

# PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

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## A. PROPOSED BY INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL GOVERNING BODY

### PROPOSAL 1

#### Page 6 – INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY.

Add new number 4 after number 3. To read as:

4. Not more than two nominations may be submitted for election to the International Executive Committee from any one country.

#### MOTIVATION

This provision supports fair and balanced international representation within the International Executive Committee. By limiting the number of members from any one country, it ensures participation from a wider range of nations and brings diverse perspectives, experiences, and ideas into the organisation's leadership. This strengthens inclusivity, equity, and the truly international character of decision-making, while fostering a spirit of shared responsibility among member countries.

### PROPOSAL 2

#### Page 10 – d) Constitution Chairman – iv. Tenure of Office.

Replace the rest of the paragraph from "...only" with: "She must be nominated and elected in a Convention year to serve between conventions. Her tenure will begin on 1st July following the Convention." To read as:

- iv. Tenure of office  
The Constitution Chairman may serve for a maximum of 3 consecutive years only. She must be nominated and elected in a Convention year to serve between conventions. Her tenure will begin on 1st July following the Convention.

#### MOTIVATION

It is essential that the Constitution Chairman serves continuously for a three-year period. This ensures consistency in guiding, advising, and instructing members in their day-to-day work, as well as in answering queries and clarifying doubts relating to the Constitution. Continuous tenure is particularly important during the preparation for a Convention, when clear and accurate constitutional guidance is critical. A three-year term provides stability and uniform interpretation throughout the Convention cycle and enables the Constitution Chairman to complete her role after the Convention by updating the Constitution and Handbook with all approved amendments, ensuring clarity, accuracy, and effective implementation.



## PROPOSAL 3

### Page 16 – EDITOR/MEDIA MANAGER – 5 a) Tenure of Office

Under 5 a), replace “3 consecutive years” with “2 consecutive years”. To read as:

- a) The Editor may serve for a maximum of 2 consecutive years but must be elected annually.

#### MOTIVATION

Reducing the Editor’s maximum tenure from three years to two years ensures greater dynamism, fresh perspectives, and renewed creativity in the organisation’s publications and communications. The role demands adaptability to changing communication styles, technology, and member engagement. A two-year time in office provides sufficient time for continuity and quality work while allowing periodic renewal through annual elections, thereby maintaining accountability, encouraging wider participation, and keeping the organisation’s voice current and responsive.

## B. OTHER PROPOSALS

### PROPOSAL 4

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta Old City, District 329, India.  
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Central Calcutta, District 329, India.**

#### Page 1 – Basic Rules – 1. The name shall be “International Inner Wheel”.

The word “International” should appear after “Inner Wheel”. To read as:

1. The name shall be “Inner Wheel International”.

#### MOTIVATION

“Inner Wheel” is the name of our organisation and “International” is the specification and the classification of the same at the top. The name “Inner Wheel” preceding “International” will prioritise the organisation and have even better branding. This shall fall in line with the way “Inner Wheel” has precedence over the name of the club and the number of the district. This proposal is also aligned with the nomenclature used by similar organisations worldwide through decades and has stood the test of time.



## PROPOSAL 5

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Pescara, District 209, Italy.  
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Split Palmina, District 191, Croatia.**

### Page 1 – BASIC RULES – OBJECTS.

Replace all to read as:

The objects shall be:

1. to encourage the ideals of personal service for a better collective welfare.
2. to foster a deep international understanding.
3. to promote true friendship among all the members, to serve with a greater enthusiasm.

### MOTIVATION

The present situation differs greatly from that of Margarett Golding, and we must adapt to the standards and expectations of women today. Friendship, in general, can be nurtured regardless of affiliation. Yet, "Inner Wheel friendship" is distinctive: it arises from the shared enthusiasm of working together, and it is boosted by the commitment to meeting the needs of clubs and communities that might otherwise remain unmet. We therefore invite other women first to join us in service, to naturally and consecutively develop meaningful friendships. At the same time, we must recognise the need to remain attractive and relevant, particularly to active and high-performing women. Today, the motivation to serve is a far stronger call than the pursuit of friendship alone.

