

To: National Scout and Guide Fellowships.

Proposals were received from Australia after the final date for motions for discussion at the World Conference. In accordance with Bye-Law 1.3.iii, this motion may only be discussed, if after a vote, the Conference decides that it is a matter of urgency by a two thirds majority vote.

The Australian proposals are:

**MOTIONS:**

- 1) ***“That the costs associated with ISGF World Committee members attending future World Conferences be fully covered by the World Committees operational budget”.***

Moved: NSGF Australia

Rationale:

That these expenses should be fully covered by the World Committee operational budget and not charged to the host World Conference Committee with this cost increasing the attendee’s fee.

For the Sydney World Conference in 2014, the organising team budgeted for the following complimentary persons. This included all world committee delegates and staff – accommodation and meals for a total of fourteen (14) attendees which included eight (8) committee members, one (1) secretary, one (1) treasurer, one (1) central branch co-ordinator, and three (3) member countries applying or joining ISGF at this World Conference.

The total budgeted cost of \$15,000 when divided by the 320 participants was equivalent to an additional \$47 per head for each individual member attending the world conference.

Similar expenses have been budgeted for the upcoming 2017 World Conference in Indonesia, again increasing attendance fees.

- 2) ***“That the cost of world committee members and staff attending an ISGF World Conference be regarded as a general operational cost funded by the full ISGF membership”***

Moved: NSGF Australia

Rationale:

This major expenditure adds to the formal fees charged to delegates for attending the world conference. These higher conference fees are actively working as a deterrent to numerous members considering attending future World Conferences.

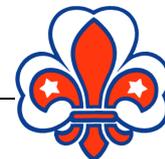
The ISGF is financially penalising the keenest and most committed members from around the world, those who are prepared to give up the additional time and represent their NSGF by attending World Conferences.

- 3) ***“That the ISGF increase the annual census fee figure to all NSGFs per capita to cover the attendance costs for the: World Committee; Secretary; Treasurer, Central Branch coordinator and countries who wish to join the ISGF at all ISGF World Conferences”***

Moved: NSGF Australia

Rationale:

The above action will ensure that the budget cost of the World Committee are covered from the ISGF Funds.



Example: 55,000 membership fees @ 0.10 euro by three years = 16,500 euro

4) “ ***That these costs are appropriately shown in the general accounts of the world committee***”

Moved: NSGF Australia

**Comment by the ISGF World Committee**

In compliance with the above Bye-Law 1, no voting session, on the above motions, will take place during the WConf in Bali, which means that if the proposals are adopted via a postal vote, they will come into effect for the WConf 2023, mostly for budget reasons:

1- The budget 2018-2020, issued on approved annual fee 2018-2020 in Bali, will be ratified during the 28th World Conference and it cannot be changed. It is on the basis of the budget which will be voted in Bali that the fees to be paid in 2018, 2019 and 2020 by members will be established and these have to be notified to NSGF's and CB before the end of 2017. The increase in the budget, and the consecutive increase of fees, which would result from the proposition cannot therefore wait for the result of a postal vote.

2- The arrangements for the World Conference are the remit of the World Committee, the current edition of the “Conference Guidelines” is a World Committee document. Candidates for hosting the WConf 2020 have already been given the requirements for the next conference. If the proposals are adopted, the ISGF global level will need 3 years (2021/2022/2023) to collect the required increased fee to cover the attendance of the WCom and WB members to the next World Conference in 2023.

Given that the proposals may not become effective before 2023, it is suggested that carefully consideration is given to whether they are urgent or if not that they could be submitted as a Recommendation of Policy in the frame of the World Conference 2020 to have an immediate effect. Doing so, the World Conference will have more time to consider the proposals and their impact on ISGF's or NSGFs' budgets.