

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF SCOUTING ROTARIANS CONSTITUTION

A. Name

International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

B. Purpose

The purpose of this Constitution is to set forth the aim, objectives and internal procedures of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (hereafter "IFSR"), its members and any subordinate units. IFSR, as codified herein, is the only authorized organization of Rotarians who are involved in Scouting. This fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, nor controlled by, Rotary International, or WAGGGS or WOSM.

C. Aim

The aim of IFSR is to develop a strong association internationally between Rotarians and associates who are, or have been, active members and/or supporters of the Scout Movement including national organizations that are members of the World Organization of Scout Movements ("WOSM") or the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts ("WAGGGS").

D. Objectives

The Objectives of IFSR include the following:

1. To encourage and foster the ideal of service by Rotarians to promote the growth and development of the Scout movement.
2. To provide opportunities for social and fellowship interaction among IFSR members
3. To give active encouragement to Scouting at local, national and international levels.
4. To recognize individuals who have provided exceptionally unique service to Scouting and to Rotary

E. Membership and Dues

1. Membership of IFSR is open to any Rotarian in good standing, Rotary spouse or partner or family member or associate who is presently (or has formerly been) a

member and/or supporter of WOSM or WAGGGS organizations. There are four types of membership (which types can be modified only by amending this Constitution). Our fiscal and business year is 1 July of one year to 30 June the next. Only Rotarian/Interact and Rotaract members may vote on any IFSR business; associate and honorary members have a voice in meeting discussions, but not a vote. Rotarians members who leave Rotary become associate members.

a) Annual members. Rotarians, Interact or Rotaract members, who pay an initial joining fee and maintain their membership through the payment of annual dues. Dues apply to each Rotary year; members who apply between 1 January and 31 May of any year shall pay annual dues plus one half and will become members for the full subsequent year.

Members who enroll at the annual Rotary International Convention shall have their annual dues paid for the following Rotary year.

Annual members who do not pay their dues for the next year within 90 days of the end of that fiscal year will be deemed inactive and to renew will need to join with full new member or Life dues.

b) Life members. These are otherwise eligible members as described under “annual members” but who pay the lifetime membership fee by paying it as a one-time fee.

c) Associate members. Associate members are spouses, family, partners, or associates of Rotarians who maintain their membership through the payment of either annual or life membership dues.

d) Honorary members. Honorary members are persons that the Executive Committee determines are of such unique and singular prestige or connection with Scouting and Rotary that they should be honored with an annual membership. Any member may suggest an Honorary member. The dues may be paid by the nominator or waived by the Executive Committee.

2. Dues. Dues are the primary source of income to IFSR and are charged at a rate that is equal for all IFSR members throughout the world. The current dues are \$25 for annual members, \$200 for Life members and \$20 to renew membership. The amount of the dues, but not the requirement of consistency, may be modified at any Annual General Meeting (hereafter “AGM”) of IFSR. The issue of dues consistency throughout IFSR may be modified only at an AGM attended by 25 or more members and with a two third majority vote. Dues are the same whether one is a Rotary or Associate member.

Regular member currently receive an IFSR pin that symbolizes their membership; Life members currently receive both a pin and a tie or scarf. Members may purchase pin, scarves or ties at a price set at any AGM. These symbols of membership may also be modified at any AGM.

All dues received from any IFSR member (new, Life, renewing) are divided one half (50%) to IFSR and one half to the Region of IFSR designated by that member's address or, if no Region has been established, then to that Section, if any, as described hereafter. If there is at that time no active Section or Region organization the full dues will stay with IFSR

F. Organization of IFSR

1. Geographic. IFSR is a world wide organization of all Scouting Rotarians and IFSR is responsible for all its activities anywhere in the world. In order to more effectively serve areas of the Scouting/Rotary world there may also be, subject to Executive Committee recommendation and approval by IFSR at any Annual General meeting, subordinate IFSR Regions and Sections and Districts. World Scouting is organized into six Regions (Africa, Americas, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Middle East, and the Russia and the Newly Independent Nations that were formerly the Soviet Union). IFSR Regions are similarly possible.