## PROPOSAL 6

**Proposed by National Governing Body of Italy.  
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Palermo Igea, District 211, Italy.**

### Page 3 – MEMBERSHIP – 4. At Club level – b) Types of membership – C. Honorary Membership.

After "iii. The number should not exceed 4 at any given time", add:

- iv. Such members shall be subject to re-election annually.

### MOTIVATION

The absence of specific regulation may give rise to differing interpretations regarding the duration of membership in the category of Honorary Members.



## **PROPOSAL 7**

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**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Firenze, District 209, Italy.  
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Firenze Iris, District 209, Italy and  
Inner Wheel Club of Firenze Medicea, District 209, Italy**

### **Page 4 – MEMBERSHIP**

After “6. Retirement”, add new number 7. Renumber the following numbers as 8 and 9. To read as:

7. Resignation  
A resigned member can rejoin her Club or join another Club. She shall retain all qualifications and entitlements previously acquired.

### **MOTIVATION**

To clarify that the resigned member who is readmitted shall retain her previously acquired qualifications.

## **PROPOSAL 8**

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**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Penrith, District 19, Great Britain & Ireland.  
Seconded by District 4, Great Britain & Ireland.**

### **Page 4 – BASIC RULES – MEMBERSHIP – 7. Termination of Membership**

After 7a, add new item b, then renumber the following points to c, d, and e.

- “b) If a member has brought Inner Wheel into disrepute by maligning another member or members and a written signed complaint has been submitted to the District Executive Committee, the Committee may take appropriate action. The member concerned may be informed that such behaviour is not in keeping with the principles and standards upheld by International Inner Wheel and may be requested to terminate her membership.”

To read as follows:



- a) Active Membership terminates on failure to pay the annual subscription by 31<sup>st</sup> December or by exclusion for serious reasons, the member concerned having a right of reply.
- b) If a member has brought Inner Wheel into disrepute by maligning another member or members, and a written, signed complaint has been submitted to the District Executive Committee, the Committee may take appropriate action. The member concerned may be informed that such behaviour is not in keeping with the principles and standards upheld by International Inner Wheel and may be requested to terminate her membership.
- c) The decision to exclude a member for serious reasons must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote by the club members by way of secret ballot and submitted for agreement to the District Executive Committee, or the Executive Committee of International Inner Wheel in the case of non-districted clubs.
- d) The Club Executive Committee shall notify the member concerned of its intentions in writing at least 30 days in advance, the notice to be sent by registered mail to her last known address.
- e) No final decision is to be taken without mediation. Any Inner Wheel member going to a court of law without exhausting the provisions for such grievances within Inner Wheel may be excluded from membership of any Inner Wheel club.

## MOTIVATION

Any member whose actions or conduct bring Inner Wheel into disrepute shall be liable to exclusion from membership of any Inner Wheel Club. The intention is to safeguard the dignity, reputation, and values of Inner Wheel while ensuring that members uphold the principles and standards expected within the organisation.

## PROPOSAL 9

**Proposed by National Governing Body of Italy.**

**Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Palermo Igea, District 211, Italy.**

### Page 5 – BASIC RULES. MEMBERSHIP – 8. Membership at Large – a) iii and b) ii

- a) iii. After: “Such a member cannot vote or hold office”  
Add: “, but may participate in the most important district, national, and international events.”
- b) ii. After: “Such a member cannot vote or hold office”  
Add: “, but may participate in the most important district or international events.”



To read:

- a) iii. Payment of International Inner Wheel Capitation Fees must be made through that Governing Body. Such a member cannot vote or hold office, but may participate in the most important district, national, and international events.
- b) ii. Such a member cannot vote or hold office, but may participate in the most important district or international events.

## **MOTIVATION**

This proposal enables members with 'Membership at Large' status to participate in Inner Wheel events, helping them remain connected and engaged while sharing in the spirit of friendship and international understanding on which Inner Wheel is founded.

