



CHANGE FOR CONTINUITY

Document of Proposals for Changes to the Statute





PG01

Number

In General

Proposal

The insertion of "and Friends" after Past Pupils wherever it appears in the statute

Example

Identity and Mission of the Past Pupils **and Friends** of Don Bosco

Explanation

The inclusion of the word 'Friends' will emphasise that our organisation is not only about Schools and Educational Institutions but of ALL Salesian presences such as oratories, youth centres, parishes, social work, etc. Moreover, various Rector Majors have expressed the idea that the word 'past' or 'ex' in our name does not reflect the richness of commitment and work of our organisation. The GEX also find it hard to identify with these terms.

Authors





Number

PG02

In General

Proposal

Change the word "religion" to "spiritual tradition" wherever it appears in the Statute **Example**

A Past Pupil of other **spiritual tradition** who participates in the ideals of Don Bosco,

Explanation

The Association is open not only to all religions but also to all spiritual traditions.

Authors



Number

PS01

In Specific

Chapter 1

Identity and Mission of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco

Proposal

ADD

Identity, **Charism** and Mission of the Past Pupils **and Friends** of Don Bosco

Explanation

The word "charism" emphasises the spiritual gift and qualities that enables one to lead or guide others in a spiritual way of life. It refers to a motivation to inspire devotion in others. The word is being inserted to underline the sense of spirituality in our organisation.

Authors



PS02

Number

In Specific

Article 1 - Identity and Origin

a) The World Confederation of the Past Pupils Don Bosco, also referred to as the Association, is a non-profit lay entity. It forms an integral part of the Salesian Family in which the Rector Major – the successor of Don Bosco – is the father and centre of unity.

The Past Pupils are: the fruit of the Salesian Mission. A gift of richness to humanity. A powerful energy acting like leaven to the world.

- b) In remembering the zeal of Don Bosco, the Past Pupils gathered for the first time, in a spontaneous and filial way, to express the need to unite and form the first foundations of a Movement.
- c) This association, inspired by Don Filippo Rinaldi and perfected over the years, is currently grouped into Local Unions or Associations, Provincial Federations, National Federations and other recognised Groups. These, together, make up the "World Confederation of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco", which is the recognised organisation through which a Past Pupil of Don Bosco is allowed to genuinely belong to the Salesian Family.

Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE a)

a) The World **Association** of the Past
Pupils Don Bosco, also referred to as a
Movement, is a non-profit **secular organisation**. For the education
received includes Christians and
members of other spiritual
traditions. It forms an integral part of
the Salesian Family in which the
Rector Major of the Salesian
Congregation – the successor of Don
Bosco – is the father and centre of
unity.

Explanation

As stated in article 2b, the commitment of the past pupil of Don Bosco can be described in four levels. These four levels highlight both the higher level of commitment of the members in the association as well as those who are not as committed but identify with the organisation which makes them part of a movement.

Another change is the use of the word

secular instead of lay to reflect the

membership of possible clerical members

in the organisation.

Authors



PS03

Number

In Specific

Article 1 - Identity and Origin

a) The World Confederation of the Past Pupils Don Bosco, also referred to as the Association, is a non-profit lay entity. It forms an integral part of the Salesian Family in which the Rector Major –the successor of Don Bosco – is the father and centre of unity.

The Past Pupils are: the fruit of the Salesian Mission. A gift of richness to humanity. A powerful energy acting like leaven to the world.

- b) In remembering the zeal of Don Bosco, the Past Pupils gathered for the first time, in a spontaneous and filial way, to express the need to unite and form the first foundations of a Movement.
- c) This association, inspired by Don Filippo Rinaldi and perfected over the years, is currently grouped into Local Unions or Associations, Provincial Federations, National Federations and other recognised Groups. These, together, make up the "World Confederation of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco", which is the recognised organisation through which a Past Pupil of Don Bosco is allowed to genuinely belong to the Salesian Family.

