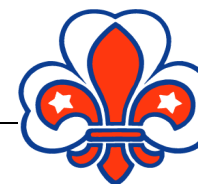
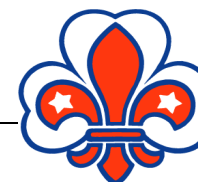


NSGFs and WCom Proposals for amendments to the ISGF Constitution and Bye-Laws

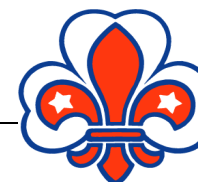
Proposed by	Current text	Proposed amendments	Rationale
<b>CONSTITUTION</b>			
WCom	<p><b>ARTICLE 5</b> <b>Membership</b></p> <p><b>3. Criteria and conditions for Full Membership</b> A Full Member of the ISGF is a national adult organisation which:</p> <p>f) consists of at least 125 members;</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 5</b> <b>Membership</b></p> <p><b>3. Criteria and conditions for Full Membership</b> A Full Member of the ISGF is a national adult organisation which:</p> <p>f) consists of at least 125 members. <b>However in the case of countries with small population, less than 600.000, the minimum number of members required for Full Membership is set to 100.</b></p>	<p>The number of members to be proportional to the population of very small countries with a population up to 600.000. This amendment may give an additional motive to AMO countries to gain Full Membership.</p>
WCom	<p><b>ARTICLE 5</b> <b>Membership</b></p> <p><b>7. Criteria and conditions for Associate Membership</b> An Associate Member of the ISGF is a national adult organisation which fulfils the criteria and the conditions laid down in paragraphs 3 to 5 of this article, except that, in relation to clause d) of paragraph 3, the minimum period of operation at national level is one year and, in relation to clause f) of the same paragraph, the minimum required is 60 members.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 5</b> <b>Membership</b></p> <p><b>7. Criteria and conditions for Associate Membership</b> An Associate Member of the ISGF is a national adult organisation which fulfils the criteria and the conditions laid down in paragraphs 3 to 5 of this article, except that, in relation to clause d) of paragraph 3, the minimum period of operation at national level is one year and, in relation to clause f) of the same paragraph, the minimum required is 60 members. <b>However in the case of countries with small population, less than 600.000, the minimum number of members required for Associate Membership is set to 40.</b></p>	<p>The number of members to be proportional to the population of very small countries with a population up to 600.000. This amendment may give an additional motive to these countries with CB Groups to become AMO countries.</p>



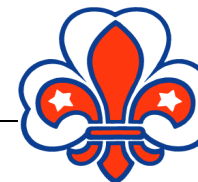
WCom	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 9 World Committee</b></p> <p><b>2. Functions</b></p> <p>l) to submit to the World Conference a balance sheet, statements of accounts, budgets and a proposal for the annual fee;</p> <p>m) to grant remission or postponement of payment of the annual fees;</p> <p>n) to submit reports and proposals to the World Conference;</p> <p>o) to establish Regions, to help in the establishing of Regional Committees, in accordance with the provisions of Article 13, and to maintain close contacts with them; to propose to the World Conference any re-organisation of Regions and Sub-Regions as may be necessary or requested by NSGFs;</p> <p>p) to grant consultative status to such organisations as may be of assistance to the ISGF as approved from time to time by the World Conference;</p> <p>q) to exercise other functions resulting from this Constitution and Bye-laws.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 9 World Committee</b></p> <p><b>2. Functions</b></p> <p>l) to submit to the World Conference a balance sheet, statements of accounts and budgets <del>and a proposal for the annual fee;</del></p> <p>m) to adjust automatically the annual fee according to the inflation.</p> <p>n) to grant remission or postponement of payment of the annual fees;</p> <p>o) to submit reports and proposals to the World Conference;</p> <p>p) to establish Regions, to help in the establishing of Regional Committees, in accordance with the provisions of Article 13, and to maintain close contacts with them; to propose to the World Conference any re-organisation of Regions and Sub-Regions as may be necessary or requested by NSGFs;</p> <p>q) to grant consultative status to such organisations as may be of assistance to the ISGF as approved from time to time by the World Conference;</p> <p>r) to exercise other functions resulting from this Constitution and Bye-laws.</p>	For technical reason.
WCom	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 9 World Committee</b></p> <p><b>3- Composition</b></p> <p>The World Committee shall be composed of:</p> <p>a) Voting members</p> <p>Eight members to be elected by secret ballot by the World Conference from a list of nominees submitted by Full Members; at no time shall more than one elected member from any NSGF serve on the World Committee.</p> <p>b) Non-voting members</p> <p>i. The Secretary General of the ISGF or his/her</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 9 World Committee</b></p> <p><b>3- Composition</b></p> <p>The World Committee shall be composed of:</p> <p>a) Voting members</p> <p>Six members to be elected by secret ballot by the World Conference from a list of nominees submitted by Full Members; at no time shall more than one elected member from any NSGF serve on the World Committee.</p> <p>b) Non-voting members</p> <p>i. The Secretary General of the ISGF or his/her</p>	<p>It is considered that 6 WCom members is a reasonable number and it is less costly for the organization.</p> <p>It will also give the opportunity to involve the Chairmen of the Regions in the works of the Committee when it is needed and feasible.</p> <p>This proposal is submitted with an</p>



