INNER WHEEL PRAYER

Instill in us o Lord, the true meaning of friendship

Never let us forget that we are all thy children.

Notwithstanding the differences in our culture and creeds

Endow us with a desire to serve our fellow men

Remembering that we too often need help

Whenever or wherever the need for service arises

Help us to be ready to serve

Endeavouring to make our badge of Inner Wheel worthwhile

Ensuring that we have not

Lived in vain

INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL CONSTITUTION

International Inner Wheel

BASIC RULES

The International Constitution shall be binding on all Members and shall be as follows:

- 1. The name shall be "International Inner Wheel".
- 2 The emblem shall be:



- 3. The Inner Wheel year shall be from 1st July to 30th June.
- 4. Inner Wheel shall not be sectarian or party political.
- 5. There shall be a standard naming system for all offices at International, National, District and Club levels
- 6. The official language is English.

OBJECTS

The objects shall be:

- 1. To promote true friendship.
- 2. To encourage the ideals of personal service.
- To foster international understanding.

MEMBERSHIP

1. At International level

Includes all Inner Wheel Clubs

The minimum number of Active Members required to form a Club is 10.

Applications for membership shall be sent to the Administrator of International Inner Wheel, together with an agreement to adopt the standard rules and to observe the Constitution. This agreement is binding on all Clubs except where it conflicts in any way with the laws and customs of a particular country.

All Clubs, within countries which have National Bye-Laws, must conform to their National Bye-Laws, and the Governing Body of International Inner Wheel must be consulted when changes are contemplated in the National Bye-Laws.

The International Governing Body must approve any proposed changes in the naming system.

2. At National level

Includes all the Districts and Clubs within its boundaries.

The minimum number of Districts required to form a National Governing Body is 2

3. At District level

Each District includes all the Clubs within its boundaries.

The minimum number of Clubs required to form a District is 4

4. At Club level

A member may belong to one Club only.

Classes of membership

- A. Active Membership
- B. Honoured Active Membership (Active members within a Club who have been given a special award, because of their outstanding service to Inner Wheel).
- C. Honorary Membership.

- A Active Membership may be retained or taken up by the following, provided that they are over 18 years:
 - a) Women related to Inner Wheel members/ former Inner Wheel members.
 - b) Women related to Rotarians/former Rotarians.
 - c) Women who have been invited to join provided that a majority of the Club members agree.

Active Membership should be taken up in the Inner Wheel Club most convenient for an Inner Wheel member to attend.

The International Inner Wheel Executive Committee is empowered to clarify this section of the membership rule, and to include in this clarification those changes to clause (A) of the membership rule, which have been passed at the International Inner Wheel Convention.

B. Honoured Active Membership

An Award. A Club may confer Honoured Active Membership on an Active Member who has given outstanding service to Inner Wheel. The Club will pay the members dues for the year in which Honoured Active Membership is awarded. In the following years, she retains Honoured Active status, but pays all her own dues. Such a member retains all the rights of Active membership for life, or until she leaves Inner Wheel.

C. Honorary Membership

International Inner Wheel, National Governing Bodies, Districts and Clubs may invite distinguished persons whom they wish to honour, to become an Honorary Member. Honorary Members have no vote and cannot

hold any office on any administrative level of the organisation. The member should not exceed 4 at any given time.

D. Membership at Large

a) Countries with a National Governing Body.

If an active member resides in an area of a country where there is no Inner Wheel Club, the National Governing Body of that country can grant her 'Membership at Large' status. Application must be made to the National Governing Body, through her former Club, or District if there is no former Club due to disbandment. Payment of International Inner Wheel Capitation Fees must be made to that Governing Body. Such a member cannot vote or hold office.

b) Countries without a National Governing Body.

Any active member of Inner Wheel who takes up residence in an area or a country where there is no Inner Wheel Club, shall be entitled to 'Membership at Large' on application to International Inner Wheel Headquarters, through her former Club, and on payment of the appropriate International Inner Wheel Capitation Fee. Such a member cannot vote or hold office.

E. Transfers

An Active Member may, in some circumstances, provided both Clubs agree, and permission is obtained from the District Executive Committee/s, transfer to another Inner Wheel Club.

F. Retirement

When a member is no longer able to continue through sickness or infirmity, she may be termed "retired" rather than "resigned".

G. Termination of membership

Active Membership terminates on failure to pay the annual subscription by 31st December or by exclusion for serious reasons, the member concerned having a right of reply. 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. The Club Executive Committee shall notify the member concerned of its intentions by writing at least 30 days in advance, the notice to be sent by registered mail to her last known address. No final decision to be taken without mediation. Any Inner Wheel member going to the court of law without exhausting the provisions for such grievances within Inner Wheel shall be excluded from membership. An excluded member cannot return to her former Club.

H. Naming a Club

When a new Inner Wheel Club is formed, the members of the New Club may decide on a geographically suitable name, subject to the approval of International Inner Wheel.

THE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

A candidate for an International Inner Wheel office, whether elected or appointed, may not hold any other office in Inner Wheel. No Past International President shall be eligible to be nominated for the International Inner Wheel Governing Body.

 The International Governing Body consists of the Officers and the Board Directors.

A Officers:

President

Vice President

Immediate Past President

Treasurer

Chairman of the Constitution Committee.

These officers form the Executive Committee and have 1 vote each. In addition the President has a casting vote. Executive Committee Quorum - 3 members.

B Board Directors:

There shall be 16 Board Directors. Each Board Director to have 1 vote.

 In conformity with the Constitution, the Governing Body has the control and management of the affairs and funds of International Inner Wheel and subject thereto, may order its own proceedings. Its decision on matters of administration is to be final, but on matters of principal any Club, District or National Governing Body may appeal against a decision to the Convention. Quorum - 75% of the International Governing Body. The International Governing Body is to have jurisdiction over Non Districted Clubs and over Districts, where there is no National Governing Body.

2. The International Governing Body is to be elected as follows:

A Officers:

a) President

- Qualifications:

Must have served at some time as a President of a National Governing Body, or an International Board Director or a Board Member, or an International Treasurer.

- Nominations

A District Committee of a National Governing Body may nominate a member suitably qualified for the position of President. Members may accept nomination only from the District Committees of the National Governing Body of which they are members.

- Voting:

By postal vote, each Club having the right to one vote.

- Tenure of Office:

The President is to serve for 1 year only and cannot serve again in this office.

The Immediate Past President, the President and the Vice-President must not be members of Inner Wheel in the same country or National Governing Body.

b) Vice-President

-Qualifications:

Must have served at some time as President of a National Governing Body, or an International Board Director or a Board Member or an International Treasurer.

- Nominations:

A District Committee of a National Governing Body may nominate a member suitably qualified for the office of Vice-President. Members may accept nomination only from District Committees of the National Governing Body of which they are members.

- Voting:

By postal vote, each Club having the right to one vote.

- Tenure of Office:

The Vice President is to serve for one year only and cannot serve again in this office.

c) Treasurer

-Qualifications:

Must have served on a National Governing Body or District as a Treasurer and have served as a member of a National Governing Body for at least 1 year at the time of nomination.

-Nominations

A District Committee of a National Governing Body may nominate a member suitably qualified for the office of Treasurer. Members may accept nomination only from District Committees of the National Governing Body of which they are members.

-Voting:

By postal vote, each Club having the right to 1 vote.

- Tenure of Office:

The Treasurer may serve for a maximum of 3 consecutive years only, but must be nominated and elected annually and cannot serve again in this office.

- Duties of Treasurer:

She must have computer skills, knowledge of accounting software, on-line banking and use spreadsheets, be able to read financial forecasts in order to ensure continuity of payments to suppliers, prepare budgets, ensure financial integrity of organisation and work closely with the bookkeeper and accountant/auditor on a weekly basis.

d) Constitution Chairman

- Qualifications

Must have been a past member of the International Inner Wheel Governing Body.

- Nominations

A District Committee of a National Governing Body may nominate a member suitably qualified for the office of Constitution Chairman. Members may accept nomination only from District Committees of the National Governing Body of which they are members.

- Voting and Tenure of office

The Constitution Chairman shall be elected by the International Governing Body annually and may serve for a maximum of 3 years.

B Board Directors

-Qualifications:

Must be a Past National Representative or a Past President of a National Governing Body to stand for election as a Board Director of the International Governing Body.

- Nominations:

A District Committee within a country, which has a National Governing Body or an elected National Representative, may nominate a suitably qualified member for the office of Board Director.

- Voting:

By postal vote.

The Board Directors are to be elected in the same ballot as the Officers.

Each Club to have 16 votes, all of which must be for nominees from different countries. If more than 16 persons are nominated, each Club must vote for a total of 16 nominees. The voting paper must declare a vote of 16 in total. Any voting paper which declares a vote for more than 16, or less than 16, shall be invalid.

- Tenure of Office:

A Board Director may serve for a maximum of 2 years only, but must be elected annually.

An Inner Wheel member who holds an elected or appointed office at National Governing Body, District or Club level, or who is an Immediate Past President or Immediate Past Chairman cannot be, at the same time, a member of the International Governing Body.

3. Meetings

A - Non Convention year:

One Governing Body Meeting will be held annually.

B - Convention year.