a. IFSR Regions. For any Region of IFSR to be established it must have at least 50 currently active IFSR members¹.

b. IFSR Sections. These may be established as interest develops within a specific nation or geographic area. To be recognized as a Section it must have at least 25 active IFSR members.² Sections, like Regions, have officers elected annually at an AGM.

c. Districts. Each Rotary District is encouraged to have a District Coordinator who promotes IFSR within that Rotary District, sets up District IFSR meetings and displays at District Conferences, promotes IFSR membership and recognition opportunities, etc. The District Coordinator works with the Membership Committee Chair. Districts do not have officers.

e. Administration of Regions and Sections. Each approved Region and Section shall be administered by officers elected at the Region/Section's Annual General meeting, with the organization similar to IFSR's and the officers who are subject to the same qualifications, nomination and election procedure as set forth herein for IFSR. The Region/Section Budget is subject to review and approval by IFSR's Executive Committee. If a vacancy exists that is not immediately filled by that Section or Region, the IFSR President may appoint a successor, with the concurrence

¹The only currently active IFSR Regions are the Inter American Region (hereafter "IAR" - north to South Pole of the Americas, including the Caribbean) and European Region (which includes Great Britain and Ireland).

² The only currently active IFSR Section is the one in Thailand (which will be part of the Asia Pacific Region).

of the IFSR Executive Committee

f. Fund solicitation. No IFSR Region, Section or District will solicit funds for IFSR or any of its component parts without approval of the IFSR Executive Committee. Regions and Sections are encouraged to create special promotional and recognition items (such as IFSR-IAR's already approved Eagle Scout Certificate and IFSR-IAR's GS USA Gold Award Certificate) which must be approved in advance but, once approved, may be sold to help generate funds for that specific Region/Section.

2. Officers. IFSR shall have the following officer positions with candidates qualified as described herein and with terms of office as follows. Except for IFSR President, each officer is elected for a one year term only; no officer (including the President) may serve for more than three consecutive years in any position within IFSR:

a). IFSR President. The IFSR President shall be a Rotarian elected for a two year term of office. S/he may be reelected for one additional one year term. To be eligible to be nominated as President, or a Vice President, the candidate must have previously served as a member of the Executive Committee of IFSR or as an officer of Rotary International or President of a BSA Scouting Council or National Scouting organization.

Nomination for IFSR President shall be made by the incumbent President and approved by the Executive Committee, or if there is no incumbent then by the Executive Committee. Nominations for President are to be published to the members at least one month in advance of the AGM (publication may be in The Scouting Rotarian).

The International President is the chief executive officer of IFSR, Chair of IFSR's Executive Committee and s/he appoints Committee Chairs and others (subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee) to fulfill the purpose of IFSR, promote it throughout the world, oversee its financial integrity and its membership growth and service. If the President should die or resign before the end of her/his term, the Executive Committee will appoint an interim President to serve the remainder of that term.

b) International Vice President(s). Qualifications are identical to the qualification requirements for IFSR President. There may be more than one Vice President nominated for specific purposes. An IFSR Vice President does not automatically become eligible to become IFSR President.

If there are more than one Vice President, the President shall appoint a Vice President to serve in the President's absence as presiding officer at any IFSR event.

c) International Secretary. The International Secretary maintains all records of IFSR proceedings during her/his term of office and coordinates all official correspondence for the International President and for IFSR itself.

In addition, the International Secretary maintains all non-financial membership information and is required to keep the Official Roster of all IFSR members, and to keep it current and accurate at all times. The roster shall include the names of all members unless a member elects, for privacy or other reasons, not to have her/his name included on the roster. The Roster is to be available at any time to any IFSR member but may never be made available to any other business, person, or entity for any commercial or other than IFSR purpose.