## **PROPOSAL 10**

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**Proposed by District 303, India.**

**Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Bhusawal, District 303, India.**

### **Pages 3 & 5 – BASIC RULES – MEMBERSHIP – b) Types of membership**

Page 3. After: "A. Active Membership, B. Honoured Active Membership, C. Honorary Membership"

Add: "D. Membership at large"

Page 5. Delete "8. Membership at Large", and move all items of 8a) and 8b) to list under "D. Membership at Large"

## **MOTIVATION**

That's the logical conclusion. "Membership at Large" is a type of Membership. Including "Membership at Large" under a type of membership rather than separately after "Termination of membership" would provide clarity and ensure that all relevant membership categories are accounted for at one place, i.e. Types of Membership A. Active Membership , B. Honoured Active Membership C. Honorary Membership and D. Membership at Large. This inclusion would help streamline membership structure and process.



## PROPOSAL 11

**Proposed by Association of Inner Wheel clubs in GB & I.  
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Bamberg, District 88, Germany.**

### Page 3 – BASIC RULES – 4. At club Level

Remove: “a) A member may only belong to one Club.”

Add after b) Types of membership, A. Active Membership: “B. Dual Membership”

Renumber B to C and C to D. To read as:

**B. Dual Membership**

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

### MOTIVATION

Dual Membership is proposed to retain as many of the current members and Clubs as possible. This membership category would be to the mutual benefit of both the individual member and each of the clubs involved, exchanging ideas and skills, sharing good practice, offering support when needed, and developing new friendships. It could allow clubs with fewer members to expand or help to broaden the age range of a club’s membership. It will help to improve the contact between clubs within a District. Clubs with low membership would benefit from additional members from another Club supporting them in a range of ways. We hope the host club could then seek new members to boost its numbers.

## PROPOSAL 12

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

### Page 7 – INTERNATONAL GOVERNING BODY. COMPOSITION – 3. Board Directors

Delete: “a) There shall be 16 Board Directors”. Add:

- a) There shall be 18 Board Directors



## MOTIVATION

At the 9th Convention at Sydney in 1993, instead of 26 Board members, 16 Board Directors on the Board of the International Governing Body was passed. It came in force from 1994-1995. It has been more than 30 years. Inner Wheel has grown significantly since then. More Clubs, more Districts and more countries have come up. There is significant increase in the number of National Representatives and Past National Representatives, thanks to the new changes in rules. Today more qualified members for the Board Director's post are around the globe and so more qualified members from different countries should be represented on the International Governing Body. Thus, restructuring the number of Board Directors is a progressive step towards more inclusive, effective and diverse global leadership.

## PROPOSAL 13

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club Pune Riverside, District 313, India.**

**Seconded by District 313, India.**

**Pages 6 & 7 – INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY – COMPOSITION.**

Page 6, number 1, replace "and" with comma, and replace full stop with ", and Editor/Media Manager". To read:

1. The International Governing Body consists of the Officers, the Board Directors, and Editor/Media Manager.

Page 7, add new number 4. To read:

4. Editor/Media Manager
  - (a) The Editor/Media Manager has 1 vote.

## MOTIVATION

IIW Constitution (page 37) awards District Editor status of an ex-officio member of District governing body with voting right to attend governing body meetings. Similarly, the Editor/Media Manager needs to receive this status. She shoulders important portfolio. Plethora of information flows through her for branding and image building of Inner Wheel through the maximum possible channels of communication. It is imperative she becomes a member of the International Governing Body, attends the meetings rightfully like Board Directors to enable her to discharge duties with greater care and deeper understanding. Constitution (page 16) states that she may be invited at International Governing Body and Executive Committee meetings, and the Triennial Conventions. Indirectly, thus agrees and understands the importance of her role. Now IIW needs to award the Editor/Media Manager rightful status of the member of International Governing Body.



## PROPOSAL 14

**Proposed by District 303, India.**

**Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Khamgaon, District 303, India.**

### **Page 16 – Editor/Media Manager – 2. Qualifications.**

Delete the whole sentence below the heading “Qualifications”. Add:

- a) Must have served as President on a National Governing Body and as District Chairman for at least 1 year at the time of nomination, where she is from a National Governing Body, OR
- b) Must have served as District Chairman and District Editor for at least 1 year at the time of nomination where she is not from a National Governing Body.