	<p>representative, as an ex-officio member of the World Committee and of all its Sub-committees.</p> <p>ii. The Treasurer of the ISGF, as an ex-officio member of the World Committee;</p> <p>iii. Project leaders as may be felt necessary, appointed as in paragraph 2, j) of this article.</p> <p>iv. A member appointed by the World Board of WAGGGS and a member appointed by the World Committee of WOSM</p>	<p>representative, as an ex-officio member of the World Committee and of all its Sub-committees.</p> <p>ii. The Treasurer of the ISGF, as an ex-officio member of the World Committee;</p> <p>iii. Project leaders as may be felt necessary, appointed as in paragraph 2, j) of this article.</p> <p>iv. A member appointed by the World Board of WAGGGS and a member appointed by the World Committee of WOSM.</p> <p>v. <b>The Chairmen of the ISGF Regional Committees as advisors.</b></p>	<p>immediate effect and will have direct consequences on the number of elected WCom members 2017-2020: only 3 members will be elected, and only one election will take place.</p>
WCom	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 9</b> <b>World Committee</b></p> <p><b>8. Term of office of elected members</b> Elected members shall serve for six years. They shall retire in rotation, four at each triennial World Conference. A retiring member shall be eligible for re-election after a lapse of one triennium.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 9</b> <b>World Committee</b></p> <p><b>8. Term of office of elected members</b> Elected members shall <b>be elected for a term of office of 3 years and may be eligible for a second mandate of another 3 years.</b> A retiring member shall be eligible for re-election after a lapse of one triennium.</p>	<p>To give the chance to more members to become WCom members and the ones who do not want to continue can retire after a three-year term. The Conference will have the opportunity to assess the performance of the WCom members after the first three years. This proposal is submitted with immediate effect for the new elected members.</p>
WCom	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 14</b> <b>Amendments to the Constitution</b></p> <p><b>1. Amendments</b> This Constitution may be amended by the World Conference at any of its plenary sessions by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. Proposals, with reasons, for amendments may only be submitted by Full Members or the World Committee. They shall be received by the World Bureau at least seven months before a meeting of</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 14</b> <b>Amendments to the Constitution</b></p> <p><b>1. Amendments</b> This Constitution may be amended by the World Conference at any of its plenary sessions by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. Proposals, with reasons, for amendments may only be submitted by Full Members or the World Committee. <b>When a proposal is submitted by a Full Member it is a requirement that it is seconded by</b></p>	<p>To clearly state the process for submitting proposals for amendments to the Constitution.</p>



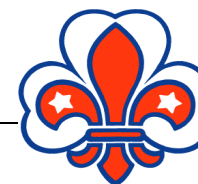
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<b>BYE – LAW</b>			
WCom	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BYE – LAW 7</b> <b>Amendments to the Bye-Laws</b></p> <p><b>1. Amendments</b> These Bye-Laws may be amended by the World Conference at any of its meetings by a simple majority vote of the Full Members present or represented. Proposals, with reasons, for amendments may only be submitted by Full Members or the World Committee. They shall be received by the World Bureau at least seven months before a meeting of the World Conference and communicated to all NSGFs at least six months before the meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BYE – LAW 7</b> <b>Amendments to the Bye-Laws</b></p> <p><b>1. Amendments</b> These Bye-Laws may be amended by the World Conference at any of its meetings by a simple majority vote of the Full Members present or represented. Proposals, with reasons, for amendments may only be submitted by the World Committee or Full Members. <b>When a proposal is submitted by a Full Member it is a requirement that it is seconded by another Full Member. All proposals</b> shall be received by the World Bureau at least seven months before a meeting of the World Conference and communicated to all NSGFs at least six months before the meeting.</p>	To clearly state the process for submitting the proposals for amendments to the Bye law.



