

## **BALLOT PAPER**

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Name of Club.....

District No.....

International Inner Wheel Suite 2.3, 20 Market Street Altrincham Cheshire WA14 IPF United Kingdom

## **Please Note:**

- 1. The Return Address may be written at the back of the envelope.
- 2. Mark AIR-MAIL on the envelope and paste Air Mail postage.
- 3. Name of Club as in Charter.
- 4. District No. DO NOT add Zero as Rotary does.

The right to vote is the basic right without which all others are meaningless. When we vote we take back our power to choose, to speak up and to stand with those who support us and each other.



# **VOTING DELEGATES**

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- II. Voting Delegates at District Meetings
  - a. District Executive Committee Members
  - b. Clubs' Voting Delegates:
- v Number and Eligibility of Voting Delegates to District Committee:
  - (i) Clubs with 50 or less than 50 active members 2 Voting Delegates: Clubs President and Club Secretary are normally the voting delegates when club has 2 voting delegates and in case they are not able to attend the Conference then any other member could be the Voting Delegates.
  - (ii) Clubs with more than 50 active members 1 additional vote. Voting Delegates therefore will be Club **President and Club Secretary** (generally but not necessarily) and a member of the club.

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## SAMPLE OF PROXY LETTER





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(Name & Designation) at the District Elections to be held in the District Conference on 11th January 2021 at Bhubaneswar.

Sign. of President

Club Seal

Sign. of Secretary

## LETTER OF CONSENT

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	_Club agree to act as proxy holder and vot	e in the
place of	(Name & Designation	n).

## (Signature of the Proxy holder)

Note: You can print this matter on your club letter head directly.

#### **III. Voting Delegates at Triennial Conference**

- a. Association Executive Committee Members Ex-officio Voting Delegate.
- **b.** AC Members Ex-officio Voting Delegate.
- c. Past IIW Representative Ex-officio Voting Delegate.
- d. Past Association Presidents Ex-officio Voting Delegate.

Above 4 categories have 1 vote each. All the above if not represented may designate as proxy a District Committee Voting Delegates or to their club.

- e. District's Voting Delegate 2 Voting Delegates.
- f. Club's Voting Delegates Club Voting Delegates shall be elected from amongst the active members but need not be Executive Committee Members.
- (i) Clubs having 50 or less than 50 members can send 1 Voting Delegate.
- (ii) Clubs having a membership of 51 to 100 then the club is entitled to send 3 Voting Delegates.
- (iii) Clubs having more than 100 members then the club is entitled to send 3





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## SOCIAL MEDIA ETIQUETTES

Facebook pages are a great way of publicizing your club activities.

Make/join whatsapp abd Facebook groups to make contacts and publicise club projects. It helps to get ideas for projects too. But we have to maintain some etiquettes while using these apps.

#### Whatsapp Etiquette

- Do not send irrelevant forwards on IW groups.
- Stick to projects / club programmes only.
- Good mornings, wishes, philosophical messages are only for friends and family groups. Dont send them in Ditrict/club official whatsapp groups
- During any condolence msg day..kindly dont post any other forwarded messages or project pics atleast that day as a respect to the departed soul.

#### **Facebook** etiquette

- Do not tag anyone outside the photo group in your pictures
- Don't tag even if they are things like Health messages etc. If she is a friend, she will read it, no need to tag.
- Don't put personal comments on timeline. Send messages instead. The club Facebook page is only for club activities,
- Don't share Personal stuff on club Facebook page.



# **IIW REPRESENTATIVES AT THE UN**

## INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL IS AN NGO, INSERTED IN THE ECOSOC ROSTER. IT HAS SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES AT THE UN.

The representatives of Inner Wheel at the UN are coordinated every year by the current International Vice President.

The original suggestion that IIW should apply to the United Nations for consultative status came in 1970 from a Board

Members for the Philippines, Mrs Legarda.Two years later, the ECOSOC ( Economic and Social Council of the United Nations) confirmed the admittance of Inner Wheel on the Roster of Organisation section.

Thanks to the availability of some members the representation and the presence of IW became a real possibility.

During the 9th Convention in Sydney-Australia in 1993, had been approved the following General Motion, International Inner Wheel must confine its involvment with the United Nations (e.g. ECOSOC and UNICEF) to being an Observer on the Roster with a consultative status.

The representatives follow and assist the work sessions of the commissions regarding important themes as : Human Rights, Rights of the Children, conditions of Woman, the family, the Elderly and Drugs and report to the International Vice President on the activities of the Committees and Conferences; they are our link with UNO, and in turn must report to UNO on what we do in Inner Wheel; copies of the annual reports of the National Representatives are sent to our representatives at UN, to keep them informed about the work of our members.

For many years now Inner Wheel has emphasised the importance of the major UN themes and has promoted their sensitisation and implementation.

We currently have 4 IW members accredited at the United Nation Offices in Geneva, Vienna and New York who are:

Geneva: Karin Rivollet

Vienna: Ceja Gregor Hu and Ulrike Nemling New York: Martine Gayon.





# CLUB GUIDELINES CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Club Executive Committee consists of the Officers, Club Correspondent, The International Service Organizer and not more than six ordinary Members of the Club. Club may, if they so wish appoint a Joint Secretary. The President and Secretary of the Club are an ex-officio Members of all Club Committees with power to vote. Members may be co-opted



to advise the Executive Committee or to receive instructions regarding the particular work assigned to them. They may take part in discussions but may not purpose or second motions and having no voting power.

