

# **Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL, ASIA PACIFIC AREA CONSTITUTION**

## **ARTICLE I - NAME**

This organization shall be known as Y's Men International, Asia Pacific Area.

## **ARTICLE II – THE AREA**

### **SECTION 1 - REGISTERED ADDRESS**

The registered address is listed in the Constitutional Guidelines.

### **SECTION 2 - BOUNDARIES**

The Asia Pacific Area consists of the countries within Asia excluding India and Korea, and the South Pacific countries provided that it shall always be permissible for the International Council to add to, and/or remove from the Area any Region; and in the event, the Area shall stand reconstituted accordingly.

### **SECTION 3 - REGIONS**

The Asia Pacific Area shall consist of the Regions of Australia, Japan East, Japan West, Philippine, Southeast Asia, Sri Lanka and Taiwan and such other Regions that may be added to it with the approval of Y's Men International.

## **ARTICLE III - PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

### **SECTION 1 - PURPOSE**

The International Association of Y's Men's Clubs is a worldwide fellowship of persons of all faiths working together in mutual respect and affection, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, and with a common loyalty to the Young Men's Christian Association, striving through active service to develop, encourage and provide leadership to build a better world for mankind.

### **SECTION 2 - OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Asia Pacific Area are:

- A. To encourage, promote and foster organization and development of Y's Men's clubs throughout the Asia Pacific Area.
- B. To co-ordinate and support the activities of all Regions.
- C. To initiate, organize and coordinate leadership development of all levels of leadership.
- D. To provide a general oversight including and not limited to conflict resolution of the Regions within the Asia Pacific Area.
- E. To promote good relationships with the Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs and local YMCAs in the Area.

## **ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

### **SECTION 1 - CLUBS**

The membership of the Area shall consist of affiliated local Y's Men's Clubs, Y's Women's Clubs, Y's Men and Women's Clubs and Y Service Clubs.

### **SECTION 2 - DEFINITION**

The membership of each local club shall be as defined by the International Constitution of Y's Men International.

## **ARTICLE V - LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

### **SECTION 1 - LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

The legislative authority of the Asia Pacific Area shall be vested in the Area Council.

### **SECTION 2 - AREA COUNCIL**

The Area Council shall consist of the Area President and the Regional Directors who are elected by the Regions to represent their membership in the Region.

### **SECTION 3 - AREA COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Area Council shall have at least two duly constituted meetings either in person, online or in hybrid format per year. The Area Council shall transact its business in the Area Council Meeting in a feasible format. Voting may be in person, by mail ballot or by electronic medium with the approval of the Area President. Other meetings of the Area Council may be called by the Area President or may be requested by any Area Council member and convened upon approval of at least fifty percent (50%) of the Area Council membership.

### **SECTION 4 - PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS**

- A. The Area President shall preside at all Council Meetings and in his/her absence, the Area President-Elect or Immediate Past Area President shall preside.
- B. The Area Council Meeting shall be convened by the Area President or at his/her direction by the Area Secretary. There shall be at least 30 days' advance notice for convening a Council Meeting.

### **SECTION 5 - QUORUM**

Fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the Area Council shall constitute a quorum. In the event that the quorum is not met, the meeting shall adjourn for half an hour, after which, it may be reconvened at the discretion of the Area President without decisions being taken.

### **SECTION 6 - RIGHT TO VOTE**

- A. The Council Members or his/her proxy shall have the right to one vote each. The decisions of the Council shall be according to the majority vote of its members present at any meeting, taken by poll or by electronic ballot or by mail.
- B. The Area President shall exercise his/her vote only in the event of a tie.

### **SECTION 7 - EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

The Area President-Elect, Immediate Past Area President, Area Secretary and Area Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Area Council and shall attend Area Council Meetings. International Council members from the Asia Pacific Area shall also be ex-officio members of the Area Council and shall have the right to attend Area Council Meetings. The Area President may invite Area Service Directors and the YMCA Liaison representative to attend Area Council Meetings.

### **SECTION 8 - PROXY**

- A. In the case of inability of a Regional Director to attend an Area Council Meeting, the Regional Director-Elect, the immediate Past Regional Director, or another Regional Representative appointed by him/her may attend as proxy, provided the name of the proxy is given in writing or by electronic mail submitted to the Area President in advance.
- B. In the event where no delegate from the Region can attend the Area Council Meeting, the Regional Director may appoint the Area President as the voting proxy.