Proposal

ADD SUB-ARTICLE a)

a) The Past Pupils of Don Bosco are people who pursue the principles of Don Bosco's **Preventive System and form people by** developing their individual authenticity. Generally, they have attended an oratory, a school or any other Salesian Presence and have received formation for life, in various and different ways and according to the different cultures, religions, the educational experiences of each setting, the ability to accept individuals. Those who, though not having attended a Salesian Presence, share Don Bosco's **Preventive System and the aims of the** Association can also be part of the Association.

RENUMBERING old (a) becomes (b)
unchanged; old (b) becomes (c)
unchanged; old (c) becomes (d) unchanged

Explanation

reproached for belonging to the past and deriving from a formal fact: having been...
Instead, it is necessary to emphasise a belonging that derives from wanting to work according to Don Bosco's style in the present and in the future. Moreover, it is necessary to look to the future with a broader vision. The origin of the Past Pupil must not be limited only to those who have had formal relations with Salesian presences. Instead, it must be extended to anyone who truly shares Don Bosco's proposal and this Association Statute. This proposed amendment to Article 1 is closely related to the one following Article 2.

Authors

Italian Federation Presidency



PS04

Number

In Specific

Article 1 - Identity and Origin

a) The World Confederation of the Past Pupils Don Bosco, also referred to as the Association, is a non-profit lay entity. It forms an integral part of the Salesian Family in which the Rector Major –the successor of Don Bosco – is the father and centre of unity.

The Past Pupils are: the fruit of the Salesian Mission. A gift of richness to humanity.

A powerful energy acting like leaven to the world.

- b) In remembering the zeal of Don Bosco, the Past Pupils gathered for the first time, in a spontaneous and filial way, to express the need to unite and form the first foundations of a Movement.
- c) This association, inspired by Don Filippo Rinaldi and perfected over the years, is currently grouped into Local Unions or Associations, Provincial Federations, National Federations and other recognised Groups. These, together, make up the "World Confederation of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco", which is the recognised organisation through which a Past Pupil of Don Bosco is allowed to genuinely belong to the Salesian Family.

Proposal

a) FIRST SENTENCE

a) The World Confederation of Past Pupils of the Salesians of Don Bosco is a non-profit lay entity, also called Association.

Explanation

There are other groups that carry the name 'Salesians'. There are groups that live this same spirituality and consider themselves "Salesians." The title 'Salesians of Don Bosco' refers to all those who live the spirituality of Saint Francis de Sales in accordance with the style and charisma of Don Bosco.

Authors

Colombia Bogota Federation



PS05

Number

In Specific

Article 1 - Identity and Origin

a) The World Confederation of the Past Pupils Don Bosco, also referred to as the Association, is a non-profit lay entity. It forms an integral part of the Salesian Family in which the Rector Major –the successor of Don Bosco – is the father and centre of unity.

The Past Pupils are: the fruit of the Salesian Mission. A gift of richness to humanity. A powerful energy acting like leaven to the world.

- b) In remembering the zeal of Don Bosco, the Past Pupils gathered for the first time, in a spontaneous and filial way, to express the need to unite and form the first foundations of a Movement.
- c) This association, inspired by Don Filippo Rinaldi and perfected over the years, is currently grouped into Local Unions or Associations, Provincial Federations, National Federations and other recognised Groups. These, together, make up the "World Confederation of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco", which is the recognised organisation through which a Past Pupil of Don Bosco is allowed to genuinely belong to the Salesian Family.

Proposal

DELETE THE WORD "REGIONS"

c) This association, inspired by Don
Filippo Rinaldi and perfected over the
years, is currently grouped into Local
Unions or Associations, Provincial
Federations, National Federations,
(regions) and other recognised Groups.
These, together, make up the "World
Confederation of the Past Pupils of Don
Bosco", which is the recognised
organisation through which a Past Pupil of
Don Bosco is allowed to genuinely belong
to the Salesian Family.

