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## **INTERNATIONAL MEMBER ORGANIZATION [IMO] BY-LAWS**

The IMO was created as a Member Organization [MO] in order to enable individuals who support the idea of world federalism and wish to be associated with WFM-IGP to participate in the work of WFM-IGP directly. Except as otherwise stated in these By-Laws the IMO is subject to the same requirements, rules and procedures as are established in the main Statutes and By-Laws of WFM-IGP for all MOs.

### **Article 1 – Membership**

#### **a. Acquiring Membership**

Membership application will be on a specific form available on the WFM-IGP website to be completed and submitted electronically and will include [1] declaration by the applicant that they fully support the Preamble to the Statutes of WFM, [2] full contact information, [3] membership of any other WFM-IGP MO or AO (Associated Organization), [4] areas of interest in which they would like to participate, [5] confirmation of payment of membership fee and bank details for its collection [6] acceptance and consent that their details will be kept and unsolicited communications will be sent from time to time, so as to comply with GDPR or other equivalent regulation. The annual membership fee shall be determined by the Executive Committee of WFM in consultation with Board of IMO-WFM and the CNSC.

#### **b. Register**

The International Secretariat (IS) will maintain a Register of IMO Membership recording the details given above and recording payments of membership fees. The Register will be open to inspection by the Executive Committee and CNSC. A report on current membership of the IMO and any other issues arising will be submitted by the IS to each meeting of the Executive Committee.

#### **c. Loss of membership**

If, on the notification of any reliable source, there is a complaint lodged with the IS that any particular member of the IMO is not a fit and proper person and/or has acted in a manner or recorded views that are incompatible with being a member of the IMO the matter shall be investigated by the Credentials, Nominations and Statutes Committee (CNSC) which will invite representations from the member. Any concerns shall be referred to the Executive Committee of WFM/IGP who can initiate expulsion by means as provided in the WFM Bylaws.



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### **Article 2 – General Assembly**

IMO-WFM shall be governed by a General Assembly (GA) who shall meet virtually when called by its Board or by the Executive Committee of WFM-IGP, at least once every two years so as to coincide with WFM-IGP Congressional Elections. The IS shall assist the Board of the IMO-WFM in convening and facilitating the meeting and shall solicit nominations for individuals wishing to run for elections or represent the membership at governance meetings in WFM. The GA shall elect Officers for the IMO-WFM.

### **Article 3 – Board and Officers**

The Board of the IMO-WFM consists of the President(s) of WFM; and a Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer elected by the IMO-WFM General Assembly.

There shall be a Chair whose function will be to liaise with the IS about issues concerning the IMO and to communicate regularly electronically with all its members about actions and initiatives in which they may be involved. There shall be a Secretary whose function will be to support the Chair in this role and to liaise with the members of the IMO on matters of individual and collective concern such as membership, payment of fees, attendance at or participation in WFM-IGP activities etc. There shall be a Treasurer who will liaise with the IS, assist in collection of membership fees and ensuring prompt and accurate payment and to submit to the IS once every year the accounts showing both income and expenditure of the IMO.

### **Article 4 – Elections and representation**

Elections shall be conducted through the IS by inviting all current members of the IMO to nominate individuals for Officers of the IMO-WFM and delegates at WFM Congress, at least 8 weeks before the date of the GA. At least 4 weeks before the elections all members of the IMO will be sent the list of nominations, any statements of no more than 500 words from those nominated and, in the event of any contest, a ballot paper and be invited to return to the IS electronically, by a specified date not earlier than 1 week, the completed ballot paper expressing their preference numerically for each candidate for any contested post. All completed ballot papers must be returned in time for them to be counted by the IS for which purpose the CNSC will appoint a Returning Officer to oversee the whole process. For the purposes of this by-law a week shall be taken to be seven days. At the completion of the count, conducted on the basis of the single transferable vote, the Returning Officer will cause to be circulated to all current members of the IMO the result at the GA.

The IMO will be regarded as any other MO for the purposes such as minimum membership, representation at Congress or to other WFM-IGP bodies in accordance with the main Statutes and By-Laws governing all MOs. The IMO will conduct itself in the same manner and with the same entitlement as any other MO.

### **Article 5 – Amendments**

Modification of these By-Laws can only occur by a 2/3 majority decision of the IMO-WFM Board present and voting at a meeting concurrent with a governing meeting of the WFM.