The International Secretary, to be initially nominated, need not have been a prior member of IFSR's Executive Committee.

d). International Treasurer. The International Treasurer, to be initially nominated, need not have been a prior member of IFSR's Executive Committee.

S/he must receive all IFSR International membership dues, maintain all financial records and provide twice yearly reports to the Executive Committee (as well as an annual report for the AGM) regarding the income, expenditures, and stewardship of IFSR funds.

The International Treasurer should submit to the Executive Committee, prior to each AGM, a proposed Budget for the following fiscal year and a report on the current year's budget - which financial reports shall be available at the AGM.

The International Treasurer shall include in the IFSR financial report for the AGM the relevant financial information regarding each Section/Region's budget as well.

The International Treasurer oversees the stewardship of IFSR funds as approved by the AGM and the Executive Committee, which Committee may require posting of a bond for the Treasurer, at no expense to him/her. Special attention should be given to operational costs(including mailings) and assistance given to Rotary International projects. The Treasurer will submit any required financial reports to Rotary International.

The International President will appoint an independent expert to review the International Treasurer accountings prior to the AGM and report on them at that meeting.

No IFSR member shall receive any IFSR funds for travel or housing or registration or other personal expenses. All IFSR funds are to be maintained in a special IFSR bank account under the Treasurer and used to reimburse only actual out of pocket expenses for printing, postage, bank charges, credit card processing charges,

ties/scarves/pins, and other similar expenses approved by the Executive Committee.

3. Committees. IFSR shall have the following Committees, with members appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee. Each Committee (other than the Executive Committee) may have IFSR members and a Chair who are not officers of IFSR or members of the Executive Committee:

- a). Executive Committee. IFSR's Executive Committee is composed of
- 1) International President
 - 2) International Vice President(s)
 - 3) International Secretary
 - 4) International Treasurer
 - 5) Regional and Sectional Chairs (who serve as a delegate to the Executive Committee from that Region or Section)
 - 6) Up to two At Large members as designated by the International President.
 - 7) Immediate past IFSR International President, with no vote except if needed in case of a tie vote

The Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing the operation of IFSR between AGM's and implementing all activities necessary to accomplish the aim and purpose of IFSR, and to oversee the Committees of IFSR. A quorum is five; vote is by majority vote of the Executive Committee members participating

The Executive Committee should meet no less frequently than once each quarter (meetings may be in person, or 'virtual meetings' by email, by telephone or other)

The Executive Committee shall communicate to all current members at least one month prior to each AGM (such communication may be through The Scouting Rotarian) with a copy of the AGENDA of the forthcoming AGM and advice regarding any proposed matters to be brought before the AGM, with members encouraged to solicit any actual details of those items if desired.

The Executive Committee has the right and obligation to review any IFSR financial records (including those of Sections and Regions) at any and all appropriate times.

b). Nominating Committee. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee, which will prepare a list of officers to be elected and submit them to the Executive Committee, President and Secretary not less than thirty (30) days before the AGM so those names may be published to the members in advance of the AGM. At the annual meeting that list shall be presented to the AGM subject to any additional nominations to be made from the floor. Election is by majority vote of those present (no proxies).

c). Membership Promotion. This Committee, appointed by the President, shall submit plans and ideas that promote activities and membership of this organization.

District Coordinators will be ex officio members of this Committee.

The Membership Committee is responsible for consistently helping the District Coordinators accomplish their tasks within each Rotary District, nominating new (or replacing) District Coordinators, etc.

d). Recognitions. This Committee, appointed by the President, shall promote any special Certificates of Appreciation, Pins, Letters of Recognition and the **IFSR Silver Wheel Award**, as useful to promote IFSR and recognize those who have provided special service. The immediate Past IFSR International President shall Chair this Committee.

