

ARTICLE 1. MEMBERSHIP

1. A group shall only be recognized as a member organization if they have a paid membership of 30 individuals or more. Groups with less than 30 paid members may be considered for associated membership. The Council may periodically carry out audits of organizations to document membership numbers.
2. Member organizations shall commit to carrying out one or more programmes devised by the Council as described in Article 3.a, consistent with the fundamental policies adopted by Congress.
3. The annual membership dues for the Member Organizations (MOs) shall be the equivalent of US\$ 5.00 (US Dollars) per individual full member of the MO and the equivalent of US\$2.00 per individual senior citizen and student member. The minimum dues for all MOs shall be the equivalent of US\$150.00. Financially strong organizations may be asked – by negotiations – to contribute more than the regular dues. MOs with other categories of membership or with particular difficulties may negotiate with the Treasurer, whose decision is subject to approval by the Executive Committee, for special rates. The burden of demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee that special rates should apply to an MO rests with that particular organization, in the absence of which the above rates shall apply.
4. Associated Organizations (AOs) shall pay the equivalent of US\$75.00 (US dollars) annually.
5. Youth, Regional and Parliamentary Groups may decide to participate either as a Member or an Associated Organization with the dues set accordingly.
6. The above dues may be paid in equivalent amounts in any currency, but there shall be no changes in amounts due because of changes in terms of the U.S. dollar at the rate of exchange current on the date due.
7. Dues are a principal source of income for WFM. Therefore, in order to function efficiently and effectively it is important that they be paid on time. Dues shall be paid on a quarterly basis. Any MO or AO which has not fully paid their dues by December 31 shall be considered delinquent. Any delinquency or penalty may be waived at the discretion of the Treasurer.
8. The Credentials, Nominations and Statutes Committee (CNSC) shall be responsible for establishing a standard procedure of securing in writing an annual report from all Member and Associated Organizations. The Secretariat shall be responsible for carrying out the procedure established by the CNSC.
9. The CNSC shall establish and apply membership requirements and review membership applications throughout the year, recommending appropriate action to the Executive Committee. If membership requirements are not met, the Executive Committee may, in special circumstances, make exceptions to them. Such exceptions shall be reported to the Council and to the Congress.
10. Any proposal to expel an organization shall be sent to the Head of the WFM Secretariat and by him/her be submitted to the members of the Executive Committee and the CNSC with simultaneous information to the organization. The organization will be strongly encouraged to respond to the proposal, by sending a written statement to the Executive Committee, CNSC and Head of the Secretariat. If the Executive Committee decides, in consultation with the CNSC, to make a recommendation for expulsion, the organization will be informed without delay and the recommendation will be circulated to all WFM organizations. Decisions shall be taken at the first following meeting of the Council by a two-thirds majority vote of the Councilors present and voting. An expelled organization may appeal to the Congress by requesting such of the Chair of the outgoing Council prior to the opening of the Congress. Such an appeal shall be placed on the agenda before any voting is done. The charged party has the right to be represented during discussions in the Council and the Congress.