## **ARTICLE VI - ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

### **SECTION 1 - EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

- A. Executive officers of this organization shall be the Area President, Area President-Elect, Immediate Past Area President, Area Secretary and Area Treasurer.
- B. The Area President shall serve a one (1) year term of office parallel with his/her two-year term as a member of the International Council.
- C. The Area President-Elect shall automatically assume the office of Area President following the retirement of the incumbent Area President.

### **SECTION 2 - APPOINTMENT OF AREA EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

- A. The Area President shall appoint the Area Secretary and the Area Treasurer whose term of office shall be co-terminus with that of the Area President or such other shorter term as the Area President may decide. They shall also be known as Area Executive Officers.
- B. The Area President shall submit the appointment of the Area Secretary, Area Treasurer and Area Service Directors for information and endorsement of the Area Council at its first Council Meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII- SUCCESSION**

### **SECTION 1 - SUCCESSION**

In the event of the death or inability of the Area President to serve, the Area President-Elect shall assume the office of the Area President.

### **SECTION 2 - OPTIONS**

In the event where an Area President-Elect has yet to be elected, the Immediate Past Area President shall re-assume the office of Area President until an election is conducted or an appointment made in accordance with Article IV Section 6 of the International Constitution.

### **SECTION 3 - INSTALLATION**

The successor shall be installed by the International President either online or in person.

## **ARTICLE VIII - INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER**

### **SECTION 1 - ELECTION**

The Area shall elect International Council Member(s) (ICM) from the Area under the provisions of the International Constitution.

### **SECTION 2 - NOMINATIONS**

Each club may submit one (1) nominee for each available position of International Council Member to represent the Area. The nominations shall be submitted on prescribed forms to the International Headquarters, at least ninety (90) days prior to the election date. This nominee shall meet the qualification requirements established by Y's Men International. The Area may establish additional qualification requirements subject to the approval of the International Council.

### **SECTION 3 – YOUNG INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER**

The qualifications for Young International Council Members are established by the International Council. The age of the Young International Council Member shall be between age 26 to 39 years.

### **SECTION 4 – ELECTION PROCEDURES**

Forty-five (45) days prior to the election date, the International Headquarters shall present to the clubs a maximum of three (3) nominees for each office as decided by the nominating committee in conjunction with each Area President concerned, at least one (1) of whom must be the nominee receiving the greatest

number of nominations from the clubs. Each club of good standing shall have one (1) vote for each International Council member to be elected from the Area and the person receiving the highest number of votes for each office in a mailed or online ballot returned to the International Headquarters prior to the election date, shall be elected.

#### **SECTION 5 – CONCURRENT POSITIONS**

International Council Members and elected officers (Regional Directors and District Governors) shall not hold concurrently any other elected office within the Area.

### **ARTICLE IX - ELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER-ELECT AND AREA PRESIDENT-ELECT**

#### **SECTION 1 – INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER-ELECT**

The election process for the International Council Member-Elect shall be conducted by Y's Men International. The International Council Member-Elect shall become the Area President-Elect in the case when only one candidate is allotted to the Area.

#### **SECTION 2 – AREA PRESIDENT**

In the event where there is more than one International Council Member-Elect, the Area Council may decide by a majority vote which candidate shall be the next Area President-Elect.

### **ARTICLE X - FINANCE**

#### **SECTION 1 - AREA DUES**

- A. The Area Council shall determine a uniform financial share on a per capita basis ("Area Dues") that each member club shall pay in support of the Area operating expenses. The Area dues shall be collected from the Clubs by Regions in accordance with their reported membership as at each February 1 and August 1 and remit to the Area Treasurer/Office by the announced deadlines.
- B. The Area Council shall have the authority to change the dues.

#### **SECTION 2 - LEGISLATIVE YEAR**

The fiscal year shall coincide with the legislative year, July 1 through June 30.

#### **SECTION 3 - AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

- A. The Area Treasurer shall be the Executive Officer responsible for maintaining proper books or records of account and the Area's bank accounts.
- B. He/she shall prepare annual financial statements for audit. The financial statements shall include
  - i. an Income and Expenditure account which gives a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Area for the period to which it relates, and
  - ii. a Statement of Affairs which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Area as at the date to which the Income and Expenditure account is made up.
- C. He/she shall present the annual audited financial statements to the Area Council for acceptance at the first Area Council Meeting, failing which, an unaudited financial statement is to be presented. If the audited financial statements could not be presented on time for the first meeting, they must be submitted by the next Area Council Meeting.
- D. The financial statements shall first be approved by the Area Executive Officers before being presented to the Area Council.

