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WORLD BOARD'S RESPONSES TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN EGM DOCUMENT 5B

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The World Board thanks Member Organisations for submitting Proposed Amendments for consideration at the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM). At World Conferences, the World Board expresses its opinion on Proposed Amendments prior to the voting sessions taking place. However, as the EGM is a single day virtual event, the World Board has chosen to share its reflections in advance to contribute constructively to the debate ahead of the EGM.

The full text of Proposed Motions and Proposed Amendments can be found in [EGM Document 5b](#).

If MOs have any questions, they can email about these please email membershipfeereview@waggs.org.

Proposed Motion 1.1 – Initial year of free membership for new Member Organisations

Proposed Amendment 1.1 (A) from Lebanon

The World Board supports this Proposed Amendment and believes that it improves the original text of Proposed Motion 1.1.

The World Board agrees that the Proposed Amendment clarifies the intention of the Proposed Motion and reduces the risk of misunderstanding.

Proposed Motion 1.5 – Application of an inflationary uplift

Proposed Amendment 1.5 (A) from USA

The World Board supports this Proposed Amendment and believes that it improves the original text of Proposed Motion 1.5.

The World Board agrees that striking 'will' and replacing with 'may' more closely reflects the intention of Proposed Motion 1.5. The World Board commits to providing a rationale for any inflationary change which may be applied to membership fees in the future.

Proposed Motion 1.6 – Flexibility to adjust fees on an individual basis

Proposed Amendment 1.6 (A) from USA

The World Board supports this Proposed Amendment and believes that it improves the original text of Proposed Motion 1.6.

The World Board agrees that the Membership Fee Policy should include clear and transparent guidelines for the consideration of exceptional cases, which will strengthen our commitment to equity and inclusivity within our global Movement. The World Board agrees that it is helpful to include a wider range of examples of potential exceptional circumstances; particularly to clarify that these could be due to internal Member Organisation factors, as well as external forces.

Proposed Amendment 1.6 (B) from Lebanon

The World Board understands and appreciates the intention of this Proposed Amendment to safeguard the income that WAGGS receives from membership fees.

Based on previous experience of exceptional cases, it is the view of the World Board that it would be preferable not to set a limit of a 25% discount. We believe that allowing the World Board the flexibility to adjust fees on an individual basis is crucial for effectively responding to the unique

challenges faced by Member Organisations. Therefore, the World Board does not support this Proposed Amendment.

However, it would be possible to operate within this limit if Member Organisations approve this Proposed Amendment and the Membership Fee Policy would be updated accordingly.



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