A second Governing Body Meeting will be held the day prior to the Convention. The International Governing Body may pass a resolution on urgent matters between Meetings. A copy of the resolution, in writing, must be sent to each member of the Governing Body, whose acceptance or rejection must be sent, in writing, to the Administrator of International Inner Wheel. The decision must be by a 75% majority. The procedure is to be instigated by the Executive Committee.

ELECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

1 A. Executive Committee:

The procedure for the election of the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Constitution Chairman to the Governing Body of International Inner Wheel is to be as follows:

Nominations, with the consent of the nominee, may be made by District Committees of the National Governing Body of which they are members, to their National Governing Body.

If 2 or more nominations for any one office are made by District Committees in the same National Governing Body, there must be an internal election organised by the National Governing Body. The National Governing Body must then inform the District Committees, the result of that internal election

1 B. Board Directors:

The procedure for the election of Board Directors to the Governing Body of International Inner Wheel is to be as follows:

Nominations:

- a) A District, which has a National Governing Body, may nominate for the position of Board Director. If 2 or more nominations are received from District Committees in the same National Governing Body, there must be an internal election, organised by the National Governing Body. The National Governing Body must then inform the District Committees the result of that internal election.
- b) In the case of a Districted country, without a National Governing Body, but which has an elected National Representative, a District may nominate for the position of Board Director.
 - If 2 or more nominations are received from District Committees in the same country, there must be an internal election organised by the National Representative. The National Representative must then inform the District Committees, the result of that internal election.
- The District Committee must submit completed nomination forms for all International Officers and Board Directors, to International Inner Wheel Headquarters not later than 30 September.
 - Canvassing, that is asking for votes, is FORBIDDEN, whether by letter or any other means, and will result in the disqualification of the candidate concerned.

- 3. A list of nominees, with a short description of offices held, will be sent to all Clubs, with an official ballot slip and envelope for return. The recorded vote must be received at International Inner Wheel Headquarters not later than 31st March, otherwise it will be invalid. Any votes received from Clubs with outstanding Capitation Fees will be null and void.
- If any 2 nominees receive the same number of votes, the President will have the casting vote.
- 5. In the eventuality of death, disability or disqualification of any candidate/nominee during the election for Board Director, the election will take place as per schedule. The next nominee receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected as Board Director, in the place of the deceased, disabled or disqualified candidate/nominee.
- 6. The result of the elections for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Board Directors and Editor of International Inner Wheel will be sent out to all National Governing Bodies, Districts and Non Districted Clubs simultaneously.

7. In the event of a vacancy in the office of:

President, the Vice President is to succeed to the office to complete the year, which will not debar her from accepting nomination and election as President.

Vice President, the International Governing Body may appoint a suitably qualified successor to complete the year, which will not debar her from accepting nomination and election as Vice President.

Treasurer, the International Governing Body may appoint a qualified successor to complete the year.

Constitution Chairman – the International Governing Body may appoint a qualified successor to complete the year.

Board Director, the position to remain vacant until the following 30th June.

COMMITTEES

1. Executive Committee.

Duties of Executive Committee.

- The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Treasurer and Constitution Chairman.
- b) The Executive Committee shall have the overall management of the day-to-day affairs and funds of International Inner Wheel on behalf of the International Governing Body.
- c) The Executive Committee shall arbitrate in the name of the IGB if mediation has failed on all other administrative levels (Club, District and National Governing Body) and a final decision is implemented.

2. Constitution Committee

The Constitution Committee shall consist of the Constitution Chairman, the President and Vice President

3. Convention Committee

The Convention Committee is to consist of a Chairman, herein designated as Convention Co-ordinator, to be appointed by the Governing Body from members nominated by the host country at the time of submitting the application to host the Convention, the International Vice President and Treasurer ex officio, and other members appointed according to the Convention blueprint. In addition the International President of the Convention year shall be a member of the Committee during that year.

EDITOR / MEDIA MANAGER

The Editor / Media Manager shall not be a member of the Executive Committee, but she may be invited as an observer when necessary, to attend the International Executive Committee meetings or the International Governing Body Meetings and the Triennial Convention as an observer with the same benefits as a Board Director, including payment of costs incurred in attending these meetings.

- Qualifications:

Must have served on a National Governing Body or as District Editor for at least 1 year at the time of nomination.

- Nominations:

Any District Committee may nominate a person suitably qualified for the office of Editor.

- Voting:

By postal vote, each Club having the right to 1 vote.

- Tenure of Office:

The Editor may serve for a maximum of 3 consecutive years but must be elected annually.

- In the event of a vacancy the Board may appoint a qualified successor to complete the year.

Duties of Editor/Media Manager

Is responsible for the IIW website, media output and promotional documents therefore she must have advanced computer skills and editorial skills, expertise in modern technology, graphics software, desktop publishing and layout.

FINANCE

The financial year of International Inner Wheel shall be from 1st July to 30th June.

1. Dues

Each Club shall pay to International Inner Wheel such annual Capitation Fee for each member as shall be determined from time to time at the Convention or, if in the years between, the inflation of the pound sterling makes a Capitation Fee increase necessary, the Governing Body is authorised to increase the Capitation Fee with the

same percentage as the increase in the cost of living index in the U.K, but not exceeding 5%. Any proposal to alter the Capitation Fee at a Convention must be circulated in writing to all Clubs at least 4 calendar months prior to the Convention.

2. Expenses

Expenses incurred in carrying out the work of the International Governing Body shall be met from the funds of International Inner Wheel. These expenses must be agreed by the International Executive Committee.

3. Audit

A qualified accountant, appointed annually by the Governing Body, shall audit the accounts of International Inner Wheel. Copies of such accounts shall be circulated to all Clubs with the Minutes of the International Governing Body Meeting.

4. Payments

Any payment from the funds of International Inner Wheel may be made by cheque, standing order, direct debit or bank transfer, provided that payment is authorised and evidenced in writing by two members of the International Executive Committee.

TRUSTEES

The International Governing Body has the power to incorporate a company limited by guarantee on behalf of International Inner Wheel, to hold property and any other relevant investments or assets, including without limitation government bonds and mutual securities as determined by the Governing Body from time to time.

Investments of a speculative nature are **not** permitted.

The International Governing Body shall have the power to appoint 2 Trustees in whom shall be vested the responsibility for properties of International Inner Wheel.

- On behalf of the membership, the Trustees shall be responsible for the general management of the property vested in them, and shall authorise major repairs and alterations as needed.
- The International Governing Body shall indemnify the Trustees against all liabilities, costs, claims and demands incurred by them as Trustees.
- 3. The International Governing Body shall have the power to appoint or dismiss Trustees.
- ATrustee must be a Past Board Member/Board Director, 1 from Great Britain and Ireland and 1 from another country.

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

A National Representative may be elected by any country with 1 or more Districts with 4 or more Clubs, which have been functioning as a District for a minimum of 2 years. Districts that are newly formed after division or disbandment of a District may nominate qualified members and participate in the election of a National Representative in their country.

Qualifications

1. For Districted countries without a National Governing Body

Must be or have been a Deputy National Representative, a PAST DISTRICT Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer, where nominated and elected. A suitably qualified Deputy must be elected at the same time as the National Representative. In the event of a vacancy the Deputy National Representative shall take office and the District Committee(s) of the country concerned must elect a suitably qualified Deputy National Representative to complete the year.

2. For countries with a National Governing Body

Must be or have been a Deputy National Representative, a PAST DISTRICT Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer, where nominated and elected, and have also served as a member of a National Governing Body for at least 1 year at the time of nomination. A suitably qualified Deputy must be elected at the same time as the National Representative.

In the event of a vacancy the Deputy National Representative shall take office. The National Governing Body concerned must elect a suitably qualified Deputy National Representative to complete the year.

Nominations:

Each District may nominate not more than 1 National Representative and Deputy. Nominations, with the consent of the nominee, must be sent in writing, to the National Governing Body or National Representative (if no National Governing Body exists), not later than 31st October. If 2 or more National Representatives or Deputies are nominated by Districts in the same country, there must be an internal election. The National Governing Body or National Representative shall send to all Clubs a list of nominees, with a short description of the offices held, together with an official ballot slip and envelope for return, no later than 15th February. A National Representative must not hold at the same time another position on Club or District level.

Voting

All the clubs in the country may vote to elect the National Representative and Deputy. By postal vote, each Club having 1 vote. Election by a simple majority.

Tenure of Office:

A maximum period of 2 years, but must be elected annually by 31st March.

Duties of the National Representative

The National Representative is the link between the District and the International Governing Body; she receives, translates and sends all communications.

It is essential to be fluent in the official language of Inner Wheel, the English language. In a country with no National Governing Body, the National Representative plays no part in the running of the District(s). A National Representative must not hold at the same time another position on Club or District Level. The role of National Representative qualifies for the position of Board Director.

AFFILIATION

An Inner Wheel Club, District, or National Governing Body shall not affiliate with (i.e. become members of) other organisations, as it cannot bind its members to a constitution nor to any decision over which it has no control. That does not prevent individual members joining other organisations.

CONVENTION

 International Conventions shall be held at intervals of not less than 3 years in a place to which the Governing Body reasonably believes Voting Delegates, from any country, would have free access. The International Governing Body shall decide the meeting place for the Convention.