Explanation

Authors

Only in the Italian Statute



Number

PS06

In Specific

Art. 2 - Types of Identity

- a) The Past Pupils of Don Bosco are persons who because they attended an oratory, a school or any other Salesian Presence, received a formation for life, in various and diverse ways and according to: different cultures, religion, the educational experience of each setting, the ability to accept individuals16, pursue the principles of Don Bosco's Preventive System (17) and to form persons by developing their individual authenticity.
- b) We can recognise four of types of commitment of the Past Pupil of Don Bosco which can truly define their identity:
- ~ For those who were students or attended a Salesian Presence and who build their identity as a life project, which encourages them to unite to continue their formation, to spread the educational charism of Don Bosco in society, and to develop specific projects for youth.
- ~ For those who were students or attended a Salesian Presence and who built their identity as a choice, a mission, which they accept with all that it entails. They feel called to transmit the values received in their Salesian education: the spirit and teaching method of Don Bosco.
- ~ For those who were students or attended a Salesian Presence and who built their identity as a grace, because they have been touched by the zeal and desire of Don Bosco, in his profound human and saintly experience; this leads the Past Pupil to be identified as a Past Pupil of Don Bosco wherever they are.
- ~ For those who were students or having attended a Salesian Presence and who built their identity as a fact of life, an anecdote, which has not really touched their lives.
- c) This educational experience has formed a commitment of filial loyalty, gratitude, and witness to the values of Don Bosco's system, with an ability for service, communion and involvement in the family spirit.
- d) Gratitude leads the Past Pupils to participate in different ways and levels in the Salesian mission in the world.

Proposal

DELETE SUB-ARTICLE a) and AMEND SUB- ARTICLE b)

- b) We can recognise four of types of commitment of the Past Pupil of Don Bosco which can truly define their identity:
- ~ For those who built their identity as a life project, which encourages them to unite to continue their formation, to spread the educational charism of Don Bosco in society, and to develop specific projects for youth.
- ~ For those who built their identity as a choice, a mission, which they accept with all that it entails. They feel called to transmit the values received in their Salesian education: the spirit and teaching method of Don Bosco.
- ~ Those who built their identity as a grace, because they have been touched by the zeal and desire of Don Bosco, in his profound human and saintly experience; this leads the Past Pupil to be identified as a Past Pupil of Don Bosco wherever they are.
- ~ Those who built their identity as a fact of life, an anecdote, which has not really touched their lives.

RENUMBERING OF SUB-ARTICLES unchanged old (c) becomes (b) unchanged old (d) becomes (c) unchanged

Explanation

This proposed amendment to Article 2 is closely related to the previous one in Article 1. From many quarters the Past Pupils are reproached for belonging to the past and deriving from a formal fact: having been... Instead, it is necessary to emphasise a belonging that derives from wanting to work according to Don Bosco's style in the present and in the future. Moreover, it is necessary to look to the future with a broader vision. The origin of the Past Pupil must not be limited only to those who have had formal relations with Salesian presences. Instead, it must be extended to anyone who truly shares Don Bosco's proposal and this Association Statute.

