

2nd ISGF WH Regional Conference, New York, USA

Circular 06A. Proposals for Amendments to the WH Region MOU



Proposals of amendments to the Western Hemisphere MOU (by the WHR Committee and Member countries)

Sub amendments must return to the WHRCommittee: whrcom@isgf.org with copy to Mario Bertagnolio mario.bertagnolio@fastwebnet.it and Leny Doelman: l.doelman@isgf.org not later than June 16, 2019 .

A two-thirds majority of the votes cast is required for amendments to the MOU (Paragraph 12.2 of the MOU)

Proposed by	Current text	Proposed amendment	Rationale for Amendments
BRAZIL ARGENTINA	Article 4. Languages 4.1 The official languages of the Western Hemisphere Region are those laid down in the ISGF Constitution and Bye-Laws.	Article 4. Languages 4.1 The official languages of the Western Hemisphere Region are those laid down in the ISGF Constitution and Bye-Laws. <i>Spanish will also be an official language within the Western Hemisphere Region.</i>	Brazil: Taking in consideration the number of Spanish speaking country members, we recommend to adopt Spanish as an official language within the Region. Argentina: Based on the number of Spanish speaking countries of the continent as well as the number of members who speaks Spanish as a primary or alternative language.
URUGUAY	4.2 The Western Hemisphere Conference may decide to adopt other languages to be official within the Western Hemisphere Region.	4.2. We propose the Spanish Language to be adopted as an official language within the Western Hemisphere Region.	Uruguay: Spanish is the common language of Central/South America and the large islands of the Spanish-speaking Caribbean. Brazilians can understand Spanish quite easily. In addition, most people in those areas are not proficient in English or French.
CHILE <i>New article</i>		<i>4.3 As considered on the preceding point (4.2), the WH Conf. will adopt Spanish language as one more official language within WHR.</i>	Chile: Add this point as the urgent and obviously needing of understanding for the many members whom don't speak any of the two official ISGF languages existing within the WH Region WHRCom: Taking in consideration the number of Spanish speaking country members in the WH, we also recommend to adopt Spanish as an official language

2nd ISGF WH Regional Conference, New York, USA

Circular 06A. Proposals for Amendments to the WH Region MOU



<p>BRAZIL</p> <p>URUGUAY</p> <p>CHILE</p>	<p>Article 5. Sub Regions 5.3. South America. At the adoption of this Memorandum of Understanding , one (1) Sub Region that of South America has been established in 2012 by agreement with the ISGF World Committee and comprises the following Participating Organizations (NSGFs and CB Groups) :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associated Member (AMO) :Argentina, • CB Groups: Chile and Uruguay <p>Also there are CB with groups/individual members: Brazil (has asked the sub-region to join them), Colombia, Ecuador, Peru.</p>	<p>Article 5. Sub Regions 5.3. South America. At the adoption of this Memorandum of Understanding , one (1) Sub Region that of South America has been established on November 3rd 2018 during the gathering in Uruguay by agreement with the ISGF World Committee and comprises the following Participating Organizations (NSGFs and CB Groups) :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associated Member (AMO) : Argentina, • CB Groups: Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Venezuela. • Individual members from Colombia, Ecuador and Peru 	<p>Brazil: In 2012 they started the process to form the Sub-region</p> <p>Uruguay: The integration of the South American Sub region should be modified, given that only Argentina, Chile and Uruguay were initially included, but later Brazil and Venezuela joined the SASR. Chile: "Colombia, Ecuador and Perú. Never pretended to join South American Sub-region. (SRSA), merely the idea but not intention"</p>
<p>WHRCom New article</p>	<p>Article 6 – Western Hemisphere Committee 6.1 The Western Hemisphere Region Committee is the executive body and is composed of four elected officers, with each Sub Region being represented by at least one member (See appendix 1 for election procedure).</p> <p>Appendix 1. Nomination of candidates to the Western Hemisphere Region Committee The Board of each NSGF and Central Branch</p>	<p>Article 6 – Western Hemisphere Committee 6.1 The Western Hemisphere Region Committee is the executive body and is composed of four elected officers, with each Sub Region being represented by at least one member.</p> <p>6.2 The Board of each NSGF and Central Branch (CB) group of the Western Hemisphere can propose one (1) candidate for the Western Hemisphere Region Committee.</p>	<p>WHRCom: The Appendix 1 fits better under Article 6.</p> <p>Art. 6.2 will be 6.3 Art. 6.3 will be 6.4 Art. 6.4 will be 6.5</p>