2. Business of the Convention

- A The Official Report and audited Statement of Accounts shall be presented by the Governing Body.
- B The Capitation Fee for International Inner Wheel shall be fixed

- C Alterations in, or additions to, the International Constitution shall be considered and appropriate action taken.
- D Alterations in, or additions to, the Standard District Rules and the Standard Club Rules shall be considered and appropriate action taken.
- **E** Matters of Inner Wheel interest shall be discussed.
- Each country sending Voting Delegates to the Convention shall be responsible for its own financial arrangements for those delegates.
- 4. Each Club, each District Committee and each National Governing Body is entitled to send 1 Voting Delegate and to appoint a deputy in the event of a vacancy. Each International Inner Wheel Officer, each Board Director, each National Representative and each Past President of International Inner Wheel is to be a Voting Delegate.

All of the above if not represented, may designate as proxy, provided they will be elected Voting Delegates at the Convention, a 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. The International Official Proxy Vote Holder must follow strictly the directives given, but other proxies may be given discretion on how to vote. Any voting delegate, other than the International Official Proxy Vote Holder, must not hold more than 70 proxy votes. Any Inner Wheel member may attend as an observer, but the business must be conducted only by the Voting Delegates.

5. Voting

Each proposal or amendment submitted to change the Constitution must be carried by a majority of 2/3rds of those voting in person or by proxy. All other motions shall be decided by a simple majority.

6. Translation

Each country or District sending delegates to a Convention may ask for simultaneous translation of the Convention proceedings in its own language, or a language of its choice. In such a case that country or District shall be responsible for the financial expenses incurred

STANDING ORDERS

- The International President, the Vice President, or, if circumstances necessitate, an International Past President, shall preside at the Convention as proposed by the Executive Committee of International Inner Wheel and ratified by a simply majority at the meeting of the Governing Body immediately prior to the Convention.
- All business must be conducted by Voting Delegates, except in the presentation of a proposal. A Voting Delegate may nominate any member to present a proposal and reply on her behalf, but may not delegate any other right or responsibility.
- 3. All Voting Delegates shall address the chair.
- Voting Delegates must speak to the proposal under discussion

- If two or more Voting Delegates rise at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine who shall speak first.
- Each proposal must be proposed by the Club, District or National Governing Body or by their duly appointed proxies.
- 7. Each proposal must be seconded before discussion.
- 8. The proposer of a proposal may not speak for more than 3 minutes.
- 9. Other Voting Delegates speaking to a proposal shall not exceed 2 minutes.
- 10. The proposer of a proposal shall have the right of reply, but shall not speak for more than 3 minutes.
- No Voting Delegate shall propose or second more than 1 amendment to each proposal, except where she is also acting as a proxy.
- 12. Each amendment shall be relevant to the proposal to which it is proposed.
- 13. Each amendment must be proposed and seconded before discussion.
- The proposer of an amendment may not speak for more than 3 minutes.
- 15. Other Voting Delegates speaking to an amendment shall not exceed 2 minutes.
- The proposer of an amendment shall have the right of reply, but shall not speak for more than 2 minutes.
- On each proposal to change the Constitution a majority of 2/3rds is necessary.
- All other General Motions shall be decided by a simple majority. In the event of the votes being equal the Presiding Officer shall have the casting vote.

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 1. The International Governing Body, National Governing Bodies, District Committees, and Clubs, may submit proposals to change the Constitution of International Inner Wheel by the required date. Clubs can only submit proposals to change the Constitution after they have been presented to their District Committee for administrative checking and suitability of wording. Non Districted Clubs should submit Proposals to International Inner Wheel for administrative checking and for suitability of wording.
- Proposals and amendments to be put for Clubs and Districts where there is no National Governing Body will only be accepted from those Clubs and Districts and from the International Governing Body. Only those Clubs and Districts, where there is no National Governing Body, will vote on these proposals and amendments.
- 3. Any proposal to change the Constitution shall be received at International Inner Wheel Headquarters not later than 18 months prior to the Convention.
 - a) Such proposals MUST include a seconder.
 - b) The proposer cannot second the proposal.
 - c) Proposals from the Governing Body of International Inner Wheel, which are made on behalf of all members, do not require a separate seconder as they must be approved by the Governing Body before presentation.
- Amendments to these proposals shall be received at International Inner Wheel Headquarters not later than 6 months prior to the Convention.

- 5. a) In case of urgency and provided that not less than 30 days notice in writing has been given, this Constitution may be changed at a meeting of the International Governing Body, attended by a quorum of 75% of the members of the Governing Body, by a resolution passed by a majority of 75% of those present. Such changes shall become immediately and temporarily effective for a period not exceeding 2 years, and shall be ratified or rejected by an International Convention, or failing this, shall lapse.
 - b) In case of urgency and 30 days notice cannot be given, this Constitution may be changed at a meeting of the International Governing Body, attended by a quorum of 75% of the members of the Governing Body, by a resolution passed by a majority of 75% of those present. Such changes shall only be valid until the next following meeting of the International Governing Body. Any proposal containing similar subject matter to one presented and defeated at 2 consecutive Conventions will not be accepted for the following Convention, with the exception of proposed changes to membership.

Retention of all Voting Papers

Following a Convention, all Voting Papers must be returned to IIW Headquarters and retained until the end of the following Convention (3 years), when the Voting Papers from the previous Convention should be destroyed.

In the event of a dispute the Chairman of the Constitution Committee will make the final decision.

Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India

* Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India, formed in the year 1976, affiliated to International Inner Wheel, comprises of all the Inner Wheel Clubs engaged in charity and service activities spread in 27 Inner Wheel Districts all over India.

District 298 Tamil Nadu. Pondicherry District 301 Delhi, Harvana, Uttar Pradesh District 302 Andhra Prardesh District 303 Maharashtra District 304 Madhva Pradesh, Guiarat District 305 - Madhva Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat District 306 Gujarat, Maharashtra, Daman & Diu District 307 Puniab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir. - Chandigarh, Haryana, Himachal District 308 Pradesh. Puniab. Uttar Pradesh. Uttrakhand Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, District 309 District 310 Uttar Pradesh District 311 Uttar Pradesh, Uttrakhand Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh District 312 District 313 Maharashtra. District 314 Maharashtra District 315 Andhra Pradesh Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh District 316 District 317 Karnataka, Maharashtra, Goa District 318 Karnataka District 319 Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh District 320 Tamil Nadu, Kerala Kerala, Tamil Nadu District 321 District 323 Tamil Nadu District 324 Assam, Meghalaya, West Bengal, Sikkim, Nagaland,

Odisha, Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh

West Bengal, Andaman Nicobar

Bihar, Jharkhand.

District 325

District 326

District 329

ASSOCIATION BYE - LAWS



ASSOCIATION OF INNER WHEEL CLUBS IN INDIA ASSOCIATION BYE-LAWS

I TITLE

The name shall be "Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India" referred to as "The Association" throughout these Bye-laws.

II MEMBERSHIP

- The Association shall consist of all Inner Wheel Clubs in India.
- All clubs shall conform to the IIW Constitution and the Association Bye-Laws
- Any club resigning from the Association must fulfill its financial obligations and return its Charter.

III NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

A The National Governing Body shall be a Council consisting of the Officers of the Association, one representative from each District Committee and Constitution and Credential Committee Chairman.

Officers:

President

Vice President Hon. Secretary
Immediate Past President Hon. Treasurer

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer:

Shall be elected by the existing Council from amongst the existing District Chairmen. It shall be done by postal voting before 31st March. Voting to be by secret ballot.

B National Representative / Deputy National Representative:

The Association President shall be our National Representative and the Association Vice-President shall be the Deputy National Representative.

Elections:

The Election of the Association President / National Representative and Association Vice President / Deputy National Representative shall be by postal vote elected annually not later than February 28th each year. Election to be by simple majority of the votes cast. The candidate should get a maximum of only 3 chances taking into consideration all the previous times she has been the candidate for above mentioned election.

Canvassing, that is, asking for votes for any office at the Association, District and Club level is

forbidden, whether by letter or any other means and will result in the disqualification of the candidate concerned.

C Qualifications

- 1 President / National Representative and Vice President / Deputy National Representative
 - Must be a Past District Chairman and must have served on the Council for one year at the time of nomination and must have attended at least one Council Meeting.
 - b. The Immediate Past President, the President and the Vice-President shall not be members of the same District.
 - Honorary Secretary and Treasurer must be an Immediate Past District Chairman at the time of taking office.

2 Council Members:

A Council Member must have served as a District Chairman or Past District Chairman for at least one year at the time of taking up office.

A Deputy Council Member Must be the District Chairman / District Chairman Elect at the time of taking office.

D Tenure of Office:

i President/National Representative:

shall be nominated and elected for one year only and shall not again be eligible to serve in this office. ii Vice President/Deputy National Representative:

shall be nominated and elected for one year only.

iii Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer:

May be re elected for a second year if they are members of the Council.

iv Council Members:

A council member may be re-elected if it is not her fallow year, but shall not serve on the Council for more than two consecutive years unless elected as a President or Vice President of the Association if she is eligible.

v Immediate Past President :

Shall not be eligible for election to any office on the Council for the year following her period as Immediate Past President as it will be her fallow year.

vi The Constitution & Credential Committee Chairman: holds the office for three consecutive Inner Wheel calendar years.