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB**

- 1. Presidents please note:
  - The new Inner Wheel Year starts on 1st July.
  - The Installation must take part by the first week of July at the latest.
  - The President is installed, the jewel handed over and then she conducts the meeting
  - All files, relevant records, literature and documents should be handed over to President towards the end of June.

Start keeping records immediately.

- 2. To Posses the following items:
  - Presidents collar with navy blue colour.
  - A Club Banner
  - Officer's Badges
  - Extra Membership pins in stock
  - Forms for registering new Members
  - Bannerettes for display and for exchange with other Clubs.



3. District Committee Meeting Minutes or at least important parts from them must be read at the Club Meetings. Members should know, what is going on in the District and take an active interest in it.

- 4. Interest in International Inner Wheel and Association Council Matters:
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  - Reply to correspondence regularly and promptly.
- 5. Nomination for District Offices:
  - Think about it in October and November.'
  - Forms should be sent in time.
- 6. Observe International Inner Wheel Day on 10th January, by some form of special services.
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- 8. On receipt of Association, ballot papers, go through the bio data of the candidate in the Club Meeting, cast the vote and return the Ballots in time.
- 9. If Ballots are not received in December, inform District Secretary immediately.
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  - Be careful in their appointment and selection
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  - Must vote and do as Club directs.
  - Must report back to the Club.
  - Must keep notes of the Meeting they attend.
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## JULY

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   Check Association Directory and District Directory for any mistakes in the names and addresses of the office bearers and inform the District Secretary.
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- Receive all the files of the previous year from the predecessor. Please remember to take the Charter from the predecessor.
- Plan with the Members about the projects, fund raising and activities for the Club
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- Maintain two minute books Executive Committee and General Body Meeting.

## AUGUST

- Read the minutes of the previous meeting to the Members and have it passed at every meeting.
- Help the Treasurer to collect the dues from the Members.
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## **ROLE OF TREASURER**

- Is main signatory of all transactions of the club..
- Is the record keeper of all transactions of the club..
- Is authority of collection of all receipts of the club..
- Is authority for incurring expenses as per sanctioned budget
- Is the custodian of the assets of the club.
- Is responsible for preparation and presentation of all club accounts.
- Is responsible for audit and certification of accounts at the year end.

## **FIXING OF DUES**

- A Budget means to know your pocket before you spend and helps in planning.
- A Budget should be prepared just before the beginning of the New Inner Wheel year, taking into consideration the tentative income and expenditure of the club.
- In fixing the annual subscription, the Club must ensure that it will cover the International Inner Wheel Capitation Fee, Association and District dues and sufficient day-to-day working expenses of the Club.
- In case you plan to increase your club dues, get it passed in the meeting.

## **OPENING OF BANK ACCOUNT AND APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

At the beginning of the year during the Incoming and Outgoing Committee Meeting a resolution is passed as to the bank in which the account of the Club will be operated and the auditors who will audit the accounts of the Club. The account should be opened in a Nationalized Bank/Co-operative Bank.





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At the beginning of the year during the Incoming and Outgoing Committee Meeting a resolution is passed as to the bank in which the account of the Club will be operated and the auditors who will audit the accounts of the Club. The account should be opened in a Nationalized Bank / Co-operative Bank.



# SOME DO'S AND DON'TS

- Be Prompt in replying, especially to an invitation .
- For Letter Head, Invitations, Banners make sure that the logo is correct and in Royal blue colour for clubs and Light blue for Districts.
- Club letter head should include IW logo, name of the Club, Inner Wheel District number, Charter number, Theme of the year, Names of IIW President, Association President, District Chairman and names & addresses of the Club Officers.
- District letter head should include IW logo, IW District Number, Theme of the year, Names of IIW President, Association President, District Chairman and names & addresses of the District Officers.
- Whatever may be the colour of the Invitation and Banner, the IW logo must be in blue.
- Envelopes must have the name of the Club, IW District number. One RSVP Name and Address where greetings OR undelivered letters can be sent back.
- Each Invitation Card of the Club/ District must have One full RSVP name and Address with pincode and telephone number for acknowledging the same.
- Club Presidents Collar should be in Royal Blue and District Chairman's Collar in Light blue.
- Wear your lapel pin at all meetings. Encourage all members to wear lapel pin too.
- If Presiding a meeting, wear the collar. Remove it promptly as soon as the meeting is over.
- We are to be referred as Inner Wheel Members not as Inner Wheelers or IW Members.
- It is **Chairman** not **Chairperson**.
- Avoid saying, "My Secretary", she is the Club / District Secretary.
- Inner Wheel Prayer to be read at the start of all Inner Wheel meetings and all must rise while the Prayer is rendered.
  - Put the Inner Wheel District/Club number not the Rotary District/Club number.
- Complaint letters from club or District should not be sent directly to IIW. Anonymous letters are not entertained in Association or IIW.
- Do not send forwarded mails to Association or IIW Executive.
- District Editor or ISO / Club President should not ask for messages directly from Association President or IIW President. Whenever Messages are required District Chairman will request Association President.
- Club Charter should be handed over at the Club Installation. Use only the name of the Club as in the Charter
- Do not ask invited Inner Wheel Dignitary or Guests for any contribution, raffles or sponsorship.
- Do not impose yourself on others while visiting other cities, districts or countries.
- "Distracting" of clubs is a prerogative of International Inner Wheel. Be impartial, fair and just in case of any dispute.
- Be aware of the Rules, Constitution and Bye-Laws. Do not hesitate to refer to them as often as required.
- In case of any doubt call the District Officers or Club Counsellors.