### **MOTIVATION**

A Past National President and a Past District Chairman, having held a leadership role, would be a more suitable candidate for Editor/Media Manager compared to a District Editor. The Chairman’s experience would provide Leadership skills, strategic thinking, broader perspective. This background would better equip them for international media management responsibilities.

## PROPOSAL 15

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Firenze Iris, District 209, Italy.**

**Seconded by Inner Wheel Club Firenze, District 209, Italy.  
and Inner Wheel Club of Firenze Medicea, District 209, Italy.**

### **Pages 22 – NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES – Duties of the National Representative**

Add a new number 2 after number 1, then renumber 2, 3 and 4 to 3, 4 and 5, respectively. The new number 2 reads as:

2. To keep all members fully informed of the latest developments and updates from International Inner Wheel, it is recommended that she or her Deputy, present a report at the District and National Governing Body meetings.

### **MOTIVATION**

The National Representative serves as the voice of International Inner Wheel to the members. The National Representative plays a key role in connecting members with the International Governing Body. By reporting on the International theme, social projects, and all initiatives, she ensures that members in her districts and country are well-informed, engaged, and inspired to actively participate in the work of International Inner Wheel.



## PROPOSAL 16

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**Proposed by District 206, Italy.**

**Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Trieste, District 206, Italy.**

### Page 24 – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

After number 2, add a new number 3:

3. International Conventions will be organised in hybrid form, allowing Inner Wheel members to participate either in person or virtually. If necessary, just virtually.

### MOTIVATION

Thanks to the widespread use of digital technologies within Inner Wheel, it is now possible to organise the Convention in hybrid form. This approach enables significantly greater participation by members in the most important event held by International Inner Wheel. Moreover smaller clubs and 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.

## PROPOSAL 17

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**Proposed by District 199, Switzerland & Liechtenstein.**

**Seconded by National Governing Body of Netherlands.**

### Page 24 & 25 – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – VOTING DELEGATES.

Page 24, number 1, add after “b) ...each National Representative”: “or each Deputy National Representative (if replacing the National Representative)”.

To read:

- b) 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.

Page 25, number 2, add after “...a National Representative”: “or a Deputy National Representative (if replacing the National Representative)”.



To read:

2. 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 a 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.

## PROPOSAL 18

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Bruxelles Renaissance, District 217, Belgium & Luxembourg and Inner Wheel Club of Madras Metro, District 323, India. Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Namur Confluent, District 217, Belgium & Luxembourg and Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Galaxy, District 323, India.**

### Page 35 – STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS – 18. Finance and Audit – c) Expenses.

Add under “c) Expenses...”:

- (i) Expenses incurred in carrying out the work of the Club shall be met from Club funds.
- (ii) Two accounts should be kept:  
No. 1 General Account, No. 2 Charity Account
- (iii) The Treasurer should give a report of both these two accounts at each Club meeting.

## MOTIVATION

The Handbook, page 58, “6. Treasurer, e)” says, “Two accounts should be kept: ~ Account N°1 General Account. ~ Account N°2 Charity Account”. We propose that this be written into the International Constitution so that this rule is followed by all clubs. By inserting in the International Constitution the requirement to maintain a Club General Account and Charity Account, Inner Wheel is demonstrating that it is managing its finances in a transparent manner. With the Charity Account, our generous donors can be assured that their contributions are used solely for social service.



## PROPOSAL 19

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Cuernavaca Chipitlan, District 418, Mexico.  
Seconded by District 418, Mexico.**

### Page 31 – STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS – 3. Club Governing Body.

Under 3 “b) Other Members”, add after “~ International Service Organiser”:

~ Extension/Membership Chairman or Organiser

Replace 3c to read:

c) Not more than 5 other members.

### MOTIVATION

Our organisation constantly requires an increase in the number of members in the clubs since it is the only way for us to remain active for many more years. Without more members, we are predicted to disappear. Having an Extension/Membership Organiser in the clubs working together with the District Extension/Membership Organiser in a direct and special way will give her more strength, commitment and responsibility to meet the objective of looking for new members, and with this able to increase membership in IIW.

