconded by District 204 Italy***

Page 12

AFFILIATION

Add:

The Inner Wheel may co-operate with national, regional and local institutions which undertake socially relevant initiatives with objects that are similar to, and do not contrast with, those of the Inner Wheel.

Motivation

It is right that the Inner Wheel should offer its active support to and share projects with institutions which both pursue the common interest and are of benefit to local, regional and national communities.

PROPOSAL 30

***Proposed by the District 204 Italy
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Monza District 204 Italy***

Page 12

AFFILIATION

Insert: at end of fourth sentence after “control”

“but it can collaborate with other female service organisations which promote the same objectives on a local, District or National level.”

Motivation

To work together with other organisations which share our own ideals for the benefit of the community. In order that Inner Wheel will not remain excluded from assemblies where other service organisations unite to foster the same objects of International Inner Wheel.

PROPOSAL 31

***Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Torino Europea District 204 Italy
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Trapani District 211 Italy***

Page 12

AFFILIATION

Insert after AFFILIATION "COOPERATION"

Insert

A. Cooperation with Rotary International

Inner Wheel will encourage Clubs, Districts and National Bodies to consider Rotary International as a privileged partner in projects, programmes and schemes aimed to improve international solidarity and cultural relationships, and promote worldwide peace and understanding. All this, in keeping with their respective rights to self-determination.

Motivation

Inner Wheel with its own specific organisation and Constitution, is inspired by the Rotarian ideals and aims, and this is even displayed in its symbol, the wheel. The "Inner Wheel" recalls our Rotarian origins, the same shared feelings in acting and serving, and this should make us feel as part of the same family.

PROPOSAL 32

***Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Torino Europea District 204 Italy
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Trapani District 211,
Inner Wheel Club of Firenze Iris District 209 Italy***

Page 12

AFFILIATION

Insert after AFFILIATION "COOPERATION"

Insert

B Cooperation with Non-Governmental Organisations

Inner Wheel will encourage Clubs, Districts and National Bodies to cooperate with Non-Governmental Organisations pursuing the same aims as IW, in keeping with the respective rights to self-determination. A recognition proportioned to the form of cooperation given has to be secured for Inner Wheel, in order to spread information regarding IIW service activities.

Motivation

Too often other NGOs pursue similar programmes. Joining forces and cooperating thus means to improve action effectiveness and achieve more significant goals.

3 CHANGES TO CONVENTION RULES

PROPOSAL 33

***Proposed by the Inner Wheel Club of Arizgnano, District 206, Italy
Seconded by National Governing Body Italy***

Page 13

CONVENTION

1

Delete: "three years."

Insert: "five years."

Motivation

Three years are not enough to translate, publish, assimilate and put into practice the various amendments to our international Constitution carried by the Convention. The Clubs cannot avail themselves of the amended Constitution for some years. In fact when they receive it, it is no more up to date because further amendments have been carried at a subsequent Convention.

We think that a five years' interval between Conventions is sufficient to put into practice and judge the various amendments carried by the latest Convention and to better understand which further amendments it is advisable to submit.

PROPOSAL 34

***Proposed by the Inner Wheel Club of Coimbatore District 320 India
Seconded by District 320 India***

Page 13

CONVENTION

4

Line 8 after "National Representative"

Insert "A Past National Representative, A Past Board Member, A
Past Board Director"

Motivation

If a National Representative cannot attend an International Inner Wheel Convention there would still be someone that the clubs know well and would like to have as their proxy holder. Even if the National Representative does attend, the clubs would have a choice of Members whom they know well and would entrust their proxy vote with. This ensures a larger representation of voting delegates from a Country. A Board Director cannot represent her country but a Past Board Director can.

PROPOSAL 35

***Proposed by the National Council Belgium & Luxembourg
Seconded by District 62, District 163 and Inner Wheel Club of
Bruxelles Belgium & Luxembourg***

Page 13

BUSINESS OF THE CONVENTION

4 Each Club

Line 1 after “of a vacancy”

Insert: “ Each Club with more than 30 members (on 30th of last June) is entitled to send 2 voting delegates and to appoint a deputy in the event of a vacancy.”

Motivation

*Large or small Clubs have the same amount of voting delegates.
To have more equity.*

PROPOSAL 36

***Proposed by the Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore District 319 India
Seconded by District 319 India***

Page 13

CONVENTION

4 second line

Insert after the second line “and 3 Voting Delegates for above 100 Members”

Now the sentence would read as “Each Club, each District Committee and each National Governing Body is entitled to send 1 Voting Delegate and 3 Voting Delegates for above 100 Members and to appoint a deputy in the event of a vacancy.

Motivation

Voting representation must be in consonance with membership strength.

PROPOSAL 37

***Proposed by the Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore South District 319 India
Seconded by District 319 India***

Page 13

CONVENTION

4 Last paragraph

Delete 70 proxy votes and insert 50% of the District/National Governing Body proxy votes.

Now the sentence would read as Any voting delegate other than the International Inner Wheel Proxy Vote Holder, must not hold more than 50% of the District/ National Governing Body proxy votes.

Motivation

It is not fair to have the number 70 as a common figure to all Districts. Some Districts and National Governing Bodies have more clubs than others. A fixed percentage is more justified and ideal than an absolute fixed number. We suggest 50% as a fair number to all Districts.

GENERAL MOTIONS

These will be taken if time permits at the conclusion of the Final Business Session

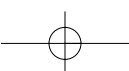
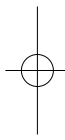
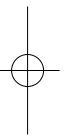
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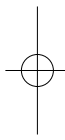
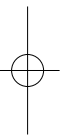
The International Inner Wheel Governing Body recommends an increase of in the Capitation Fee effective from July 1, 2010.

Motivation

Any proposal to alter the capitation fee at the Convention must be circulated in writing to all Clubs at least 4 calendar months prior to the Convention.

The Board will confirm this in due course i.e. whether it intends to propose an increase or not. At this point the motivation will be set out fully.





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