Authors

Italian Federation



Number

PS07

In Specific

Art. 2 - Types of Identity

- a) The Past Pupils of Don Bosco are persons who because they attended an oratory, a school or any other Salesian Presence, received a formation for life, in various and diverse ways and according to: different cultures, religion, the educational experience of each setting, the ability to accept individuals16, pursue the principles of Don Bosco's Preventive System (17) and to form persons by developing their individual authenticity.
- b) We can recognise four of types of commitment of the Past Pupil of Don Bosco which can truly define their identity:
- ~ For those who were students or attended a Salesian Presence and who build their identity as a life project, which encourages them to unite to continue their formation, to spread the educational charism of Don Bosco in society, and to develop specific projects for youth.
- ~ For those who were students or attended a Salesian Presence and who built their identity as a choice, a mission, which they accept with all that it entails. They feel called to transmit the values received in their Salesian education: the spirit and teaching method of Don Bosco.
- ~ For those who were students or attended a Salesian Presence and who built their identity as a grace, because they have been touched by the zeal and desire of Don Bosco, in his profound human and saintly experience; this leads the Past Pupil to be identified as a Past Pupil of Don Bosco wherever they are.
- ~ For those who were students or having attended a Salesian Presence and who built their identity as a fact of life, an anecdote, which has not really touched their lives.
- c) This educational experience has formed a commitment of filial loyalty, gratitude, and witness to the values of Don Bosco's system, with an ability for service, communion and involvement in the family spirit.
- d) Gratitude leads the Past Pupils to participate in different ways and levels in the Salesian mission in the world.

Proposal

NEW SUB-ARTICLE TAKEN FROM ARTICLE 13

The Association is a point of reference and contact for anyone who "for any reason" feels committed to the Salesian work, shares its objectives and constitutes the vast movement of followers, including "the Friends of Don Bosco", who for a long time have worked, and are still active in society.

THIS SUB-ARTICLE WILL BE REWORDED:

The organisation is a point of reference for those who came in contact with the charism of Don Bosco and are committed to the Salesian work; those who share our objectives and have been grasped by the love and gratitude toward the figure of Don Bosco and wish to commit themselves to his spirituality, mission, and charism; can be part of our organisation.

Explanation

This article is being amended and inserted in this chapter to clarify the definition of the Friends of Don Bosco within the organisation. In different countries, there are the different use of terminology and this amendment will reflect the changes that are taking place in many Federations. It also clarifies that the organisation is not only for schools but for all Salesian Presences.

Authors



Number

PS08

In Specific

Art. 3 - Mission

- a) The Christian Past Pupil genuinely lives the promises of Baptism and Confirmation by imitating the original charisma of Don Bosco. This charisma is achieved in an apostolical committed lifestyle based on Reason, Religion and Loving-Kindness, aimed at youth and in keeping with the Joy that results from being a disciple of Christ.
- b) The Association of the Past Pupils participates in the mission of Don Bosco and the Salesian Family in various ways:
- ~ by taking care of the "permanent formation" of its members,
- ~ by giving primary importance and taking care of the family,
- ~ by undertaking the education of youth with commitment,
- ~ "by advancing the values within the human person and respect for the dignity of man"
- ~ by increasing active communion with all groups of the Salesian Family,
- ~ by showing care towards those pupils at the end of their educational curriculum.
- ~ by promoting activities at the service of humankind involving anyone who, being guided and animated by good will, work for the global and integral growth of the human person and the family according to the Church's Social Doctrine,
- ~ actively participating in the transformation of society.
- ~ by manifesting an updated ecumenical awareness amongst Christians and bestowing an openness to dialogue with other religions without ever forgetting to examine closely their own Christian identity and evangelising mission, thus challenging every form of ethical relativism.
- ~ by collaborating and or assuming responsibilities in educational centres.
- c) A Past Pupil of another religion participates in the ideals of Don Bosco, sharing the cultural, spiritual and social educational values of his Educational System and recognising them as a natural and universal common heritage of the human family. He/she becomes a giver of these values in his/her life and work settings, and also supports them with whatever their own religion and culture suggest.
- d) All Past Pupils, considering the urgency of the problems of young people, proactively respond, even on personal level, to the educational needs of all those cultural and learning initiatives that interest young people in helping them develop and take on more responsibilities at all levels.