2nd ISGF WH Regional Conference, New York, USA

Circular 06A. Proposals for Amendments to the WH Region MOU



	<p>(CB) group of the Western Hemisphere can propose one (1) candidate for the Western Hemisphere Region Committee. In order to have a Regional Committee reflecting the Western Hemisphere Region's cultural and geographical particularities, it should be composed of representatives from North, Central/Caribbean and South America Sub-Regions.</p> <p>6.2 The Western Hemisphere Region Committee may appoint a representative to attend (in person or by electronic means) the meetings of the ISGF World Committee at their invitation, without voting rights.</p> <p>6.3 The ISGF World Committee may appoint to the Western Hemisphere Committee one of its own members without voting rights.</p> <p>6.4 The WH Region Committee may co-opt members for specific purposes for a limited period of time, without voting rights</p>	<p>In order to have a Regional Committee reflecting the Western Hemisphere Region's cultural and geographical particularities, it should be composed of representatives from North, Central/Caribbean and South America Sub-Regions If there is not a candidate from one sub-region another sub-region can take more than one sit</p> <p>6.3 The Western Hemisphere Region Committee may appoint a representative to attend (in person or by electronic means) the meetings of the ISGF World Committee at their invitation, without voting rights.</p> <p>6.4 The ISGF World Committee may appoint to the Western Hemisphere Committee one of its own members without voting rights.</p> <p>6.5 The WH Region Committee may co-opt members for specific purposes for a limited period of time, without voting rights</p>	
CURAÇAO	<p>Article 7 - Officers</p> <p>7.1 The Western Hemisphere Region Committee will consist of four (4) members with the following responsibilities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairman; 2. Vice Chairman 3. Secretary; 4. Treasurer. 	<p>Article 7 - Officers</p> <p>7.1 The Western Hemisphere Region Committee will consist of three (3) members with the following responsibilities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairman; 2. Secretary; 3. Treasurer. 	<p>Curaçao: For voting purposes it is better to have an odd numbers of members in the Western Hemisphere Region Committee. That way there is never the possibility of reaching an impasse. This can be achieved by eliminating the position of Vice-President. This is also the original composition of de Region Committee that was proposed in the first draft MOU.</p> <p>WHRCOM: The functioning of the Committee has been efficiently with 4 members, so we don't see the need for changing.</p>

2nd ISGF WH Regional Conference, New York, USA

Circular 06A. Proposals for Amendments to the WH Region MOU



<p>WHRCom New article</p>		<p>Article 8 - Term of Office 8.2. In the event of a committee formed from members who have not served previously it is acceptable for a member of the previous committee to act as a nonvoting adviser during the first year of the Committee's term of office.</p>	<p>WHRCom: A previous committee member has the experience in the functioning of the committee and will permit an easy induction of the new members. It gives the new committee full autonomy</p>
<p>CURAÇAO</p>	<p>ARTICLE 9 - MEETINGS AND VOTING 9.3 Each voting Committee member has one vote, the Chairman has an additional casting vote.</p>	<p>ARTICLE 9 - Meetings AND VOTING We propose that this paragraph be deleted.</p>	<p>Curaçao: If article 7.1. is amended as proposed by our NSGF, there is no need for the President of the committee to have an additional vote. WHRCom: This article remains unchanged if article 7.1 is not changed.</p>
<p>BRAZIL</p>	<p>Appendix 1. Nomination of candidates to the Western Hemisphere Region Committee The Board of each NSGF and Central Branch (CB) group of the Western Hemisphere can propose one (1) candidate for the Western Hemisphere Region Committee. In order to have a Regional Committee reflecting the Western Hemisphere Region's cultural and geographical particularities, it should be composed of representatives from North, Central/Caribbean and South America Sub-Regions</p>	<p>Appendix 1. Nomination of candidates to the Western Hemisphere Region Committee The Board of each NSGF and Central Branch (CB) group of the Western Hemisphere can propose one (1) candidate for the Western Hemisphere Region Committee. In order to have a Regional Committee reflecting the Western Hemisphere Region's cultural and geographical particularities, it should be composed of representatives from North, Central/Caribbean and South America Sub-Regions. If there is not a candidate from one sub-region another sub-region can take more than one sit</p>	<p>Brazil: Make sure that we will try to have at least one from each sub-region, but allow to have more people from a same sub-region if there is no candidate.</p>
	<p>Article 10 - Western Hemisphere Region Conference 10.6 The quorum for the Western Hemisphere Region Conference shall be half plus one of the Participating Organizations of the Western Hemisphere Region.</p>	<p>Article 10 - Western Hemisphere Region Conference 10.6 The quorum for the Western Hemisphere Region Conference shall be half plus one of the Participating Organizations of the Western Hemisphere Region, including any proxies duly submitted.</p>	<p>WHRCom: Equality to WHRegion Rules of Procedure</p>

2nd ISGF WH Regional Conference, New York, USA

Circular 06A. Proposals for Amendments to the WH Region MOU



WHRCom New Article		10.9 Each WH NSGF and Central Branch (CB) group which is unable to be present at the Western Hemisphere Region Conference, may appoint another NSGF or CB group to represent it by proxy and vote on its behalf, having first notified the WHRCom of its intention to do so. No NSGF shall accept more than one proxy. Members voting by proxy shall be included in the quorum mentioned in article 10.6.	Equality to the constitution ISGF
-----------------------	--	---	-----------------------------------