

International Organization of Folk Art (IOV)

Internal Rules

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The internal rules (IR) clarify matters arising from the bylaws. Under no circumstances can the IR contradict or overrule the bylaws. Adaptation and amendment of the IR are within the competence of the Board of Directors.

1. Meetings of IOV

- a. The internet meetings are announced at least two weeks in advance and the calendar has been added.
- b. Members of EC, BD, commissions or committees confirm their presence or apologize. Who is absent without excuse twice, gets a blame and can be sanctioned in case of further absence.
- c. The EC of IOV meets monthly at an agreed time, e.g. the second Saturday of each month.
- d. The BD of IOV meets once a quarter at an agreed time, e.g. on the last Saturday of the last month of each quarter.
- e. For meetings in person, e.g. the GA, the date is agreed in advance for six months. The invitation with the agenda and the necessary documents are delivered in advance at least fourteen calendar days.

2. Voting in IOV

- a. For each meeting except for the elective session of World General Assembly, the principle is: one person one vote.
Decisions are best taken in consensus. Voting is exceptional.
- b. General Assembly.
 - i. During the World General Assembly (WGA) is voted by country, the National Section Chair has the right to vote or if not NSC the older IOV membership .
 - ii. Only affiliated members on the date of the GA are authorized to vote for his/her country.
 - iii. Affiliated members from the same country without National Section agree who will vote for his/her country.
 - iv. The countries may have a different number of votes.
 - v. The criteria according to which votes will be awarded, are determined at the start of each WGA.
 - vi. For the elective session in WGA a country may have up to 11 votes, according to the following criteria:
 - ✓ 1 vote per country present.
 - ✓ 1 extra vote for a country, where the national section has no legal registration. The proof of the functioning as

national section is given at least five days before the start of the meeting to the Secretary-General.

- ✓ 1 extra vote for a country, with more than 3 institutional members. The proof of the functioning as national section is given at least five days before the start of the meeting to the Secretary-General.
- ✓ 5 extra votes per country where the national section has legal registration. If in a country where registration is not possible, and the national section shows strong activity, 5 votes will be given as well. In both cases proof of this is given, at least five days before the start of the meeting, to the Secretary-General.
- ✓ 1 extra vote per set of 10 different paying members in the previous year, with a maximum of 4 additional votes.
- ✓ In summary:
 - a. A country with 1 to 9 members = 1 vote
 - b. A national section without legal status = 1 extra vote
 - c. A national section with more than 3 institutional members = 1 extra vote
 - d. A national section with legal status, or where registration is not possible = 5 extra votes
 - e. A country with 10 to 19 members = 1 extra vote
 - f. A country with 20 to 29 members = 2 extra votes
 - g. A country with 30 to 39 members = 3 extra votes
 - h. A country with 40 or more members = 4 extra votes

3. IOV Membership fees

- a. The GA determines whether the membership fee is paid per country, whether per festival, group, organization or person and the percentage to be withheld for each active national section.
- b. The amount of the membership fee is determined according to the most recent list of the gross domestic product per capita. For every region of IOV we compute the average of the amount for each country of the region. This figure is then the basis for the membership fee of each country from this region as follows:
 - Residents of a country with a Gross National Product (GNP) lower than 1000 have a discount of 75%
 - Residents of a country with a Gross National Product (GNP) between 1000 and 15000 have a discount of 50%
- c. IOV youth members pay half the fee. Honorary members pay no fee.
- d. The payment deadline for annual memberships is set as the last day on 30 April of each year. Many annuities can be paid in advance. the duration of

the membership is in a calendar year expressed from January 1st to December 31st of each year not subject to the date on which the payment was made.

- e. The yearly due membership fees have not changed since the General Assembly of IOV in the year 1990 and are in 2016 as follows:

1.	Youth members till 35 years old	US \$ 15,-- or Euro € 10,00
2.	Individual members	US \$ 25,-- or Euro € 20,00
3.	Societies, groups and other organizations with 8 members max. , Handicraft	US \$ 50,-- or Euro € 40,00
4.	Organizations, associations and institutions, groups and other organizations with more than 8 members	US \$ 130,-- or Euro € 100,00
5.	International Festivals, institutes, museums, universities, exhibitions and national authorities (Ministries, public institutions)	US \$ 180,-- or Euro € 150,00
6.	Senator	US \$ 1000,-- or Euro 1000,00

4. Representation of every continent

The name *Regional Executive Secretary (RES)* that formerly was used, is confusing with the tasks of the *Secretary General* and the *Secretary*. That's why we use the title *Regional Executive Director (RED)*. Each continent has a RED in the Board of Directors (BD). In the BD they take care for the flow of information to the regions and the countries, in consultation with the *Secretary-General*. Conversely, they provide for the operation and the flow of information from the regions and countries in their continent, to the *Secretary-General* and the BD.

Secretary General
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