Proposal

RE-NUMBER SUB-ARTICLE a) TO b) and b) TO a)
AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE a)

a) The Christian Past Pupil genuinely lives the promises of Baptism and Confirmation by imitating the original charisma of Don Bosco. This charisma is achieved in an apostolical committed lifestyle based on Reason, Religion and Loving-Kindness, reaching to those who are poor and most in need especially young people, and in keeping with the Joy that results from being a disciple of Christ. It also fosters he current ecumenical sensitivity among Christians and openness to dialogue with other spiritual traditions and religions without ever forgetting to deepen one's Christian identity and evangelising mission and to oppose all forms of ethical relativism in the wake of the Church's Social Doctrine.

Explanation

Emphasising the importance of focusing our solidarity with the poor especially those who are young.

Authors



Number

PS09

In Specific

Art. 3 - Mission

- a) The Christian Past Pupil genuinely lives the promises of Baptism and Confirmation by imitating the original charisma of Don Bosco. This charisma is achieved in an apostolical committed lifestyle based on Reason, Religion and Loving-Kindness, aimed at youth and in keeping with the Joy that results from being a disciple of Christ.
- b) The Association of the Past Pupils participates in the mission of
- Don Bosco and the Salesian Family in various ways:
- ~ by taking care of the "permanent formation" of its members,
- ~ by giving primary importance and taking care of the family,
- ~ by undertaking the education of youth with commitment,
- ~ by advancing the values within the human person and respect for the dignity of man
- ~ by increasing active communion with all groups of the Salesian Family,
- \sim by showing care towards those pupils at the end of their educational curriculum.
- ~ by promoting activities at the service of humankind involving anyone who, being guided and animated by good will, work for the global and integral growth of the human person and the family according to the Church's Social Doctrine,
- ~ actively participating in the transformation of society.
- ~ by manifesting an updated ecumenical awareness amongst Christians and bestowing an openness to dialogue with other religions without ever forgetting to examine closely their own Christian identity and evangelising mission, thus challenging every form of ethical relativism,
- ~ by collaborating and or assuming responsibilities in educational centres.
- c) A Past Pupil of another religion participates in the ideals of Don Bosco, sharing the cultural, spiritual and social educational values of his Educational System and recognising them as a natural and universal common heritage of the human family. He/she becomes a giver of these values in his/her life and work settings, and also supports them with whatever their own religion and culture suggest.
- d) All Past Pupils, considering the urgency of the problems of young people, proactively respond, even on personal level, to the educational needs of all those cultural and learning initiatives that interest young people in helping them develop and take on more responsibilities at all levels.

Proposal

DELETE from line

~ by manifesting an updated ecumenical awareness amongst Christians and bestowing an openness to dialogue with other religions without ever forgetting to examine closely their own Christian identity and evangelising mission, thus challenging every form of ethical relativism,

~ by collaborating and or assuming responsibilities in educational centres.

AND INSERTED ABOVE

by undertaking the education of youth with commitment and collaborating and/or taking over the management of educational centres.

Explanation

Authors



Number

PS10

In Specific

Proposal

NEW ARTICLE POSSIBLE NUMBER 4 OUR CHARISM

Inspired by Don Bosco, our charism is a spirituality emphasizing the importance of love, kindness, understanding and solidarity in pastoral ministry especially with young people. It is an expression of **God's endless love and mercy for humanity** contemplating the care and salvation of persons. It is characterized by a joyful and positive approach to life, fostering a sense of belonging and a strong family spirit which reaches out to the community it serves. The Salesian charism focuses on the development of the whole person, nurturing spiritual growth, education, and personal well-being. Central to the Salesian charism is the belief in the inherent goodness of each individual and the importance of accompanying and guiding young people with fortitude and compassion. Through our commitment to service, holistic education, and evangelization, as part of the Salesian Family, we strive to empower young people to reach their full potential and become agents of positive change in the world.

Explanation

This new article is reinforcing the importance of appreciating the charism as inspired by Don Bosco in our statute through a direct reference to the Salesian approach as part of the Salesian Family.