E Vacancy

1 President:

In the event of vacancy, the Vice-President shall succeed to the office to complete the year which shall not debar her from nomination and election as President.

2 Vice President:

In the event of a vacancy, the Council shall appoint a suitably qualified successor to complete the year from amongst the members of the Council. This shall not debar her from nomination and election as Vice-President.

3 Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer:

In the event of a vacancy, the Association Executive Committee shall appoint a suitably qualified member of the Council to complete the year.

4 Council Member:

In the event of a vacancy, the District Executive Committee shall appoint a qualified successor from any Past District Chairmen.

A Deputy Council member shall be appointed by the District Executive Committee at the commencement of the Inner Wheel year. The District Chairman is nominated as the Deputy Council Member

If a Council Member or a Deputy Council Member is unable to attend a Council Meeting, then a Past District Chairman must be deputized to attend that Council Meeting in her place.

5 CCC Chairman

In the event of a vacancy – a suitable Past Association President from the Constitution and Credential Committee will complete the term.

F. Procedure for Election

1 Association President/National Representative, Association Vice President/ Deputy National Representative

The District Executive shall ask for nominations from clubs, with the written consent of the nominee, of a member duly qualified for the above offices by 30th September.

In case two or more nominations are received by the District, there shall be an election by the District Committee by secret ballot on the floor of the house.

If there is not sufficient time to convene a District Committee Meeting then the voting may be by postal ballot by the District Committee. In the event of votes being equal, the District Chairman shall have the casting vote, or the casting vote may be drawn.

The nomination form as required by Association will be emailed by Assn Secretary, which can also be downloaded from Website, printed and filled in as per the instructions. The final nomination in writing, supported by minutes of the District Committee meeting in which nomination was passed, shall be sent by the District Chairman / District Secretary to the Association Secretary, so as to reach her not later than 20th November, the exact date to be decided by the Council.

The validity of the nomination shall be scrutinized by the Association President and the Executive Committee at the Executive Committee meeting.

A list of nominees with a short description of offices held in Inner Wheel shall be sent by the Secretary by regular post, i.e., Indian Postal Service before 10th December to all clubs with an official ballot paper signed by the Association President, Immediate Past Association President and Association Vice President and coloured envelope for return and if duplicate ballots are asked for, the same may be sent to the clubs by the Association Secretary by speed post/courier. Each club shall have one vote and shall vote as it likes. The flap of the envelope has to be stamped with the rubber stamp of the club. A ballot returned in an envelope without the stamp of the club on the flap will become invalid.

The recorded vote must be sent to the Secretary by Registered Post/Ordinary Post/Speed Post/Courier so as to reach her not later than 28th February or the date specified, otherwise it will be null and void.

Any votes received from clubs which have not paid their fees by 31st December of the current Inner Wheel year shall be null and void. The ballot papers shall be scrutinized and counted by duly authorized auditors.

2 Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer:

Each District has the right to nominate with the written consent of the nominee and decided at the District Committee Meeting, a member suitably qualified to serve the Office. The election shall be done by postal voting before 31st March. Voting to be by secret ballot.

The Association President, Immediate Past Association President and the Association Vice President should initial the ballot papers for the election.

3 Council Member:

Any club in the district has the right to nominate with the written consent of the nominee and as decided at a club meeting, one member suitably qualified to serve as a member of Council.

Nominations in writing must reach the District Secretary together with the district nominations 45 days before the Annual District Conference. A list of nominations with a short description of offices held in Inner Wheel shall be sent to all club Secretaries with district nominations not less than 30 days before the Annual District Conference. The election of the member of the Council shall be by secret ballot at the Annual District Conference.

In the eventuality of death, disability or disqualification of any of the candidate/nominee

during or after the election for any of the Association Executive Committee office, the election will continue as per schedule, the next nominee receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected for the said office. In case of election being over and results declared before1st July same rule will apply.

4. Constitution and Credential Committee Chairman

Any District Committee may nominate a member suitably qualified for the office, when called for nomination by the Association. In the event of having more than one nomination, the Executive Committee and Association Council Members would vote at 1st Council Meeting.

G Duties

- 1. The Council shall:
- a. Hold office from 1st July to 30th June.
- Have control and management of the affairs and funds of the Association.
- Recommend to the International Inner Wheel Board, alterations in the boundaries of the existing districts and formations of new districts.
- d. Elect one member from amongst the council members elect, to serve as Hon. Secretary and one as Hon. Treasurer of the Association before 31st March.

e. Appoint any other Committee(s) as deemed necessary at its first meeting and elect members of such committee(s).

2. Duties of the officials

i The President shall:

- Have a sound knowledge of the Constitution, Association Bye-laws, District Committee Rules and Club Rules.
- Preside over all meetings of the Council and as Chief Executive Officer, supervise the work and activities of the Districts and the Clubs through the District Chairman.
- c. Have power to vote and have a casting vote when required.
- d. Visit each district at least once a year, as far as possible at the Annual District Conference/District Assembly, or deputize the Vice-President to attend in her absence.
- Keep in close touch with the clubs and districts and receive reports of District Assemblies, Conferences and Rallies and Minutes of the District Committee meetings.

ii The Vice-President shall:

a Take the place of the President in her absence and perform the duties of the President when required to do so.

 Receive reports of District Assemblies, Conferences and Rallies and Minutes of the District Committee meetings.

iii The Immediate Past President shall:

Preside at a meeting in the absence of both the President and Vice-President.

iv The Hon. Secretary shall:

- a. Send out Agendas and notices of meetings and keep minutes and records.
- Conduct all correspondence on behalf of the Council.
- Have a sound knowledge of the Constitution, Association Bye-Laws, District Committee Rules and Club Rules.
- Keep important correspondence for a suitable period of time - at least 5 years.
 Official publications which will be invaluable to her successors should be preserved.
- Inform the President promptly of all correspondence and discuss the Agenda with her before each meeting.
- f. Write the Minutes of the Association Executive Committee Meeting and Association Council Meetings promptly and after approval of Association President send them to reach the Members of

Association Executive Committee Association Council Members and Clubs respectively within 30 days of the date of the meeting.

g. Prepare and present an Annual Report of the Association to the Council.

v The Hon. Treasurer shall:

- Be the custodian of the funds of the Association.
- Keep all important documents for a suitable time period- at least 5 years. Final audited statement of all years must be preserved.
- c. Keep accounts and generally supervise the finance of the Association and submit to the Council a report and statement of Accounts at each meeting, the audited statement of accounts and the balance sheet at the meeting of the Council held after the end of the Inner Wheel year.
- d. Present a proposed budget for the Association Officers and the Association before the Council at the beginning of the Inner Wheel year.
- Be the authorized signatory of the funds in the bank along with the President or the Secretary.

f. Shall work in close liaison with the Triennial Conference Committee and receive all financial statements throughout the planning and execution of the Triennial Conference.

vi The Council Members shall:

Keep in close touch with clubs in their own districts and shall receive from their own District Chairmen, all reports of District Assemblies, Conferences, Rallies and Minutes of District Committee meetings, give detailed reports to the clubs in their District immediately after the Council meeting.

- vii Any Association Officer who fails to take charge or remains absent without reasonable cause at more than two consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned from office, and in that event, the Association Council shall appoint, in the vacancy so caused, any member who is duly qualified to such office to complete the year.
- viii CCC Chairman: The Constitution & Credential Committee Chairman will guide the Association Governing body on all Constitutional matters. As CCCC she will not attend the Association Executive Committee Meeting. She will attend all

Council Meetings and other Association Meetings and events.

IV MEETINGS

The Executive Committee shall hold at least two meetings a year either immediately before or after the Council meetings.

The Council shall hold at least two meetings every year.

- Matters for inclusion on the Agenda shall be sent to the President and Secretary at least 60 days before the meeting other than an Extra-ordinary meeting.
- ii Notice of all meetings with a copy of the Agenda shall be sent to all members of the Council at least 45 days before the meetings.
- iii An Extra-ordinary meeting may be called by 2/3rd of the Council, the request to be sent in writing to the Secretary. Notice for Extraordinary meetings shall be sent at least 20 days before the meeting. The business of such Extra-ordinary meeting may be transacted by post.

Voting:

Voting shall be by secret ballot. In the event of votes being equal, the President shall have a

casting vote. Business may be transacted by post. Voting shall be considered closed at the end of 21 days after the posting of the proposals. Decision by postal vote shall be recorded in the Minutes of the next meeting of the Council.

Quorum:

The Quorum shall be two-thirds of the Council. If there is no quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned for 30 minutes and be re-assembled after that for business. All ordinary business shall be considered but any recommendations regarding finance shall be circulated to the Council Members for their approval and consent.

This fact shall be clearly notified in the Agenda for every meeting.

V Editor:

The Editor shall not be a member of the Executive Committee. She shall manage the Association website, bring out news on the web tri monthly from the Clubs and Districts, help in bringing out Association President's Newsletter. She in her capacity cannot attend Executive Committee and Association Council meetings and Incoming Chairman's Institute.

Qualifications: Must have been a Past District Chairman for atleast one year, at the time of nomination. Should have been District Editor and well versed in computer and handling online communication.