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<p>AUSTRIA Seconded by GERMANY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 8</b> <b>The World Conference</b></p> <p><b>5. Secret ballot</b> Voting concerning the hosting of the following World Conference, the admission of new Members and the cancellation of Membership shall require a secret ballot. Other matters may also be voted upon by secret ballot as decided by the Chairman of the World Conference. Tellers are bound to secrecy.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 8</b> <b>The World Conference</b></p> <p><b>5. Secret ballot</b> <b>Voting for the new World Committee members. The result of the elections with the number and the percentage of votes for every candidate have to be reported by the Conference Chair to the delegates of the World Conference.</b> Voting concerning the hosting of the following World Conference, the admission of new Members and the cancellation of Membership shall require a secret ballot. Other matters may also be voted upon by secret ballot as decided by the Chairman of the World Conference. <del>Tellers are bound to secrecy.</del></p>	<p>The actual situation around the elections of the World Committee members is not satisfying because it is undemocratic and not transparent. In the past, there had been elections, where it would have been very interesting to know the exact number and the percentage of votes for every candidate. ISGF is an organisation of adult and mature people and the members are strong enough to accept the result of any voting.</p>
<p>AUSTRIA Seconded by GERMANY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 13</b> <b>Finances</b></p> <p><b>1. ISGF funds</b> The funds of the ISGF are derived from: a) the annual per capita fees paid by the NSGFs as decided by the World Conference;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 13</b> <b>Finances</b></p> <p><b>1. ISGF funds</b> The funds of the ISGF are derived from: a) the annual per capita fees paid by the NSGFs as decided by the World Conference. <b>The World Conference has to notice, that all members are equal. All NSGFs have the same rights and have to pay the same fee for their members. That, according to their status as AMO or MO and the number of members in their NSGFs.</b></p>	<p>It is a fact, that many NSGFs, especially in Africa and Asia, pay a very small fee for their members. The argument therefore, that in these countries, they have a very low gross national product. The reality is different, if we have a look on the members there, their status in the society, their personal income and life style. Especially in Europe, we have the biggest number of retired people and members with an income much lower, than the GNP. Nevertheless, they pay the highest level in ISGFs fee system. We are free of envy but it is a</p>



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AUSTRIA Seconded by GERMANY	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 13</b> <b>Finances</b></p> <p><b>4. Auditing</b> An audited financial statement of accounts shall be submitted annually by the World Committee to all NSGFs.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 13</b> <b>Finances</b></p> <p><b>4. Auditing</b> An audited financial statement of accounts shall be submitted annually by the World Committee to all NSGFs. <b>The World Conference elects no less than two auditors. In addition to the statement, specified in the first sentence, the auditors have to provide at each World Conference an Audit Performance. Expenses of the auditors (travel and accommodation) shall be reimbursed, if there are some.</b></p>	<p>Auditing the finances is very important in each organisation/association. The work, done by the elected auditors, is therefore of great responsibility against the members of such an organisation/association. Only at the World Conference, there is a possibility for the delegates to accept the report about the audited finances. Therefore, an Audit Performance has to be provided and presented at each World Conference to make finances and the use of membership fees more transparent.</p> <p>Auditing the finances of ISGF is at least once a year and the auditors have to come to Brussels to do their duty. It is a kind of fairness to reimburse the expenses of the auditors if necessary and wished by them.</p>
TUNISIA	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 9</b> <b>World Committee</b></p> <p><b>3- Composition</b> The World Committee shall be composed of: a) Voting members Eight members to be elected by secret ballot by the World Conference</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 9</b> <b>World Committee</b></p> <p><b>3- Composition</b> « The World Committee shall be composed of: a) Voting members <b>i. Six</b> members to be elected by secret ballot by the World Conference</p>	<p>Delegates from 18 countries, all Europeans ones (except for two) established the ISGF Constitution at the creation of the organization in</p>



	<p>b) Non-voting members</p> <p>i. The Secretary General of the ISGF or his/her representative, as an ex-officio member of the World Committee and of all its Sub-committees.</p> <p>ii. The Treasurer of the ISGF, as an ex-officio member of the World Committee;</p> <p>iii. Project leaders as may be felt necessary, appointed as in paragraph 2, j) of this article.</p> <p>iv. A member appointed by the World Board of WAGGGS and a member appointed by the World Committee of WOSM.</p>	<p><b>ii. the Chairmen of the ISGF Regional Committees</b></p> <p>b) Non-voting members</p> <p>i. The Secretary General of the ISGF or his/her representative, as an ex-officio member of the World Committee and of all its Sub-committees.</p> <p>ii. The Treasurer of the ISGF, as an ex-officio member of the World Committee;</p> <p>iii. Project leaders as may be felt necessary, appointed as in paragraph 2, j) of this article.</p> <p>iv. A member appointed by the World Board of WAGGGS and a member appointed by the World Committee of WOSM.</p>	<p>1953.</p> <p>Historically, the first Regions were what the European Sub Regions are now (Nordic, Western, Central...)</p> <p>Now, there are five ISGF Regions: Europe, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Africa and Western Hemisphere with elected Regional Committees and chairpersons.</p> <p>In international organisations such as WOSM and WAGGGS, chairmen of Regional Committees or Regions are <u>ex-officio</u> members of the World Committee.</p> <p>As to ISGF, Regional Chairmen attended the World Committee meeting in 2016 and the experience seems to have been positive.</p> <p>Therefore, the inclusion of regional chairmen in the composition of the World Committee represent the herewith proposal for amendment.</p> <p>This proposal provides also for the reduction of the number of elected members by the World Conference from eight to six members</p>
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N.B. WCom= World Committee