ARTICLE 2. CONGRESS

1. The Congress shall be composed of delegates appointed by Member and Associated Organizations and ex officio delegates.
2. Member Organizations shall appoint a number of delegates equal to their proportion of the Movement's total membership, with any fraction of this number entitling the Member Organization to the next higher whole number of delegates.
3. Associated Organizations may each appoint one delegate to the Congress.
4. No organization shall exercise more than 25% of the total vote.
5. CNSC shall calculate the number of votes to which each Member Organization is entitled at the Congress on the basis of the number of paid-up members. The Secretariat shall so notify organizations of their voting strength at least five months prior to the opening of the Congress.
6. The names of appointed delegates shall be forwarded to the Secretariat not less than three months before the date of the meeting. These names will be circulated to all WFM member organizations and Council members not less than one month before the meeting.
7. Congress-elected and co-opted members of the Council who cannot be eligible as delegates under Articles 2:2-3 above shall be ex officio delegates to the Congress.
8. The Congress shall establish its own rules of procedure, which must be in conformity with the Statutes.
9. Observers attending the Congress may address the Congress by permission of its presiding officer, but shall not vote.
10. Notice of the meeting of the Congress shall be sent to all members as recognized in accordance with Article 1 of the Statutes and to members of the Council so as to be received not later than five months before its commencements. It is the responsibility of Member Organizations to notify their own members of the date, place, purpose and conditions of the meeting.
11. The notices shall request that items for Congress be submitted to the International Secretariat so as to be received not later than three months before the commencement of Congress.
12. Proposals received in response to the notice shall be circulated to the same parties as the original notice, except where the subject was not covered in the original notice, not less than two months before the meeting date. Amendments to proposals may be offered from the floor of the Congress when submitted in writing under the signature of at least 25% of the delegates present and entitled to vote.
13. A majority of the voting delegates of the Congress shall constitute a quorum. Delegates shall be determined by the CNSC. In the absence of a quorum, any decisions shall be validated only when subsequently ratified by a majority of the Council.
14. The Executive Committee shall submit a report to the Congress on the work of the WFM since the previous Congress.

ARTICLE 3. COUNCIL

1. The Council shall be composed so as to best provide the Movement with a supranational character.
2. The Council shall be composed of up to 65 members. The Congress shall elect up to one half of the Council and Member Organizations shall appoint among themselves up to one half of the Council. The Council may fill any unfilled positions by co-option, within limits defined in the Statutes. Councilors shall remain in office from their election, appointment or co-option until the election of a new Council, other than as provided elsewhere in the Statutes or Bylaws. Council-elected Officers shall remain in office from their election until their successors assume office.
3. Candidates for election shall be nominated by Member Organizations, or from the floor of the Congress on the signature of five delegates present and voting. Candidates must have signified in writing their willingness to serve and must receive a majority of votes expressed to be elected.
4. The outgoing Council shall make recommendations on and Congress shall apportion the positions to be filled by appointment among Member Organizations so as to satisfy the supranational character of the Movement. Between meetings of the Congress, if two or more Member Organizations so request, the Council may review and revise the apportionment by a two-thirds majority.
5. All officers elected by the Congress or Council shall be ex officio members of the Council, counted toward the elected half of the Council. All other officers and the Head of the Secretariat shall be ex officio observers at meetings of the Council.
6. The Council, upon receiving a nomination from the Executive Committee, may fill a vacant position held by an elected Councillor by a majority vote.
7. The Council shall establish its own rules of procedure, which must be in conformity with the Statutes.
8. A majority of Councillors shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, any decisions shall be validated only when subsequently ratified by a majority of the Executive Committee.
9. At least 75 days before each Council meeting the Secretariat shall give written notice to each Councillor, stating the place and time requesting items for the agenda to be submitted in writing with sufficient documentation in support thereof not later than 30 days thereafter. Not later than 30 days before the Council meeting, the Secretariat shall circulate to all Councillors the provisional agenda and documentation thereof. At the Council meeting items which have not been placed on the provisional agenda shall be presented to the Chair and announced to the Council at the opening of the meeting.
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11. Councillors may appoint a proxy for a particular Council meeting provided that written notice is given to the Chair of the Council (through the Secretariat) before the commencement of that meeting. No Councillor may carry more than four votes. Staff members may not serve as proxies for Council members.

ARTICLE 4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of all officers elected by the Congress or Council as ex officio members, three additional members elected by the Council from among its members at its first meeting after the meeting of Congress, and all other officers and the Head of the WFM Secretariat as ex officio observers.

2. The Executive Committee shall elect one Vice-Chair from among its voting members by secret ballot.

3. Members of the Executive Committee may not vote by proxy. The Executive Committee may, however, decide to admit guests.