Authors

Presidency

Chapter I

Identity and Mission of the Past Pupils of Don **Bosco**



Number

PS11

In Specific

Art. 4 - Belonging and Formation

- a) For those who live their commitment as "a choice, a mission" or "a life project" the Association will provide them with a programme of formation which also responds to their personal needs.
- b) The Salesian Provincial, spiritual father of the Salesian Family in every Province, appoints a person to follow the spiritual formation of the Past Pupils at local and provincial level.
- c) To deliver the formation programmes to the members, the Association will consider enrolling qualified members within the Salesian Family.
- d) The sense of belonging of each member towards the Associationshould be reflected through specific signs:
- ~ by actively participating in the life of the Association;
- ~ by promoting the sense of belonging to future generations of the Association;
- ~ by honouring the economic, ethical and moral commitments towards the Association;
- ~ by demonstrating favour and active participation in social and educative projects promoted by the Association;
- ~ by giving witness to the values of the Preventive System in the family, workplace and in society;
- ~ by involving ourselves in the mission of the Church.
- e) Enrolment in the Confederation takes place through the Local Associations and requires that the Past Pupil shares its aims and objectives according to the Statute and relevant National Regulations.

Proposal

NEW SUB-ARTICLE a)

 a) The Association feels open to welcoming new members, particularly young people.
 It maintains contact, promotes initiatives and offers spaces for youth leadership where young people can develop their potential, be trained and actively involved.

Explanation

This new sub-article is emphasising the importance of promoting the role of young people in the organisation including them in all levels of governance and management. The organisation can serve as a space and a laboratory for young people to gain skills in leadership to reach their potential. Welcoming young people in our associations is a hallmark characteristic of the Salesian identity and charism. Evaluating the situation today, there is room for improvement in all levels of governance to offer this opportunity to young people as part of our mission with the young. It is necessary that we are open and responsive to young people in our associations.

Authors



Number

PS12

In Specific

Art. 4 - Belonging and Formation

- a) For those who live their commitment as "a choice, a mission" or "a life project" the Association will provide them with a programme of formation which also responds to their personal needs.
- b) The Salesian Provincial, spiritual father of the Salesian Family in every Province, appoints a person to follow the spiritual formation of the Past Pupils at local and provincial level.
- c) To deliver the formation programmes to the members, the Association will consider enrolling qualified members within the Salesian Family.
- d) The sense of belonging of each member towards the Associationshould be reflected through specific signs:
- ~ by actively participating in the life of the Association;
- ~ by promoting the sense of belonging to future generations of the Association;
- ~ by honouring the economic, ethical and moral commitments towards the Association;
- ~ by demonstrating favour and active participation in social and educative projects promoted by the Association;
- ~ by giving witness to the values of the Preventive System in the family, workplace and in society;
- $\,\sim$ by involving ourselves in the mission of the Church.
- e) Enrolment in the Confederation takes place through the Local Associations and requires that the Past Pupil shares its aims and objectives according to the Statute and relevant National Regulations.

Proposal

ADD THE WORDS

b) The Salesian **Congregation** through **the**Provincial, spiritual father of the Salesian
Family in **their** Province, appoints a person **as his delegate** to follow the spiritual formation
of the Past Pupils at provincial level and **delegates at local level.**

Explanation

This amendment reflects the importance of the Salesian Congregation who is represented by the Provincial in every province. It also specifically mentions the appointment of the Delegate at both Provincial level and local level.

Authors



Number

PS13

Authors

In Specific

Art. 5 - Commitment to the Sense of Belonging

a) From the moment a Past Pupil freely decides to commit himself in the Association, he confirms and upholds the Prayer-Promise of the Past Pupils.

b) The significance and meaning of the Prayer-Promise of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco is to express one's desire to live, every day, in profoundness the role of the laity in society and in the Church, and conserve Don Bosco's charisma whereever they are.

Proposal

ADD

b) The significance and meaning of the Prayer-Promise of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco is to express one's desire to live, every day, in profoundness the values and mission of the Association in the families and in society, and conserve Don Bosco's charisma wherever they are.