## PROPOSAL 20

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Shimoga East, District 318, India.  
Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Mid-town, District 318, India and  
Inner Wheel Club of Nanjungud, District 318, India.**

### Page 31 – STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS – 3. Club Governing Body – b) Other Members, and

### Page 37 – STANDARD RULES FOR DISTRICTS – 2. Governing Body – a) District Committee – B. Ex-officio

Page 31. Under 3 “b) Other Members”, replace “~ International Service Organiser” with: “~ Ambassador of Friendship”. To read:

b) Other Members  
~ Club Correspondent  
~ Ambassador of Friendship



Page 37. Under “B. Ex-officio members with power to vote”.  
Replace “~ International Service Chairman or Organiser” with:

~ Ambassador of Friendship

### **MOTIVATION**

In view of increasing security and data protection regulations, access to members’ contact details at the international level has become appropriately restricted. Consequently, opportunities for direct friendship exchanges and collaborative service initiatives between clubs of different countries are somewhat limited. The introduction of the role of Ambassador of Friendship would provide a structured and secure channel to foster international understanding, strengthen bonds of friendship, and encourage meaningful collaboration between clubs, while fully respecting privacy and safeguarding member information.

### **PROPOSAL 21**

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Firenze, District 209, Italy.  
Seconded by District 209, Italy.**

### **Page 35 – STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS – TRAINING.**

After items a) and b), add new item c). To read as:

- c) Each new Club shall be supported by an experienced mentor for at least the first six months of its existence.

### **MOTIVATION**

Newly formed Clubs often require guidance to understand the procedures, traditions, and objectives of Inner Wheel. The support of an experienced mentor during the initial months will help ensure stability, build confidence among members, and promote effective functioning in accordance with the principles of the organisation. This guidance may also help strengthen new Clubs and reduce the likelihood of them becoming inactive or closing down.



## PROPOSAL 22

**Proposed by District 86, Germany.**

**Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Markgräflerland, District 86, Germany.**

**Pages 31, 32, 33 – STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS – numbers 3, 5 and 11, and  
Page 38 – STANDARD RULES FOR DISTRICTS – 3. Qualifications –  
g) Webmaster**

Pages 31. Add new item 3 c) Club Webmaster. Renumber 3c as 3d, and replace 6 with 5. To read:

- c) Club Webmaster
- d) Not more than 5 other members.

Page 32. In 5 a) add after “~ International Service Organiser”: “~ Club Webmaster”. On next line, replace 6 with 5. To read:

- a) The Club members may nominate, with the consent of the nominee, members qualified for the following:
  - ~ Officers of the Club.
  - ~ Correspondent.
  - ~ International Service Organiser.
  - ~ Club Webmaster.
  - ~ Not more than 5 other members of the Executive Committee.
  - ~ Voting Delegates to the District Committee and Deputies.

Page 33. In 11, the title, add: Club Webmaster. To read:

- 11. Club Correspondent, Club International Service Organiser, Club Webmaster

Page 38. Replace “Club Correspondent” with Club Webmaster. To read:

- g) Webmaster
  - Must have served on a District Committee or served as a Club Webmaster for at least 1 year at the time of nomination.



## MOTIVATION

The increasing reliance on digital communication makes a strong online presence essential for Inner Wheel at both club and district levels. Websites, social media, and virtual platforms are key tools for communication, visibility, and engagement. A Club Webmaster with digital expertise ensures these platforms are professionally managed, enabling clear and effective information flow within the club and across Inner Wheel. As a member of the Club Governing Body, she plays an important role in maintaining consistency and strengthening outreach. At the district level, the District Webmaster manages and develops digital platforms, ensuring accuracy and timely updates. An experienced Club Webmaster is well-suited for this role, making its inclusion in the constitution necessary.

