



## **2008 CNSC Report to the Council**

In 2008, the CNSC provisional team devoted its efforts primarily to assisting the Bylaws Working Group. It met solely as the CNSC only twice, in January 2008 and in November 2008.

### **Appointment of CNSC**

- Last year, the Council elected the Chair of the Credentials, Nominations and Statutes Committee. This year, the Council needs to formally appoint the provisional team recruited by the Chair.
- **MOTION:** The Chair of the CNSC moves that the Council appoint Kjartan Almennig (Norway), Bente Nielsen (Denmark) and Francisco Plancarte (Mexico) to the CNSC, and reserve to the Chair the right to appoint Vijayam Raghunathan (India) to the committee should her schedule permit her participation in 2009.

### **State of the Membership**

- The Movement has only 14 Member Organizations (50% with less than 100 members each) and 13 Associated Organizations. The CNSC sees an urgent need to engage closely with the IS and member organizations over the next year to improve membership outreach, recruitment and support. The Chair reported to the EC in April the desire to change the recent practice of no pro-active search for potential members to one of working with the IS and WFM leadership to identify potential members that will bring increased credibility, expertise and regional presence to WFM.
- **MOTION:** The CNSC moves that the Council endorse and encourage the Executive Committee to adopt a 2009 budget providing for full-time staff for membership support and development.
- **NOTE:** All member and associated organizations are urged to provide up-to-date contact information to the Secretariat for use by the CNSC to dialogue with members.

### **MO/AOs Applicant Organizations**

- The CNSC received emails indicating interest from potential members in Australia, Gambia, Madagascar, Seychelles, and Spain. Only the Australian group has completed the membership application materials. There is continuing interest by IOWF, but the Chair does not feel they have shown adequate focus that would meet the requirements of membership.
- **MOTION:** The CNSC moves that the Council recognize the World Citizens Association (Australia) as an Associated Member.
- **NOTE:** The CNSC wishes to work with the IS to follow up on the other communications and to develop a more comprehensive recruitment and application process overall.

### **Member Reports**

- This year, the CNSC Chair collaborated with the International Secretariat to create a new on-line quantitative survey format for gathering reports on MO's continued progress and immediate needs. We have received 20 Member Activity Reports. The Chair will provide an overview of the responses for the Council and a Members Breakfast will allow members to share best practices.
- **NOTE:** In 2009, the CNSC and IS will review the responses and response rate to this new format, review the information desired in such reports, and ensure that the process is gathering information which the IS and Council wish to know on the state of the membership.

### **Member Services**

- At its April meeting, the Executive Committee endorsed the attached general description of services and support which members can expect to receive from the Movement.
- **MOTION:** The CNSC moves that the Council endorse the Membership Support and Services document and encourage the CSNC, other WFM bodies and appropriate IS staff to determine a plan of action for implementing the described support and services.

### **Dormant Organizations**

- The CNSC hopes to review with the IS the list of organizations which have failed to respond to the Member Report request and have not met their financial obligations to the Movement. Based on this review, the CNSC will make recommendations to the Executive Committee at its next meeting regarding those organizations' continued membership.

### **Legal Interpretation**

- In credentialing the 2007 Congress and in assisting the Bylaws Working Group, the CNSC has noticed some considerable confusion over how votes and dues are apportioned under the umbrella agreement with European member organizations through the UEF. We are still supportive of this approach, but believe that it should be reviewed to ensure the most fair and effective outcomes for the member organizations, the UEF and the WFM.
- **NOTE:** The CNSC would like to work with the UEF, European Member organizations and the IS to assess the agreement to date and determine ways to improve it before next year's Council.

### **Progressive Structural Development**

- Payment of dues has been an ongoing problem within the Movement. Member dues currently account for a very small percentage of the Movement's budget. A number of WFM MOs/AOs have been delinquent in their financial obligations to WFM over the last several years, paying the required dues as late as the month prior to Congress, creating difficulties for WFM in funding its programs, education and member services.
- **NOTE:** Within the larger dialogue with Member and Associated Organization during 2009, the CNSC invites members to share suggestions for changes in member dues amounts and payment options to identify means of securing payments in a more timely fashion.

### **Oversight of Leadership Selection**

- *WFM Presidents* – Last year, the Congress delegated responsibility for selecting the WFM President to the Council, which is expecting to elect one or two Presidents at this meeting. To facilitate the search, the EC established a search committee, composed of the Acting President, the CNSC Chair and EC member James Arputharaj. The IS compiled brief bios of nominees from member organizations, individual Councilors and the IS. After a review, the EC asked the IS to contact two candidates to determine their interest and availability to serve.
- *Skills Inventory/Co-options* – In April, the EC requested a skills inventory of Councilors and the EC to better inform co-option decisions. The inventory was completed by the EC in July, and was then sent to Councilors for their completion. Only a small number of Councilors have responded.
- **MOTION:** The CNSC moves to table any co-options to Council, pending further responses to the inventory, believing such to be pre-mature and not in the best interests of the Council.
- *Councilor Responsibilities* - In October 2008, the Movement's elected Officers developed and circulated an Understanding of the Responsibilities of Councilors for their signature. The CNSC supports having such an understanding and its use by the Movement's leadership and Member Organizations in identifying and cultivating future leaders of the Movement, in encouraging active leadership of Councilors away from Council meetings, and in empowering the IS to work more closely with Councilors on promoting the health and vitality of the Movement continuously. As of the April 2008 EC meeting, 22 Councilors had signed and returned their copies. A number of Councilors have expressed interest in discussing the suggested responsibilities before signing.
- **MOTION:** The CNSC moves for discussion of this item to be added to the Council agenda.