Nominations: Any District Committee may nominate a person suitably qualified for the office of National Editor.

Voting: By postal vote, each club having the right to one vote. Ballot can be sent in the same envelope as Association Vice President / Deputy National Representative.

Tenure of office: The National Editor to be nominated and elected annually, maximum term is two years. In the event of vacancy the National Governing Body may appoint a qualified successor to complete the year.

VI. FINANCE AND AUDIT

- 1. a The financial year shall be from 1st July to 30th June
 - A bank account shall be opened in any approved Nationalized / Co-operative bank
 / Corporate Banks in the name of the Association.

2. Dues

Each club shall pay such annual Association Fee for each member as may be determined from time to time at the Triennial Conference.

Any proposal to alter the Association Fee at the Triennial must be circulated in writing to all the Clubs at least 4 calendar months prior to Triennial Conference.

3. Expenses

All legitimate expenses incurred in carrying out the work of the Association shall be met from the funds of the Association.

4. Payments

All payments from the funds of the Association shall be made by cheque, standing order, direct transfer, debit or bank transfer, demand draft provided that the payment is authorized and in writing by the Honorary Treasurer and either the President or the Honorary Secretary.

5. Audit

The Accounts of the Association shall be audited annually by a qualified accountant and copies to be circulated to Council Members, Districts and Clubs before the next Council Meeting at which it is to be adopted.

Any Event conducted in the name of the Association – Triennial Conference, South Asia Rally, Natural Calamity Relief, any other Association Celebration should maintain proper Accounts. These accounts to be presented, audited and included in the following Council Minutes.

VII. COMMITTEES

1. Executive:

I President (Chairman)

II Vice-President

III Imm. Past President

IV Hon. Secretary

V Hon. Treasurer

Quorum: 3 members

The Council shall have power to appoint such of the following Committee(s) as deemed necessary and elect members for such Committee(s).

2. Constitution and Credential Committee:

Association President (ex-Officio)

Association Vice President (Ex-Officio)

Immediate Past Association President (Ex-Officio)

Chairman, as appointed by the Council, at least 30 months prior to the next Triennial Conference. Must be a Past Association President.

Not more than 4 Past Association Presidents coopted by the Chairman

3. Conference:

President (Ex-Officio)

Hon. Treasurer

Chairman as appointed by the Council

Nor more than 4 other Inner Wheel members (who may be co-opted by the Conference Committee Chairman)

VIII. NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICES OF IIW

a.	IIW Vice-President	Refer IIW Constitution for qualification
b.	Honorary Treasurer	Refer IIW Constitution for qualification
C.	Constitution Chairman	Refer IIW Constitution for qualification
d.	Board Director	Refer IIW Constitution for qualification
Δ	Honorary Editor	Refer IIW Constitution for qualification

IIW Board Director Nominee

Qualification:

A Board Director Nominee from India must be a Past Association President, a National Representative, Past National Representative or Past Inner Wheel Board Member (i.e. any member who served up to the end of June 1995) to stand for election as Board Director of the International Inner Wheel Governing Body.

Nominations:

Any District Committee may nominate a member suitably qualified for the Office of Board Director nominee from India.

Election:

Imm. Past President who is also the Past National Representative may be nominated to stand for election for the Office of Board Director nominee from India.

In the event that two or more nominations are received by the Association, there will be an internal election.

All clubs in the country may vote, each club having one vote. Election by simple majority.

A list of nominees with a short description of offices held in Inner wheel shall be sent by Association Secretary before 10th July or the date specified to all Clubs with an official ballot slip and envelope for return.

Each club shall have one vote. The recorded vote must be sent to the Association Secretary by Registered Post so as to reach her not later than 31st August or the date specified, otherwise it will be null and void.

The ballot papers shall be scrutinized and counted by duly authorized auditors. In the event of votes being equal, the Association President shall have the casting vote or the casting vote may be drawn. The final nomination shall be sent to concerned Districts to be forwarded to IIW Headquarters, so as to reach before 30th September. Any votes

received from clubs which have not paid their fees for the preceding year shall be null and void.

IX. DISSOLUTION:

The Association may be dissolved resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of those present, who being entitled to do so, vote in person at a special General Meeting of the Association consisting of voting delegates of all clubs, convened for the purpose, provided that three months notice of such proposal shall have been given in writing to all clubs. If upon winding up or dissolution of the Association, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property or assets whatsoever the same shall not be paid or distributed among the member clubs of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association having objects similar to the objects of the Association, or to charity or charities and the decision as to which Society, Association charity or charities shall benefit shall not be dealt with at the special General Meeting herein-before referred to but shall be left to the discretion of the Council, but in exercising such discretion the Council shall so far as is practicable have regard to the wishes of member clubs expressed through their Members of Council.

X. ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE:

- A Conference of the Association may be held once in 3 years. Any Inner Wheel member may attend, but the business shall be conducted by the Voting Delegates.
- There shall be four classes of voting delegates -Club, District Executive Committee, Ex-Officio and Proxy.
- Club Voting Delegates shall be elected from among the active members by each club in due time before the Conference.

Each club shall be entitled to send one Voting Delegate, Clubs with an active membership of 51-100, two voting Delegates; Clubs with 101-150 active members shall be entitled to send 3 voting delegates. Clubs with more than 151 active members shall be entitled to one additional voting delegate. Clubs in arrears with dues one month before the Conference shall not be entitled to vote

- Each District Executive Committee shall be entitled to send two Voting Delegates.
- Each Officer of the Association, each member of the Council and each Past President of the Association and Past International Inner Wheel Representative holding membership in an Inner Wheel Club shall be a Voting Delegate

Ex-officio. All of the above, if not present, may designate as proxy a Voting Delegate from their club or District Executive Committee.

- Each Voting Delegate shall be entitled to one vote.
- Each motion submitted to amend the Bye-laws, District rules or Club rules at the Conference, must be decided by a majority of two thirds of those who cast their vote in person or by proxy.

All general motions shall be decided by a majority vote.

All voting shall be by voting card, especially provided and distributed to all Voting Delegates. The cards shall be held up on request.

 All amendments to any General Motions shall be submitted by the clubs to their District Committee for consideration.

The clubs may then forward them to the Constitution and Credential Committee Chairman in writing not less than 4 months before the start of the Conference Business Meeting and shall be circulated to all Voting Delegates.

9. At least one fourth of those entitled to vote in person or by proxy constitutes a quorum for any meeting of the Conference.

Proxy:

Any Club and any District Executive Committee not represented may designate as proxy to any other voting delegate.

The authority of a proxy shall be evidenced by a certificate signed by the President and Secretary for the club or clubs, or Chairman and Secretary of the District or Districts for whose non-attending delegate she is proxy. All certificates must be delivered to the Constitution and Credential Committee Chairman at the Conference to entitle proxies to participate as such in the Conference.

- At each Conference there shall be presented by the Council an official Report and Statement of Account duly audited, the annual subscription fixed and matters of Inner Wheel interest shall be considered.
- The fares of Voting Delegates attending the Association Conference shall not be paid by the Association.
- A proposed budget for the Conference should be presented by the presiding President before the Council one year ahead.
- The audited accounts of the Conference to be submitted to the Council following the Conference.

14. Any money remaining after all the expenses are met with should be carried forward in the Triennial account of Association to be used for next Triennial's initial expenses.

XI. CONFERENCE STANDING ORDERS

- 1. The President shall preside at the Conference and in her absence, the Vice President.
- All business must be conducted by Voting Delegates.
- 3. All delegates shall address the chair.
- Delegates must speak only upon the question under discussion.
- If two or more Delegates rise at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine who shall speak first.
- A proposal must be moved only by the person representing the body tabling the motion.
- Each proposal must be seconded before discussion.
- The proposer of a motion may not speak for more than three minutes.
- Other speeches to a proposal shall not exceed two minutes.

- The proposer of a motion shall have the right to reply, but shall not speak for more than three minutes.
- Each amendment shall be relevant to the motion to which it is moved.
- Each amendment must be moved and seconded before discussion.
- 13. No delegate shall move or second more than one amendment to each proposal.
- The mover of an amendment may not speak for more than three minutes.
- Other speeches to an amendment shall not exceed two minutes.
- The mover of an amendment shall have her right of reply but shall not speak for more than two minutes.
- On each proposal to amend the Bye-laws, District rules and Club rules, a majority of two thirds of those voting in person or by proxy is necessary.
- All other resolutions shall be decided by a majority vote. In the event of votes being equal, the Presiding Officer shall have the casting vote.

19. Any proposal or any amendment to the proposal once declared passed/rejected shall not be reversed in the same Conference under any circumstances. Results of the proposals/amendments to the proposals taken up should be declared on the same day.

XII. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYE-LAWS

The Association Council, District Committees & Clubs may submit proposals to amend the Association Bye-laws, District Committee Rules, Club Rules and General Motions. Such proposals from the Association Council and the District Committees shall be sent direct to the Association. Clubs shall submit such proposals to the District Committee for consideration. The Clubs may then forward them to the Association. Any proposal to amend the bye-laws shall be received by the Association Constitution and Credential Committee Chairman not later than 12 months prior to the Conference

- a. Such proposal must include a seconder
- b. The proposer cannot second the proposal
- c. Proposals from the Association Council which are made on behalf of all members, do not require a separate seconder as they must be approved by the Council.