Explanation

This amendment is highlighting the importance of the values and mission of the Association especially in the context of the family and society which is an emphasis of the vocation and role of the past pupil and friend of Don Bosco.



Number

PS14

In Specific

Art. 6 - General Aim

- a) The general aim of the Association is to uphold those human values greatly to heart and defend them at all costs through social, political and financial commitment. In particular:
- ~ **life**: it is sacred, from birth until death. We have to help young people find meaning of life and be committed in safeguarding the quality of life, especially that of the poorest and most needy;
- ~ **freedom**: especially when governments appear to act more autarchic, although seem as if they are democratic, endangering the freedom and the common aim to build a better world where freedom is guaranteed for all;
- truth: not only factual truth, but also the ethical and moral truth, especially when witnessing the transition from a healthy pluralism to relativism, which leads to nihilism and to the loss of any reference point, and consequently, the decline of society.
 b) The Christian Past Pupil authentically lives the meaning of Baptism and Confirmation, emphasising the spirituality of Don Bosco expressed in an apostolical committed lifestyle
- ~ Promote activities at the service of people involving anyone who, being guided and animated by good will, and is committed to the global growth of the human person and respect for the family.
- ~ Promote the spiritual life and the active participation in the life of the Church as a sacrament.
- ~ Encourage an ecumenical spirit amongst Christians (26) and advocate for openness to dialogue with other religions.
- c) Moreover, a Past Pupil of Don Bosco, either a Christian or of another religion, is called to express and develop the seeds that emerge from the "received education", that is:
- 1.To carry out the mission with:
- a) Professional competence.
- b) Moral conscience.c) Social commitment.
- 2.To plan formation and educational experiences.

as a result of being a disciple of Christ. To this end:

- 3.To keep the received education alive and present, as exemplified by the Preventive System, as a precious inheritance and rich synthesis of thought and method that is to be wholly promoted.
- 4.Promote human dignity; the respect for life; a more just society; a culture of responsible work; as a means of sanctification.

Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE a)

a) ~ **life**: it is sacred, from birth (**remove birth**) conception until **natural** death. We have to help young people find meaning of life and be committed in safeguarding the quality of life, especially that of the poorest and most need.

Explanation

Clarification is being made in the Statute to be in line with the teaching of the Church.

Presidency



Number

PS15

In Specific

Art. 6 - General Aim

- a) The general aim of the Association is to uphold those human values greatly to heart and defend them at all costs through social, political and financial commitment. In particular:
- ~ **life**: it is sacred, from birth until death. We have to help young people find meaning of life and be committed in safeguarding the quality of life, especially that of the poorest and most needy;
- ~ **freedom**: especially when governments appear to act more autarchic, although seem as if they are democratic, endangering the freedom and the common aim to build a better world where freedom is guaranteed for all;
- ~ **truth**: not only factual truth, but also the ethical and moral truth, especially when witnessing the transition from a healthy pluralism to relativism, which leads to nihilism and to the loss of any reference point, and consequently, the decline of society.
- b) The Christian Past Pupil authentically lives the meaning of Baptism and Confirmation, emphasising the spirituality of Don Bosco expressed in an apostolical committed lifestyle as a result of being a disciple of Christ. To this end:
- ~ Promote activities at the service of people involving anyone who, being guided and animated by good will, and is committed to the global growth of the human person and respect for the family.
- ~ Promote the spiritual life and the active participation in the life of the Church as a sacrament.
- ~ Encourage an ecumenical spirit amongst Christians26 and advocate for openness to dialogue with other religionsi.
- c) Moreover, a Past Pupil of Don Bosco, either a Christian or of another religion, is called to express and develop the seeds that emerge from the "received education", that is:
- 1.To carry out the mission with:
- a) Professional competence.
- b) Moral conscience.
- c) Social commitment.
- 2.To plan formation and educational experiences.
- 3.To keep the received education alive and present, as exemplified by the Preventive System, as a precious inheritance and rich synthesis of thought and method that is to be wholly promoted.
- 4.Promote human dignity; the respect for life; a more just society; a culture of responsible work; as a means of sanctification.