## PROPOSAL 23

**Proposed by District 199, Switzerland & Liechtenstein.  
Seconded by District 88, Germany.**

**Page 32 – STANDARD RULES FOR CLUBS – 6. President.**

Add new item (c). To read:

- c) The members of the club may nominate and, with the consent of the nominees, elect two candidates as president for a term of one year. Both shall share equally in 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 continue their Membership we suggest a job-sharing model with two motivated and cooperative Club Presidents helping each other along the way. How this is organised 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.



## PROPOSAL 24

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Montrose, District 1, Great Britain & Ireland, and Inner Wheel Club Vannes, District 150, FAMAT.**

**Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Llandeilo, District 15, Great Britain & Ireland, and Inner Wheel District 150, FAMAT.**

### Pages 37-47 – STANDARD RULES FOR DISTRICTS – 2. Governing Body

Under a) A. Officers. Replace 'Chairman' with 'President'. To read:

**A. Officers:**

- ~ President
- ~ Vice-President or Vice-Presidents
- ~ Immediate Past President
- ~ Secretary
- ~ Treasurer

B. Ex-officio members with power to vote, replace 'Chairman' with 'Officer'. To read:

**B. Ex-officio** members with power to vote:

- ~ Extension or Membership Officer or Organiser, if elected.
- ~ International Service Officer or Organiser
- ~ Editor
- ~ Webmaster

To change all similar occurrences on pages 37-47.

### MOTIVATION

This change is proposed to bring a standard naming system for all offices in line with Basic Rule No. 5 on page 1, and to create greater consistency within Inner Wheel. Today, many women are not comfortable with the term District Chairman, while others do not prefer terms such as Chair, Chairwoman, or Chairperson. In Inner Wheel we already use Club President, Association President, and International President. Changing District Chairman to District President would therefore bring uniformity at all levels of the organisation and make it easier and clearer for members to understand the leadership structure. This change will help maintain consistency and avoid confusion among members.'



## C. GENERAL MOTIONS

### GENERAL MOTION A (25)

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club Trieste, District 206, Italy.**  
**Seconded by Inner Wheel Club Torino Europea, District 204, Italy.**

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 organisation 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.

### GENERAL MOTION B (26)

**Proposed by Inner Wheel Club of Tours, District 150, FAMAT.**  
**Seconded by Inner Wheel Club of Tregor, District 150, FAMAT.**

Establish Zones within International Inner Wheel. International Inner Wheel unites 120,000 members across over 100 countries, bonded by shared values of friendship and service. However, the cultural, economic, and social contexts in which members operate are often very diverse. Creating between 6 and 12 major geographic zones would enhance IIW's capacity to support growth and engagement, particularly in rapidly expanding regions such as Asia and Africa. Each zone would be led by locally elected leaders who understand the specific needs, customs, and priorities of their communities. This structure would promote culturally relevant initiatives in areas like health, education, and fundraising, ensuring service projects are both effective and grounded in local realities. This General Motion proposes the gradual implementation of a zonal structure by 2030, following broad consultation and active participation from clubs worldwide.



## **MOTIVATION**

The aim is not to create a new, burdensome structure, but to simplify, energise, and modernise the functioning of IIW. The proposed zones would act as coordinators, supporters, and liaisons with international bodies, without replacing existing clubs, districts, or national organisations. This structure would enhance geographical representation, ensure more inclusive decision-making, and promote balanced development across diverse regions. Zones would help amplify local voices, facilitate communication, and encourage regional collaboration and innovation. They would also foster leadership development through the annual election of Board Directors from each zone, ensuring fresh perspectives and stronger ties with grassroots membership. ONE VISION, MANY VOICES, BUILDING A STRONGER FUTURE TOGETHER.



## **GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF AN AMENDMENT TO A PROPOSAL AT INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL CONVENTION 2027**

### **DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PROPOSAL AND AN AMENDMENT:**

**A PROPOSAL** is submitted in order to change or clarify a specific rule of the Constitution or of the standard rules for clubs and districts.

**An AMENDMENT to a PROPOSAL** cannot negate the original Proposal or introduce any new material.

An AMENDMENT can DELETE part of the Proposal—words, sentence(s), paragraph(s)—and INSERT or ADD a new wording in order to make the original Proposal more acceptable to the Voting Delegates at International Conventions (in the opinion of the proposer of the amendment).