Amendments to these proposals shall be received by the Constitution and Credential Committee Chairman not later than 6 months prior to the Conference.

Amendments to the bye-laws of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India and the Standard District Rules and the Standard Club Rules shall be made only at a Conference of the Association by the resolution passed by a majority of Two-thirds of those, who being entitled so to do, vote in person or by proxy.

All adopted amendments will be implemented after ratification by IIW.

Proposal shall be moved by the Association Council, District Committee or Club proposing, or by their duly appointed proxies. In case of urgency and provided that not less than 45 days notice in writing has been given, the Bye-laws may be amended at a meeting of Governing Body attended by all members in person or by their deputies by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than 75% of those entitled to vote in person or by proxy.

Such amendment shall be subject to ratification by the Triennial Conference within two years of the meeting of Governing Body at which such resolution is passed, but shall become immediately and temporarily effective for a period not exceeding two years until it shall be ratified or rejected by such Triennial Conference or failing this shall lapse. The decision must be unanimous at the EC meeting. A 75% majority of the vote in person or by proxy in the Association Council is needed.

Any Proposal containing similar subject to one presented and lost at two consecutive Triennials will not be accepted for the following Triennial Conference.

XIII. GENERAL MOTIONS

General motions must be sent in writing to reach the Constitution and Credential Committee Chairman four months before the Association Conference.

XIV. TRANSLATION

Association Bye-laws may be translated in the regional language. The words "The English Bye-laws is the official version" must be printed on all translations.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE RULES



DISTRICT COMMITTEE

- The minimum number of clubs required to form a District is four.
- 2. The Board of IIW gives the District its number.
- The name of the District shall be "Inner Wheel District (Number)".
- The boundaries shall be as fixed by the Board of IIW in consultation with the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India.
- **5.** The District Committee shall be the Governing Body of the District.
- 6. The District Committee shall consist of:

a. District Officers:

Chairman / Deputy Council Member

Vice - Chairman

Immediate Past Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

b. Ex-Officio Members:

Council Member

Extension Chairman or Organiser

International Service Chairman or Organiser

Editor

c. Club Voting Delegates:

Two delegates from each club or their deputies. One additional voting delegate for EVERY 50 Members may be elected from Clubs with 51 or more active members.

Any new Inner Wheel Club formed in any District in the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India shall be eligible for voting at District level only on receipt of Charter from the International Inner Wheel and on completing six months from the date of official inauguration of the Club.

- The District Executive Committee shall consist of the District Officers and Ex-Officio members as above without the Delegates.
- There shall not be more than 2 members of the same club in the District Executive Committee.
- 9. The members of the District Executive Committee should be Past Presidents of a club in the district and should have been a member of the Inner Wheel for atleast 5 years at the time of nomination. She must have also attended at least one of the two District Committee meetings in the capacity of Club voting delegate.

A member cannot send her nomination to District Executive Committee while serving as the President / Voting delegate at the time of sending nomination, irrespective of the other required offices done earlier.

Incase of transfer from one Club to another, they must have served at least one year at the time of nomination, in the Executive Committee of that Club in that District.

10. QUALIFICATIONS

a. Chairman / Deputy Council Member

- Must have served on the District Executive Committee as an Officer for at least one year at the time of nomination.
- The Immediate Past District Chairman, District Chairman / Deputy Council Members and the Vice Chairman shall not be members of the same club.

b. Vice Chairman

- Must have served on the District Executive Committee as an officer for at least one year at the time of taking office.
- The Immediate Past District Chairman, District Chairman / Deputy Council Member and the Vice Chairman shall not be members of the same club.

c. Secretary and Treasurer

Must have served on the District Executive Committee as an Ex-Officio member for at least one year at the time of taking office.

d. Council Member or Deputy

Must be a ruling District Chairman or a Past District Chairman at the time of nomination. A Deputy Council member must have served as an officer of the District for at least one year at the time of nomination.

e. Extension Service Chairman or Organiser

Must have served on the District Executive Committee as a District Officer for at least one year at the time of nomination.

f. International Service Chairman or Organiser

Must have served on the District Committee for at least one year at the time of nomination and have been a member of the District International Service Committee where such Committee exists.

g. Editor

Must have served on the District Committee for at least one year at the time of nomination.

h. Constitution & Credential Committee Chairman

Must have been a Past District Chairman and shall be appointed for a period of three Inner Wheel calendar years. In the event of a vacancy a member of the District CC Committee will complete the term.

i. Vacancy

In the event of a vacancy in any of the above mentioned offices, the District Executive Committee should appoint a qualified successor.

11A.NOMINATIONS

Having obtained the consent of the nominee(s), each club may nominate only from its own active members, persons qualified for the following:

Chairman / Deputy Council Member

Vice Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Council Member

Extension Chairman or Organiser

International Service Chairman or Organiser

Editor

A Club should not send more than two nominations for the District Executive Committee offices. In case of more than one nomination for the same office there should be an internal election in the club on the floor of the house to elect the nominee after placing such

an item on the agenda. Each active member will have one vote. In case of votes being equal, the Club President will have a casting vote.

Nomination shall be made in writing, with the consent of the nominee, to be accompanied by relevant minutes of the club meeting to the District Secretary 45 days before the date of the meeting of election, which is the District Conference, the exact date to be fixed by the District Chairman

The nominations for the district offices shall be circulated to all the nominees. Any candidate wishing to withdraw her nomination shall do so immediately on receiving the list or before the date specified and shall inform her Club and the District Secretary of her decision.

11B.ELECTIONS

Elections for offices with more than one nomination will be held as under:

By secret ballot at the Annual District Conference or District Committee meeting:

The final list of nominations with a short description of offices in Inner Wheel shall be sent to all Club Secretaries not less than 30 days before the Annual District Conference. The election of the District Executive Committee shall be by secret ballot at the Annual District Conference or the District Committee meeting.

The nomination of a candidate not physically present at the time of election may considered valid provided her consent form and a letter of apology for her absence has been presented. If nominations for any office of the District Executive Committee have not been received or found invalid after scrutiny, the Chairman / Deputy Council Member shall invite nominations on the floor of Conference after such an item has been placed on the Agenda. In the event of there being more than one nomination on the floor of the house, then the voting delegates will cast their votes through secret ballot. An absentee member should not be nominated for any District Executive Committee office on the floor at the District Conference.

12. CHAIRMAN/DEPUTY COUNCIL MEMBER

The Chairman / Deputy Council Meber shall:

- a. be nominated and elected for one year.
- preside at all meetings of the District and District Committee and as Chief Executive Officer, supervise the work and activities of the District.
- be an ex-officio member of all Committees.
 In the event of a vacancy the Vice-Chairman shall succeed to the office to complete the year.

13. VICE CHAIRMAN

The Vice Chairman shall:

- be nominated and elected for one year and will not be eligible for re election for the second consecutive year.
- deputize for the Chairman when necessary. In the event of a vacancy, the District Executive Committee shall appoint a qualified District Officer to complete the year.

14. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall:

- be eligible for re-election annually for a maximum period of three consecutive years.
- send out notices of meetings and keep all minutes and records.
- c. conduct all correspondence.
- d. send out a list of nominations together with a short description of the offices held to the Club Secretaries and members of the District Executive Committee not less than 30 days before the meetings of election.
- e. make an annual report to the District Committee.
- f. be an ex-officio member of all committees.
 In the event of a vacancy, the District

Executive Committee shall appoint a qualified successor.

15. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall:

- a. be eligible for re-election annually for a maximum period of three consecutive years.
- b. be custodian of the funds of the District.
- present a proposed budget for the District Executive Officers including ex-officio and the District before the District Committee at the beginning of the Inner Wheel year.
- submit to the District Committee a report and statement of accounts.
- e. be the authorized signatory of the funds in the bank along with the District Chairman or the District Secretary.

16. COUNCIL MEMBER

The Council Member shall be eligible for reelection except during her fallow year, but shall not serve as a member of Council for more than two consecutive years. A Deputy shall be appointed by the District Executive Committee at the District Assembly.

If a Council Member is unable to attend a Council meeting, she shall immediately inform her Deputy and forward to her all the relevant papers.

A Council Member must attend at least one Council meeting in order to be suitably qualified for the offices of National Representative and Deputy National Representative.

In the event of a vacancy, the District Executive Committee shall appoint a qualified successor from any Past District Chairmen.

17. EXTENSION CHAIRMAN OR ORGANISER

The Extension Chairman or Organiser shall:

- be eligible for re-election annually for a maximum period of three consecutive years.
- b. be the Chairman of the Extension Committee if a Committee is elected.
- c. In the event of a vacancy, the District Executive Committee shall appoint a qualified successor from any past or present member of the District Executive Committee.

18. INTERNATIONAL SERVICE CHAIRMAN OR ORGANISER

The International Service Chairman or Organiser shall:

- a. be eligible for re-election annually for a maximum period of three consecutive years.
- b. be the Chairman of the International

Service Committee, if a Committee is elected

c. In the event of a vacancy, the District Executive Committee shall appoint a qualified successor from any past or present member of the District Executive Committee.