4. Five voting members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, any decisions shall be validated only when subsequently ratified in writing by a majority of the Executive Committee.
5. The Chair of the Executive Committee may, in consultation with the Head of the WFM Secretariat, appoint individuals to represent WFM at appropriate national and international conferences.
6. The members of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to be reimbursed for travelling expenses when attending meetings of the Congress, the Council and Executive Committee subject to the availability of funds. The Executive Committee shall adopt a policy further defining this entitlement for approval by the Council.

ARTICLE 5. ELECTIONS

1. No one shall be eligible to serve simultaneously in more than one office filled by election by the Congress or Council.
2. The CNSC shall provide that all delegates receive a list of outgoing Council members, a list of Councillors appointed by Member Organizations to the incoming Council, and a list of candidates nominated for election to the Council. Following the election of the incoming Council, the CNSC will circulate to all Councillors a list containing the names of Councillors willing to serve on the Executive Committee if elected.
3. The CNSC, or a subcommittee appointed for this purpose, shall receive suggestions for the offices of President, Honorary Officers and Members of the Advisory Board not later than 3 months before Congress and refer these to the outgoing Council.
4. Suggestions for co-optation of Councillors shall be given to the CNSC for consideration before the opening of the meeting of the Council, where after the CNSC shall report to the Council.
5. Nominations of candidates for Officers, the Council or the Executive Committee shall be delivered to the CNSC with the assurance of the candidate that he/she will, if elected, attend meetings of the respective bodies as regularly as possible. Staff members shall not be eligible as candidates.
6. The CNSC shall determine and make known to delegates a closing time for the receipt of nominations. The CNSC shall determine the validity or otherwise of all nominations and shall issue to accredited delegates at the appropriate time a separate ballot paper for each contested election. The ballot paper shall contain in alphabetical order the names of all candidates who have been validly nominated.
7. All contested elections of Officers, Councillors, or Executive Committee members shall be by secret ballot. The CNSC shall determine and make known to delegates a closing time for the receipt of ballots. Any member of the CNSC standing for election to any position may not participate in the receiving or counting of ballots. Ballot papers containing more votes than there are vacancies for officers or Council members shall be invalid. The decisions of the CNSC on the validity of a ballot paper for this or any other reason shall be final and binding.
8. In contested elections of Officers, Councillors or Executive Committee members, a second vote shall be taken between the leading contenders if no contender has obtained a 50% majority of the vote first taken.
9. The voting figures from the election of Officers, Councillors or the Executive Committee shall be made available upon request following the announcement of those elected.

ARTICLE 6. THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

1. The Head of WFM Secretariat shall in political matters be guided by the advice of the Chair of the Council and, when dealing with major issues of organization and finance, shall provide prompt and complete reports to the

Chair of the Council, the Chair of the Executive Committee and the Treasurer.

2. When the Council and Executive Committee are not in session, the Head of the WFM Secretariat shall be responsible that statements on current affairs be issued. The text of any such statement must be approved by two of the following: the President, the Chair of the Council and the Chair of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 7. FINANCIAL AND POLICY DOCUMENTS

1. The Head of the WFM Secretariat, in cooperation with the Treasurer, shall twice a year circulate to the EC statements of receipts, disbursements and obligations in due time before the EC meetings.

2. The Executive Committee shall, in coordination with the Treasurer and Secretariat, take appropriate action to have reviewed the fiscal records of WFM at least once each year. The results of this review will be reported to the Council. The fiscal year of the Movement is the calendar year.

3. The Executive Committee shall determine from time to time who shall be authorized to sign on the Movement's behalf checks, notes, drafts, acceptances, bills of exchange, and other orders or obligations for the payment of money; to enter into contracts; or to execute and deliver other documents and instruments. No individual shall be authorized to bind the Movement to any obligation unless expressly authorized by the Executive Committee.

4. Officers empowered to sign legal and policy documents are the Chair of the Council together with the Chair of the Executive Committee. In all other matters, documents shall be signed by the Head of the WFM Secretariat or the officer designated by him/her.