Proposed Motions to change the WAGGGS Constitution and Bye-Laws

April 2023
Introduction

The Constitution and Bye-Laws are the fundamental governing documents of WAGGGS.

A call for Proposed Motions for consideration at the 38th World Conference was circulated to Member Organisations on 28 November 2022. The deadline for Proposed Motions that require a change in the WAGGGS Constitution and Bye-Laws was 20 January 2023. No new Proposed Motions affecting the Constitution or Bye-Laws can now be submitted.

There is one Proposed Motion to change the WAGGGS Constitution and Bye-Laws. Further details can be found on the next page.

The deadline for Proposed Amendments to the Proposed Motion contained in this document is 30 April 2023. This is to ensure that there is sufficient time for them to be duly considered prior to the formal notice and Agenda for the World Conference being circulated on 26 May 2023. If you would like to propose an amendment to this Proposed Motion, please complete the Proposed Amendment form and return it by email to proceduralteam@wagggs.org by 23.59pm (UTC) on Sunday 30 April 2023.

The deadline for submitting Proposed Motions which do not require a change in the WAGGGS Constitution and Bye-Laws was Friday 31 March 2023. Proposed Motions may also be submitted after this date up to the end of the first day of the World Conference. Such Proposed Motions (also known as tabled motions) require the approval of the Conference Chair and Procedural Team Coordinator in order to be considered by the Conference and cannot be amended. Proposed Motions relating to: policy and standards, Triennial policy, Membership, general financial policy, or which require significant research must have been submitted by the 31 March 2023 deadline.

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PROPOSED MOTION 1
Amendable Rules of Procedure for conferences

Proposer: German Guide and Scout Federation (rdp e.V.)
Voting Eligibility: Full Members
Majority required: 75% majority of votes cast

PROPOSED MOTION

The 38th World Conference decides to change section 3.8 in Bye-Law III – World Conference as follows. The blue highlighted sections will be added.

3.8 The Rules of Procedure for the World Conference are based on the constitution and these Bye-Laws and on policy established from time to time by the World Conference. The World Board shall review the operation of the Rules of Procedure at the end of each World Conference in consultation with Member Organisations. In advance of each World Conference, the Rules of Procedure shall be circulated before the deadline for proposing resolutions. The World Conference shall at the beginning of each of its meetings approve the Rules of Procedure proposed by the World Board. [For the avoidance of doubt, any resolution passed at a World Conference which amends the Rules of Procedure shall take effect from the end of that World Conference].

RATIONALE

Appreciating that the WAGGGS Bye-Laws on the WAGGGS Constitution state the handling of the Rules of Procedure for the event of a World Conference.

Acknowledging the WAGGGS MOs as important shareholders of the Association and World Conference as well as the Regional Conferences as decision making bodies and highly important instances shaping the WAGGGS.

Aiming to give Member Organisations the opportunity to actively request and shape the Rules of Procedure and the associated conference realities and procedures.

Considering that the Rules of Procedure provide the framework for a democratic and participatory conference as an important fundamental document and taking into consideration the Tabled Motion 11 at the European Guide Conference 2022 in Rotterdam as an example for the felt need by MOs.

The 38th World Conference values the diversity of the MOs and the opinions of the MOs and thus gives them the opportunity to bring in opinions by raising Motions on the Rules of Procedure. This will bring a high added value to the World Conference. This resolution makes sure that MOs are actively engaged in shaping Conferences as the most important decision-making body in WAGGGS.
**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Depending on how the Rules of Procedure may be amended, volunteers are needed to fulfill the new tasks coming along with amended Rules of Procedure.

At the conference time is needed to discuss the Rules of Procedure and the potential amendments.

**OUTLINE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS**

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<td>Add the following text to clause 3.8:</td>
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| | "in consultation with Member Organisations. In advance of each World Conference, the Rules of Procedure shall be circulated before the deadline for proposing resolutions."
| | and |
| | "[For the avoidance of doubt, any resolution passed at a World Conference which amends the Rules of Procedure shall take effect from the end of that World Conference]." |
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