The **IFSR Silver Wheel Award** may be awarded to any Rotarian or Associate who renders exceptional and exemplary service in support of IFSR activities or the Scout Movement worldwide. The awards may be given annually as proposed by this Committee if approved by the Executive Committee. This Committee will establish the nomination process. Any member may nominate a Rotarian for this award.

e). Conventions and Jamborees. This Committee, appointed by the President, shall be responsible for arranging the IFSR activities during each Rotary International Convention, and at each International Scouting Jamborees, and other significant world-wide Scouting or Rotary events, etc.

It shall be responsible to arrange both booths and actual IFSR meetings, in coordination with the Regional or Sectional IFSR representatives in that geographic area. It may work with the Recognitions Committee regarding any special items to be created in recognition of that IFSR event.

IFSR Sections and Regions shall be responsible to this Committee for organizing IFSR activities and meetings at National Scouting Jamborees

f). Publications and Web Site. The Committee will oversee and coordinate the information material produced for the benefit of IFSR members. This Committee will insure that The Scouting Rotarian (official newsletter of IFSR) is published at least twice each year.

The Publications Committee will be chaired by the **Editor of The Scouting Rotarian**, who shall be appointed by the Chair with the approval of the Executive Committee, and shall also include others appointed by the International Chair as well as Editors of The Link (IFSR-IAR official newsletter), the RIBI newsletter Editor, and Editors

of any other IFSR publications, and IFSR WebMaster.

Regions and Sections are to try to also publish a newsletter twice yearly.

Any **IFSR Web Site** must be approved by the Executive Committee and shall contain information approved by that body. The **IFSR Web Master** shall be appointed by the Chair, subject to approval by the Executive Committee

g). Archivist/Historian. The IFSR Archivist/Historian will keep the official record of IFSR and assemble and maintain records of publications, recordings and other materials of historical significance to IFSR for use by the Membership and/or Publications Committees or for other IFSR purposes.

h). Other. The President and/or Executive Committee may appoint other Committee or representatives, ie **Commissioner**, as deemed necessary to carry out the work of IFSR.

G. Meetings and Elections.

1. Annual General Meeting of IFSR. The AGM of IFSR will be held annually in conjunction with each Rotary International Convention at a time and place to be designated by the Convention Committee in coordination with the Executive Committee

2. AGM's of Regions/Sections. Each Region and each Section is to have a similar AGM at a place determined by that Region and Section and all members in that Region are to be notified at least thirty days in advance of the date and time of that meeting.

3. Elections. During the AGM, elections will be held as prescribed hereinabove, for the officer positions described hereinabove, in coordination between the Executive Committee and the Nominating Committee of IFSR and/or the applicable Region.

4. Voting and Rules. Decision making will normally be done by a simple majority vote of the members present at an AGM. Robert's Rules of Order shall guide all meeting processes.

H. Amendments to this Constitution

Any member of IFSR may submit proposed Amendments to this Constitution, in

writing, to the Executive Committee no later than three months prior to the next Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee will review and recommend approval or modification or denial of any such proposal.

All approved proposals will be referenced in the AGM agenda for vote. Any proposal that has not been approved by the Executive Committee may still be submitted provided it has the written support of no less than ten (10) IFSR members from at least three countries.

At least a summary of each Executive Committee approved proposal must be sent to all Members at least thirty days in advance of the AGM in writing (which may be done through The Scouting Rotarian). The full text of any proposal that has not been approved by the Executive Committee must also be available to all members in writing at least thirty days in advance of the AGM.

Each proposal will be separately voted upon by the members in attendance at that AGM.

Proposals to Amend the Constitution require a two-thirds majority vote and at least thirty members present at any meeting where any such proposal is to be considered.

I. Dissolution. In the event of discontinuance of the activities of IFSR, the Executive Committee shall direct the Treasurer to donate the entire treasury balance, after payment of all debts, one half to The Rotary Foundation and one half the World Scout Foundation.

Dated: 20 June 2007

APPROVED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Secretary