### **Who can submit proposals and amendments to the Constitution?**

#### **Who can second them?**

International Governing Body  
National Governing Bodies (NGB)  
Districts  
Clubs

### **Who can submit proposals and amendments to Standard Rules for Clubs and Districts?**

Refer to previous paragraph above.

### **REFERENCES FOR AMENDMENTS**

1. The PROPOSALS 1 to 24 listed in the PROPOSALS BOOKLET for CONVENTION 2027.
2. The GENERAL MOTIONS A and B

Sent to all Districts and Clubs, downloadable from International Inner Wheel Website: [internationalinnerwheel.org](http://internationalinnerwheel.org) "Members Portal".

**IMPORTANT:** The closing date for submission is **11 November 2026**.



## STATING THE AMENDMENT TO A PROPOSAL Number... or GENERAL MOTION letter

- Mention the paragraph(s) number and the line(s) number you wish to reword.
- Delete: write the words, sentences, or part of the paragraph you wish to delete. If you want to delete 1 or more paragraphs mention only these paragraphs (e.g. 1, 2 or 3).
- Insert/Add (after/before)
- Write the amended text, sentences and words you want to insert at the place of deleted text. Or add a new text before or after a sentence or paragraph.
- To Read: State the whole sentence, especially if you change only words.
- MOTIVATION: You must give the reason for your amendment in not more than 120 words.

## EXECUTION

Do not forget to have the FORM FOR THE SUBMISSION OF AN AMENDMENT signed by an Executive Officer of Club, District or National Governing Body, and to attach a copy of the Minutes\* where it is stated that the amendment has been submitted and discussed.


- \* The copy must show when and where the Club/District/NGB Committee Meeting was held. (Normally, at the first page of the Minutes and the page where the presentation of the amendment is mentioned.)



**SAMPLE VIEW: FORM FOR SUBMISSION OF AN AMENDMENT**

Click to download from:

IIW Website > For Members > Constitution & Convention > Proposals & Results > Proposals 2027 > Amendment\_to\_Proposal\_Form\_20th Convention.docx



**Form for submission of an AMENDMENT to a Proposal**  
at the 20<sup>th</sup> International Inner Wheel Convention, 11-14 May 2027, Manila, Philippines

Each AMENDMENT is to be submitted on a separate FORM.  
Please type into the boxes provided. They expand as it fills up. (Or, print, fill by hand, scan and send. Add extra sheets if needed.)  
Click and read the [GUIDE](#) before filling this Form.  
This Form is to be received by **11 November 2026** at International Inner Wheel Headquarters (Email: [admin@internationalinnerwheel.org](mailto:admin@internationalinnerwheel.org)).

**PROPOSED BY:**  
 Club    or  District    or  National Governing Body

Club Name		Country	
District Number		Non-Districted Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
National Governing Body Name			

**SECONDED BY:**  
 Club    or  District    or  National Governing Body

Club Name		Country	
District Number		Non-Districted Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
National Governing Body Name			

**REFERENCE to the proposal (cite from booklet "Proposals to Amend the Constitution" dated March 2026)**

Page number	
Proposal number	
Name of Proposer	<input type="checkbox"/> Club    or <input type="checkbox"/> District    or <input type="checkbox"/> National Governing Body

**THE AMENDMENT.** State (1) paragraph number (2) line number (3) one or more actions followed by its text in double quotes.  
E.g. Paragraph 1 Line 3 Delete "social" Replace with "communal". Paragraph 2 Line 2 Insert "humanitarian".  
Use these action words: Delete, Insert, Insert Before, Insert After, Replace With.

**THE AMENDMENT to READ as:**

**MOTIVATION:** (NOT more than 120 words.)

**PRESENTATION at the meeting of the DISTRICT COMMITTEE where the amendment has been discussed**  
(for proposals by Clubs with Districts).

Date of meeting [dd/mm/yyyy]	
Relevant page of minutes to be attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledge

Signed below by an **Executive Officer** of the Club, District or National Governing Body which is making this Amendment.

Signature	
Last name	
Given name	
Position	



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