

WIMA International Constitution – Draft Version 6

Article 1: Definition

This Association shall be known as **Women's International Motorcycle Association** or **WIMA International**. It is a federation of the **National Divisions of Women's International Motorcycle Association** approved by the International Council of Presidents (**ICNP**). **WIMA International** links together members and associations from many countries around the world in the common interest of 'women in motorcycling'.

Article 2: Objective

The objective of **WIMA International** is to improve and promote activities, advancement, goodwill and friendship amongst women motorcycle enthusiasts from around the world. WIMA aims at using the common interest of motorcycling to promote the well-being of women in general. The Association is conducted independently of any personal interest.

Article 3: Membership of WIMA International

Membership of **WIMA International** shall be open to all National Divisions subscribing to the rules and objectives of the Association and paying the annual subscription, the amount to be decided each year by the International Council of National Presidents.

The International Council of National Presidents retains the right to approve or refuse any application for membership of a Division to **WIMA International**.

National Divisions of WIMA should register in their own country, legally and/or with the major motorcycle association in that country, and inform the International President.

Membership of **WIMA International** is not available to individual women.

Membership of National Divisions shall be open to all women interested in motorcycling, irrespective of age, nationality, race, sexual orientation, religion, type of bike, or level of experience. Non-riders are eligible for membership.

Article 4: National Divisions

Motorcycling women wishing to form a new National Division and become part of **WIMA International** must submit their request for membership to the International Council of National Presidents through the International President.

Subject to the approval of the International Council of National Presidents, a National Division of WIMA should use the name **Women's International Motorcycle Association - (name of country) Division**. Alternatively, the initials **WIMA** should be officially added to the name of an existing club that has been accepted by the International Council of National Presidents as the official WIMA Division in a particular country.

National Divisions retain the right to their own rules and constitution so long as these are consistent with the aims, objectives and rules of the International Constitution.

Article 5: International Rallies and Events

One official International Rally (**IR**) per year will be organised. The venue and date of the annual International Rally are to be agreed upon by the International Council of National Presidents at least two years in advance. Other international rallies may be organised with the approval of the International Council of National Presidents. Regional events open to members from different countries may also be organised with the approval of the National Presidents of the countries involved. National Presidents should try and notify the International President about these events

in a timely manner, so as to avoid clashing dates on the international calendar.

WIMA International events are open to WIMA members only. Husbands, partners and children of WIMA members as well as invited prospective members are welcome to accompany WIMA members as guests. WIMA members are responsible for the acts of their guests. Prospective WIMA members are also welcome to attend.

Article 6: The International Council of National Presidents

The International Council of National Presidents (**ICNP**) is the governing body of the federation and shall make decisions on behalf of **WIMA International**. This International Council of National Presidents is made up of the National Presidents of the National Divisions or their representatives.

Article 7: General Government

National Presidents' Meeting

The International Council of National Presidents shall hold a **National Presidents' Meeting** of **WIMA International** at the official International Rally held each year. An additional **National Presidents' Meeting** may be held at any approved International Rally as needed. Decisions affecting WIMA at the international level can only be taken when a quorum consisting of a majority of all the member divisions are present at the **National Presidents' Meeting**. Only National Presidents or their representatives are eligible to vote at the **National Presidents' Meetings**. A WIMA division unable to send a representative to a **National Presidents' Meeting** shall be entitled to a postal (including email) or proxy vote on any voting issues on the Agenda. All decisions affecting WIMA at the international level will be approved by the 60% of the votes by the quorum of the International Council of National Presidents including postal (including email) and proxy votes.

Article 8: Officers of WIMA International

The International Council of National Presidents shall elect the following officers of **WIMA International**: International President, International Vice-President, International Treasurer. The officers shall be nominated and elected by the members of the International Council of National Presidents at the **National Presidents' Meeting**. In addition, the ICNP may at its discretion appoint members or supporters from any National Division to assist with the running of **WIMA International**. Possible duties are: Website Manager, Historian, Publicity Officer(s) and Merchandise Officer. Duties of all officers are stated in a separate document.

Terms of Office

Terms of all Officers of **WIMA International** shall be for a period of three years. Officers whose terms are expiring shall be eligible at the **National Presidents' Meeting** for prolongation of another year on an annual basis. If an officer is unable to complete her term of office, she shall submit her written resignation to the IP or the VP. In the case of a vacancy the IP or the VP shall call for nominations from National Presidents and a ballot may be organised. The election of the successor shall be by 60% of votes or by a majority for one candidate in case of more nominees.

Article 9: Finances

The financial year shall be from the 1st day of July to the 31st day of June.

Each country belonging to **WIMA International** will pay an annual subscription as set by the ICNP. The annual subscription plus any other fees that the National Divisions have agreed to pay shall become due on the first day of each official International Rally. On receipt of all fees member Divisions become entitled to all rights and privileges of the International Association. If fees remain unpaid Divisions may be removed from the Membership Register. Reinstatement can

be made by paying the amount due. All monies arising from fund-raising activities shall be immediately placed in the appropriate WIMA account and no individual member of the Association shall gain any financial benefit. The International Council of National Presidents shall have the power to open special trust accounts for specific projects from time to time and such accounts may be operated only for the set purpose for which they were opened. The **WIMA International** Bank Account shall be audited each year at the IR by two National Presidents from different countries.

Article 10: Publicity:

International Publicity is the task of the International President, with assistance from any Publicity Officer as appointed by the ICNP, or other appropriately qualified members or supporters as needed. National Presidents of National Divisions are responsible for WIMA publicity in their own countries. Individual members have no right to communicate in the name of **WIMA International** or in the name of a National Division, unless approval has been given by the ICNP or the WIMA National President of the country involved.

Article 11: Changes to the Constitution:

Changes may be made to the Constitution with 12 months' notice and with the support of 60% of the ICNP. Proposals for amendments are to be submitted to the International President at the **National Presidents' Meeting**. Proposals will then be forwarded to all National Presidents, with the minutes of the **National Presidents' Meeting**. Voting will take place at the meeting of the ICNP in the following year.

Article 12: Winding Up:

The Association may be dissolved at any time upon resolution at a meeting of the International Council of National Presidents in the same manner as a resolution to amend the Constitution and subject to formalities required for an amendment to the Constitution. Upon such resolution being carried any property of the Association remaining after payment of all debt and legal liabilities shall be donated to a body having like objective or to such charity(ies) as the ICNP may decide.

Article 13: Indemnity:

The members of the ICNP and their respective executors and administrators shall be at all times indemnified out of the funds of the Association from and against all damages, costs, charges and expenses paid or incurred by them, unless the same shall be the result of their gross negligence or wilful act or default. All servants, employees and agents of the Association shall also have a like indemnity.

Article 14: Special Recognition:

WIMA International may grant Special Recognition to a person who:

- I. is not a member of any National Division
- II. has given the Association service
- III. has received no reward for so doing.

Any nomination for Special Recognition will be by a National Division in writing to the International President at least three months prior to a meeting of the International Council of National Presidents. All National Presidents will be notified of the nomination, which will be decided at the **National Presidents' Meeting** and must be accepted by 60% of the votes. Duration of Special Recognition shall be specified at nomination.