19. EDITOR

The Editor shall be eligible for re-election for a maximum period of three consecutive years. In the event of a vacancy, the District Executive Committee shall appoint a qualified successor from any past or present member of the District Executive Committee.

20. FALLOW YEAR OF IMM, PAST CHAIRMAN

The Immediate Past Chairman shall not be eligible for election to any office in the district as a member of the District Executive Committee or represent her district on the Council during her year following her period as Immediate Past Chairman which is her fallow year.

21. CLUB VOTING DELEGATES

A Delegate shall not serve on the District Committee for a longer period than three consecutive years, unless elected to the District Executive Committee.

22. DUTIES

- The District Executive Committee
 The Committee shall:
- have the overall management of the dayto-day affairs and funds of the District Committee.
- b. be entitled to send two voting delegates to the Association Conference, when held.
- c. be entitled to send one voting delegate to the IIW Convention, when held.
- d. be entitled to vote at the Annual Conference for the election of District Officers.
- e. Any District Officer or Ex-Officio member of the District Executive Committee who fails to take charge or remains absent without reasonable cause for two consecutive meetings, shall be deemed to have resigned from office, and in that event, the District Executive Committee shall appoint, in the vacancy so caused, any member who is duly qualified to such office, to complete the year.

22A.THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The Committee shall:

- a. hold office from 1st July to 30th June.
- b. further the purpose of Inner Wheel within the District.

- promote friendly relations among the Clubs of the District.
- supervise and co-ordinate the work of the Clubs.
- e. organise new Clubs in the District.
- f. fix the annual capitation fee for the District.
- g. elect before 28th February
 - District Officers
 - 2. Council Member
 - District Editor
 - 4. Extension Organiser
 - 5. International Service Organiser
 - 6. Member of Standing Committees where necessary

23. MEETINGS

- 1. The District Executive Committee
- Meetings of the District Executive Committee shall be held as often as necessary but at least twice a year.
- b. A special meeting may be called by the District Chairman / Deputy Council Member or when requested by two members of the Committee. At least 4 days notice shall be given for such a special meeting.

c. If there is no quorum (30%) the meeting shall be adjourned for 30 minutes and be re-assembled after that for discussion only. A postal vote must then be taken to decide recommendations.

2. The District Committee

- The District Committee shall meet not less than twice a year. Items for inclusion in the Agenda shall be forwarded to the District Secretary at least 45 days before a meeting.
- Final notice of the meeting together with a copy of the Agenda, shall be sent to all Club Secretaries at least 30 days before the meeting.
- The Chairman / Deputy Council Member shall call an Extra-ordinary Meeting at the request of 2/3rd of the Clubs.

If the Chairman / Deputy Council Member does not send the notice calling the meeting within 7 days from the date of the receipt by her of such requisition, the requisitionists shall be at liberty to call the meeting.

The propositions to be placed before the meeting shall be stated in the requisition.

24. DISTRICT MEETING

District Assembly :

An assembly should be held either at the end of the Inner Wheel year or beginning of the Inner Wheel year.

2. District Rally:

To be held in the course of the Inner Wheel Year.

3. District Conference:

Should be held at least once a year, not later than 28th February.

25. VOTING TO ELECT STANDING COMMITTEE

Delegates of clubs in arrears with their dues will not be eligible to vote. No individual person holding two offices shall be permitted to exercise more than one vote.

- a. Members of the District Executive Committee and Club Voting Delegates or their deputies shall be permitted to vote. Members of the District Executive have one vote each. Proxy votes of District Executive Members are not accepted at District Committee Meetings.
- A Club Voting Delegate or their deputies can hold proxy vote of their club only. Proxy votes other than their own clubs are not accepted.

- c. Voting at election shall be by ballot.
- d. In the event of votes being equal, the Chairman / Deputy Council Member shall have the casting vote, or a casting vote may be drawn.

26. OTHER VOTING

- Voting shall be by show of hands. In the event of votes being equal, the Chairman / Deputy Council Member shall have the casting vote.
- b. Deputies shall be permitted to vote.
- Business may be transacted by post with the approval of the Chairman / Deputy Council Member.
- Decision by postal vote shall be confirmed at the next meeting of the District Committee.
- In case of an election at the District Assembly in the month of June, only the voting delegates appointed for that year (i.e., July to June) shall be permitted to vote.

27. RESIGNATION AND PROVISION FOR RE-ELECTION

 a. If, for any reason, a duly elected member wishes to resign, she shall inform the District Chairman / Deputy Council Member immediately in writing.

- b. If such intimation is received at least 45 days prior to the District Assembly, the Chairman / Deputy Council Member shall ask clubs to nominate a candidate, having received the consent of the nominee in writing a member qualified for the office and a re-election shall be held at the District Assembly.
- c. If such intimation is not received earlier than 45 days and there is not sufficient time to hold the elections before the beginning of the next Inner Wheel Year, then the ruling District Executive Committee shall appoint a qualified successor.

28. QUORUM

30% of the District committee or any standing Committee shall constitute a quorum. If there is no quorum, in the District Committee Meeting, or the Extra Ordinary District Committee meeting shall be adjourned for 30 minutes and be re-assembled thereafter for discussion only. A postal vote or E-mail may be taken thereafter to decide on recommendations.

29. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Executive Committee

Officers

Ex-officio members with power to vote.

A member may not serve on the District

Executive Committee for more than 6 years consecutively unless elected as District Vice-Chairman.

If any of the following Committees are deemed by the District Committee to be unnecessary in any one year, they need not be appointed.

1. Extension Committee

Extension Organiser or Chairman

Members (not more than 4) who must have been delegates to the District Committee for at least one year at the time of nomination.

2. International Service Committee

International Service Organiser or Chairman.

Members (not more than 4) who must have been delegates to the District Committee or International Service Organisers in their Club for at least one year at the time of nomination. Members of these committees are eligible for re-election annually for a maximum period of 3 years unless elected Chairman of the Committee.

3. Constitution and Credential Committee

District Chairman / Deputy Council Member (ex-officio)

District Vice Chairman (ex-officio)

Immediate Past District Chairman (ex-officio)

District Secretary (ex-officio)

Chairman (as appointed by the District Executive)

Must be a Past District Chairman

Not more than 3 Past District Chairmen coopted by the Chairman

This Committee to serve for not more than 3 consecutive years but may be re-elected in case where there are no suitable persons to take over the office.

4. Other Committees

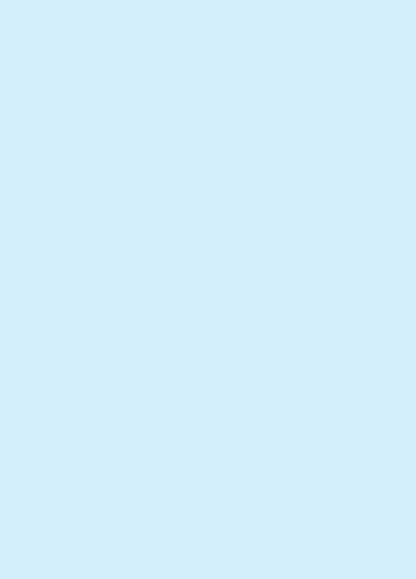
The District Committee may elect other committees as required.

30. FINANCE AND AUDIT

- a. The financial year shall be from 1st July to 30th June. A Bank Account shall be opened in any approved Nationalized / Cooperative Bank / Corporate Banks in the name of District.
- b. Dues: Each club shall pay to the District Funds such annual sum as may be determined from time to time

- by a 2/3rd majority of the District Committee. The appropriate resolution must appear on the Agenda.
- c. Expenses: Expenses incurred in carrying out the work of the District shall be met from the funds of the District Committee.
- **d. Payments**: Payments from the funds of the District Committee shall be made by cheques signed by the Treasurer and either the Chairman or the Secretary.
- e. Audit: The previous year's accounts of the District Committee shall be audited annually and copies circulated to all Clubs at least 3 weeks before the Conference.
- f. Any Event conducted in the name of the District – District Conference, District Assembly, District Rally/ Intercity, Natural Calamity Relief/ District Project, any other Celebration by the District should maintain proper Accounts. These accounts to be presented, audited and included in the following District Committee Minutes.





CLUB RULES

The minimum number of active members required to form an Inner Wheel Club is ten.

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- 2. GOVERNING BODY.....The Executive Committee
 - a. Officers

President

Vice President

Immediate Past President

Secretary

Treasurer

b. Other Members

Assistant Secretary / Correspondent International Service Organiser

international Service Organiser

Not more than 6 other members

c. Large Clubs with a membership of 100 and above shall be permitted to have more than 13 members on the Club Executive Committee, subject to a maximum of 19 members.

3. QUALIFICATIONS

a. President

Must have served on the Executive Committee for at least one year at the date of taking office.

b. Vice President

Must have served on the Executive Committee for at least one year at the date of taking office.

4. NOMINATIONS

The Club members may nominate with the consent of the nominee, members qualified for the following

- Officers of the Club
- b. Assistant Secretary/Club Correspondent
- c. International Service Organiser
- Not more than 6 other members for the Executive Committee.
- e. Two or more Delegates to the District Committee. Nominations for the above shall be made in writing to the Secretary at least one month before the meeting at which the elections are to take place. Such meeting to be held before 31st January. If nominations for any offices of the Executive Committee have not been received, the President shall invite

nominations on the floor of a Club meeting after such an item has been placed on the Agenda of the meeting.

