



Official Notice
2026 International Convention, Hong Kong, China

The following proposed amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws will be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2026 International Convention.

ITEM 1: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA TO REQUIRE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS GRANTED VOTING RIGHTS BY A DISTRICT OR MULTIPLE DISTRICT TO BE MEMBERS OF A CLUB IN GOOD STANDING IN ORDER TO VOTE BY VIRTUE OF TITLE.

(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That the International By-Laws, Article IX, Section 3. CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA be amended by inserting “in good standing” as follows:

Each chartered club in good standing in the association and its district (single, sub- and multiple) shall be entitled in each annual convention of its district (single, sub- and multiple) to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the international office of the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held, PROVIDED, however, that each such club shall be entitled to at least one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate; and FURTHER PROVIDED, that each district (single, sub- and multiple) may, by express provision in its respective constitution and by-laws, grant full delegate status to each past district governor who is a member of a club **in good standing** in such district independent of the club delegate quotas hereinabove specified. Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote of his/her choice for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote of his/her choice on each question submitted to, the respective convention. The major fraction referred to in this Section shall be five (5) or more members. Any club which is newly chartered, and any other chartered club which takes in new members prior to the convening of any such convention, shall have its delegate quota determined on the basis of members who have been enrolled in the club for at least one year and a day as shown on such record date in the records of the international office. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention.



ITEM 2: A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE SEMI-ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DUES TO BE PHASED IN OVER FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2028-2029. A MODEST, PHASED IN DUES INCREASE WILL ALLOW THE ASSOCIATION TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE MEMBERSHIP BY MAINTAINING EXISTING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND INVESTING IN NEW INITIATIVES IN THE FUTURE.

(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That effective July 1, 2028, Article XII, Section 2(a) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the phrase “twenty-five dollars (US\$25.00)” and substituting the phrase “twenty-six dollars (US\$26.00)”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That effective July 1, 2029, Article XII, Section 2(a) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the phrase “twenty-six dollars (US\$26.00)” and substituting the phrase “twenty-seven dollars (US\$27.00)”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That effective July 1, 2030, Article XII, Section 2(a) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the phrase “twenty-seven dollars (US\$27.00)” and substituting the phrase “twenty-eight dollars (US\$28.00)”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That effective July 1, 2031, Article XII, Section 2(a) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the phrase “twenty-eight dollars (US\$28.00)” and substituting the phrase “twenty-nine dollars (US\$29.00)”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That effective July 1, 2032, Article XII, Section 2(a) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the phrase “twenty-nine dollars (US\$29.00)” and substituting the phrase “thirty dollars (US\$30.00)”.

ITEM 3: A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS BY ONE AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BOARD APPOINTEES BY ONE. IT WOULD ALSO REDISTRIBUTE DIRECTOR POSITIONS BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS FROM THE UNITED STATES, ITS AFFILIATES, BERMUDA AND THE BAHAMAS BY ONE IN EVEN YEARS AND ONE IN ODD YEARS; ADDING ONE DIRECTOR IN EVEN YEARS FOR SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA, MEXICO AND THE CARIBBEAN; AND ADDING TWO DIRECTORS IN ODD YEARS FOR INDIA, SOUTH ASIA, AND THE MIDDLE EAST.

(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO ADOPT)

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?



BE IT RESOLVED, That the International Constitution, Article V. Officers and International Board of Directors, Section 3. COMPOSITION AND ELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL BOARD BY CONSTITUTIONAL AREAS, be amended effective July 1, 2027, as follows:

The International Board of Directors shall be composed of the president, immediate past president, the first, second and third vice presidents and directors, which shall be elected as follows:

In each even-numbered year, eighteen (18) directors shall be elected, consisting of ~~five (5)~~ **four (4)** from clubs in the United States of America, its affiliates, Bermuda and the Bahamas; ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** from clubs in South America, Central America, Mexico and Islands of the Caribbean Sea; three (3) from clubs in Europe; three (3) from clubs in the Orient and Southeast Asia; four (4) from clubs in India, South Asia and the Middle East; one (1) from clubs in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Islands of the South Pacific; and one (1) from clubs in Africa;

In each odd-numbered year, ~~seventeen (17)~~ **eighteen (18)** directors shall be elected, consisting of ~~six (6)~~ **five (5)** from clubs in the United States of America, its affiliates, Bermuda and the Bahamas; one (1) from clubs in Canada; one (1) from clubs in South America, Central America, Mexico and the Islands of the Caribbean Sea; three (3) from clubs in Europe; four (4) from clubs in the Orient and Southeast Asia; and ~~two (2)~~ **four (4)** from clubs in India, South Asia and the Middle East.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the International By-Laws, Article IV, Section 5. APPOINTMENTS LIMITATION, be amended effective July 1, 2028, as follows:

In exercising any power of appointment granted in these by-laws or constitution with respect to membership on any committee, the president may include past international officers of the association among such appointees, but in no event shall the total of such past international officer committee member appointments exceed ~~six (6)~~ **five (5)** in number in any one fiscal year. However, this appointment limitation shall not apply to the immediate past international president nor to appointments made under these by-laws or constitution. All such appointments of past international officers shall be for terms of one (1) year only, but successor presidents may reappoint any past international officer, subject to such total number limitation, to serve on any committee. At least one (1) of such appointees shall be from clubs in constitutional areas different from that constitutional area in which the club of the international president is a member is located.