#### **SECTION 4 - OPERATING BUDGET**

- A. The Area President shall submit an operating budget at the first Area Council Meeting of the fiscal year for approval and be responsible for its implementation.

- B. The Area President shall secure the approval of the Area Council using electronic medium where necessary, for expenditure of any single item that may result in the budgeted expenditure being exceeded by 10%.

## **SECTION 5 - AUDITORS**

The Area Council shall appoint a professionally qualified accountant as the Area's auditor at the first Area Council Meeting. The incumbent auditor may be re-appointed to serve as auditor in the new legislative year.

## **SECTION 6 - FINANCIAL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES**

Area Executive Officers and parties concerned shall abide by the policies and guidelines as outlined in the Constitutional Guidelines for the Area.

## **ARTICLE XI - AREA OFFICE**

The Area Council may establish an Area Office to promote, coordinate and maintain the work of the Area in accordance with the provisions of the Article VIII of the International Constitution.

## **ARTICLE XII – AREA CONVENTIONS**

### **SECTION 1 - OCCURRENCE**

An Area Convention shall be held biennially in odd-numbered years as far as practicable in a feasible format.

### **SECTION 2 – CONVENTION BIDS**

Bids for hosting the Area Convention shall be submitted to the Area Council for approval two years in advance.

### **SECTION 3 – AREA CONVENTION COMMITTEE (“ACC”)**

The Area Council shall appoint the Chairperson (preferably a Past Area President) and the members of the ACC to liaise and coordinate with the Host Convention Committee (“HCC”) in the planning and execution of the Area Convention.

### **SECTION 4 – HOST CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

Arrangements for the convention shall be made by the HCC under the leadership and supervision of the ACC. The process of arranging and holding the Area Convention shall be with reference to the International Convention Manual. The HCC shall present the budget and details of the Area Convention to the Area Council for approval.

## **ARTICLE XIII – CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **SECTION 1 – CODE**

- A. Club members are expected to speak and behave with integrity, upholding the principles and ethics of the organisation. The conduct of members should be reflected in the management and governance of the Area, Regions, Districts, and clubs.
- B. It is expected of elected and appointed leaders to give priority to attending business meetings called by the Area Council or the Area President.

### **SECTION 2 - GUIDANCE**

Conflicts that arise shall be settled as per “Conflict Resolution Procedure” in force as issued by Y’s Men International.

### **SECTION 3 – AUTHORITY**

The Area Council shall ensure the good functioning of the Association and its image in consultation with the Regional Troikas.

## **ARTICLE XIV – DISSOLUTION**

### **SECTION 1 - DISSOLUTION**

The Area may be dissolved or merged with another Area upon the approval of International Council at the recommendation of the Area Council, such recommendation having been approved by 75% of the voting members (clubs) at a Special General Meeting, provided at least 30 days' prior written notice has been given.

### **SECTION 2 – DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**

In the event of a dissolution, the general reserves and designated funds shall be transferred to the surviving entity.

## **ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS**

### **SECTION 1 – NOTICE PERIOD REQUIRED**

- A. Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be voted on at a Special Area Council Meeting provided at least thirty (30) days' Notice of Motion has been given in writing to each Council Member and Area Club Presidents; and provided further that the time limits mentioned above shall not be restricted, inter alia, when one or more Regions are undergoing situations of force majeure such as natural disasters, lock downs, war, civil commotions, etc.
- B. The Area Council may approve a shorter notice with a unanimous vote.

### **SECTION 2 – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

This Constitution may be amended upon two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Area Council at a duly constituted meeting or by electronic ballot, with a two-third affirmative vote of the clubs in good standing in the Area, provided that the adoption of the amendment(s) is(are) not in contravention of the purposes and policies of Y's Men International.

### **SECTION 3 – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL GUIDELINES**

The Constitutional Guidelines may be amended by a majority affirmative vote of the Area Council provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been submitted, in writing, to all members of the Area Council at least thirty (30) days prior thereto; and provided further that the adoption of the amendment(s) is(are) not in contravention of the purposes and policies of Y's Men International and provided the time limits mentioned above shall not be restricted, inter alia, when one or more Regions are undergoing situations of force majeure such as natural disasters, lock downs, war, civil commotions, etc.

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