Such nomination, with written consent of the nominee, shall be proposed and seconded and elected by secret ballot.

5. PRESIDENT

- a. The President shall be nominated and elected for one year. A further year may be allowed by the District Executive Committee in special circumstances. Permission to be requested through the Club Executive.
- In the event of a vacancy, the Vice-President shall succeed.
- c. The President shall:
 - i preside at all meetings of the Club.
 - as Chief Officer, supervise the work and activities of the Club.
 - iii submit the budget for the year and oversee its adherence for compliance.

6. VICE PRESIDENT

 shall be nominated and elected annually and shall not serve for more than two consecutive years.

- b. shall deputize for the President when necessary but shall not wear the collar.
- In the event of a vacancy, the Club shall elect a past or present member of the Executive Committee to fill the office.

7. THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

shall preside at a meeting in the absence of both the President and Vice President.

8. SECRETARY

- The secretary shall be nominated and elected for one year but shall be eligible for re-election annually for a maximum period of three consecutive years.
- b. In the event of a vacancy, the Executive Committee shall appoint a successor.
- c. The Secretary shall:
 - i send out notice of meetings
 - ii keep Minutes of meetings
 - iii prepare an Annual Report
 - iv deal promptly with all general correspondence
 - v invite nominations for the offices of the Executive Committee in November.

9. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be nominated and

elected for one year but shall be eligible for re-election annually for a maximum period of three consecutive years.

- b. In the event of a vacancy, the Executive Committee shall appoint a successor.
- c. The Treasurer shall:
 - i receive all moneys
 - be the custodian of the funds of the Club.
 - iii present a proposed budget in a club meeting in the beginning of the year.
 - iv maintain vouchers and keep detailed accounts for all money transactions.
 - v arrange for auditing of the **previous year's** accounts and present to the club before the 30th September.
- be the authorized signatory of the funds in the bank along with the President or Secretary.
- e. Two accounts must be maintained Club Account and Charity Account.

10. FALLOW YEAR OF IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

The Immediate Past President shall not be eligible for election to the Executive Committee of her Club, or represent her club as a Delegate to the District Committee for the year following

her period as Immediate Past President which is her fallow year for her at the club level. During her tenure as the Immediate Past President she is, however, eligible to file for a nomination for the office of an Ex-Officio Member of the District Committee as per the individual criteria laid out for the offices. If elected, she shall then be eligible to serve as the Ex-officio Member of the District Committee during her fallow year as per the District Committee Rules.

11. PAST PRESIDENT

A Club Past President is a member who has been elected President and has served in that Office for a period of one full year.

12. CLUB INTERNATIONAL SERVICE ORGANISER

- shall be nominated and elected for one year but shall be eligible for re-election annually for a maximum period of three consecutive years.
- In the event of a vacancy, the Club Executive Committee shall appoint a successor.
- c. shall correspond with link Clubs.

13. CLUB CORRESPONDENT / ASST. SECRETARY

 shall be nominated and elected for one year but shall be eligible for re- election

- annually for a maximum period of 3 consecutive years.
- In the event of a vacancy, the Club Executive Committee shall appoint a successor.
- help the Secretary in all correspondence and other duties.
- d. In the absence of the Secretary, act as Secretary of the meeting.

14. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- All other members of the Executive Committee shall be eligible for re-election for a maximum period of two consecutive years.
- In the event of a vacancy, another member of the club shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

15. DELEGATES TO THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

a. Delegates must belong to the Club Executive Committee and have served as an officer on the Executive Committee at the time of taking office. In case none of the Executive Committee members of the Clubs are able to attend the District Committee meeting a deputy may be

appointed from amongst the members of the Club. A letter to this effect should be written stating that these members have been nominated as Deputy Voting Delegates on the letter head of the Club bearing the seal and signature of the President and Club Secretary.

- They may not serve for more than three consecutive years unless elected to the District Executive.
- c. Shall be members of the Executive Committee or Deputy Voting delegates and shall give reports of all District Committee meetings and work done by the District Committee
- d. One additional voting delegate for EVERY 50 Members may be elected from Clubs with 51 or more active members.
- e. In the event of a vacancy, the Club shall appoint a qualified successor.

16. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall have the overall management of the day-to-day affairs and funds of the clubs. Any club officer who fails to take charge or remains absent without reasonable cause for two consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned from office, and in that event, the Executive Committee

shall appoint, in the vacancy so caused, any member who is duly qualified to such office, to complete the year.

17. MEMBERSHIP IN CLUBS

Honorary Members:

Clubs may invite up to 4 persons whom they wish to honour to become Honorary Members. Such members shall be subject to re-election annually. Honorary members have no vote and shall not hold any office in the Committee of the Club.

Active Members:

A member will retain her qualifications and seniority not withstanding her transfer to another Club or District for protocol only and not for elections to any District Office.

18. MEETINGS

- Meetings of the Executive Committee as often as necessary. Special meeting may be called by the President or when requested by two members of the Committee.
- Meetings of the Clubs may be held as agreed by members with minimum of 10 Meetings in a year.

Special Meetings may be called by the President, or when requested by not less

than 20% of the members. At least 48 hours notice shall be given.

c. Annual General Meeting before 30th June.

19. VOTING DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Club Voting Delegates shall be elected from amongst the active members, by each club, in due time before the Conference.

Each Club shall be entitled to send one voting delegate.

Club with an active membership of 51 to 100, 2 Voting Delegates and 1 voting delegate for every additional 50 members thereafter.

20. DELEGATES TO THE IIW CONVENTION

Each club shall be entitled to send one voting delegate to IIW Convention.

21. VOTING

Members in arrears with their dues to the Club shall not be eligible to vote.

- Voting at election shall be by ballot.
- Other voting shall be by show of hands unless otherwise demanded by not less than one-third of those present and entitled to vote.

- c. In the event of the votes being equal, the President shall have the casting vote.
- d. No proxies are allowed.

22. QUORUM

- a. 4 members of the Executive Committee
- b. 20% of the members of the Club

23. FINANCE AND AUDIT

- a. The financial year shall be from 1st July to 30th June. A Bank Account shall be opened in any approved Nationalized / Cooperative Bank / Corporate Banks in the name of the Club.
- Dues: Each member shall pay an annual subscription agreed by the Club, due on 1st July.

The District, IIW Subscription and Association Fees are payable for all Honoured Active, Honorary Members by the Club concerned. Members failing to pay within 3 months shall be notified in writing by the Secretary. Membership shall be terminated on failure to pay the annual subscription by 31st December. New Members joining after 1st January shall pay a half –yearly fee of the Club, District, Association and IIW.

- c. **Expenses**: Expenses incurred in carrying out the work of the Club shall be met from the funds of the Club.
- d. Payments: Payments from the funds of the club be made by cheque signed by Treasurer and either the President or the Secretary.
- Audit: The accounts of the Club shall be audited and copies circulated to members by 30th September at the latest.

24. RESIGNATION:

A month's notice of resignation must be given in writing to the Secretary before the end of May. The subscription and any indebtedness to the Club shall be paid at the end of the year in which the notice expires.

25. FORMATION OF A CLUB

An Inner Wheel club must be in existence for at least 5 years before it can sponsor a new club.

26. DISBANDMENT OF A CLUB

The Club may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a majority of two thirds of the members, voting in person at a Special Meeting of the Club, provided six months notice of such proposal shall have been given in writing to all members. If upon winding or dissolution of the

club there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property or assets whatsoever the same shall be not paid or distributed among its members, but shall be given or transferred to some society or club having similar objects or to charity or charities and the decision as to which society or club shall benefit will be decided by two thirds majority of the members present at such a meeting. The original Charter should be returned to the District Chairman, who in turn will forward it to the National Representative.

GENERAL MOTION

1. Trust

A Club desirous of forming a Trust, may do so with professionally drawn Trust Deed and to be registered with the designated authorities. In case a Trust already exists, the Club Executive Committee may formulate rules and / or revise the Trust deed for improvement in the working of the Trust; but to be necessarily passed / approved by the General Body by a simple majority. Also the Board of Trustees must be elected by rotation, as decided by the Club in a similar way.

The Trust Chairman and the Club Treasurer /Club President should be the signatories for disbursement of Trust funds. The Bank a/c of

the Trust should be in any approved Nationalized / Corporate / Cooperative Scheduled Bank and the investments must be of non speculative nature."

The interest designated from the Trust Corpus fund.....period specified.

It is suggested to adhere to the Guidelines for Trust framed by the Association.

2. Bank Account

A bank account may be opened by the Association/District when there is an urgent need to collect funds for Natural Calamities or in event of Disaster Relief. This Account to be operated by at least two Past Association Presidents or present officers of Association/Past District Chairman or Present Executive Committee of the District jointly. This account to be closed once the purpose is served.

Funds collected has to be used only for the purpose it was collected for. An account of the same has to be presented at the Association EC and Council meeting/District Executive meeting and a District Committee meeting. These audited accounts to be circulated along with the minutes of the meeting.

INNER WHEEL GRACE

Father accept our thanks we pray,
For blessings showered on us each day,
And may thy love in friendship seal,
All members of the Inner Wheel,
Amen

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