Proposal

ADDING TO SUB-ARTICLE a)

~ Solidarity: - like Don Bosco, we are committed to reach out to the poor and excluded, especially the young. It is our mission to work with the young in an expression of social and educational action to promote social justice, charity, and social inclusion. ~ Peace: is not merely the absence of war but the presence of harmony, respect, and understanding among peoples of different cultures, religions, and backgrounds. In promoting peace, we advocate for ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue emphasizing the importance of building bridges of understanding and cooperation among different Christian denominations and with followers of other religions. As past pupils and friends of Don Bosco, we foster unity and mutual respect among believers of different religions, encouraging all to work together for the common good.

Explanation

Together with the values established in the Statute, the Presidency is proposing two universal values which are promoted in the teaching of Pope Francis reflecting the current situation in the world and which are reflected in the identity and mission of the past pupil and friend of Don Bosco.

Presidency



Number

PS16

In Specific

Art. 6 - General Aim

- a) The general aim of the Association is to uphold those human values greatly to heart and defend them at all costs through social, political and financial commitment. In particular:
- ~ **life**: it is sacred, from birth until death. We have to help young people find meaning of life and be committed in safeguarding the quality of life, especially that of the poorest and most needy;
- ~ **freedom**: especially when governments appear to act more autarchic, although seem as if they are democratic, endangering the freedom and the common aim to build a better world where freedom is guaranteed for all;
- truth: not only factual truth, but also the ethical and moral truth, especially when witnessing the transition from a healthy pluralism to relativism, which leads to nihilism and to the loss of any reference point, and consequently, the decline of society.
 b) The Christian Past Pupil authentically lives the meaning of Baptism and Confirmation, emphasising the spirituality of Don Bosco expressed in an apostolical committed lifestyle
- ~ Promote activities at the service of people involving anyone who, being guided and animated by good will, and is committed to the global growth of the human person and respect for the family.
- ~ Promote the spiritual life and the active participation in the life of the Church as a sacrament.
- ~ Encourage an ecumenical spirit amongst Christians (26) and advocate for openness to dialogue with other religions.
- c) Moreover, a Past Pupil of Don Bosco, either a Christian or of another religion, is called to express and develop the seeds that emerge from the "received education", that is:
- 1.To carry out the mission with:
- a) Professional competence.
- b) Moral conscience.
- c) Social commitment.
- 2.To plan formation and educational experiences.

as a result of being a disciple of Christ. To this end:

- 3.To keep the received education alive and present, as exemplified by the Preventive System, as a precious inheritance and rich synthesis of thought and method that is to be wholly promoted.
- 4.Promote human dignity; the respect for life; a more just society; a culture of responsible work; as a means of sanctification.

Proposal

ADD WORD

Promote the spiritual life and the active participation in the life of the Church as a sacrament of salvation.

Explanation

"Da mihi animas caetera tolle" Don Bosco aim of the pastoral mission of young people was the salvation of souls through reason, lovingkindness and faith. This amendment highlights Don Bosco's purpose of mission of caring of the soul for one's salvation.

Presidency



Number

PS17

In Specific

Art. 6 - General Aim

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- emphasising the spirituality of Don Bosco expressed in an apostolical committed lifestyle as a result of being a disciple of Christ. To this end:
- ~ Promote activities at the service of people involving anyone who, being guided and animated by good will, and is committed to the global growth of the human person and respect for the family.
- ~ Promote the spiritual life and the active participation in the life of the Church as a sacrament.
- ~ Encourage an ecumenical spirit amongst Christians26 and advocate for openness to dialogue with other religionsi.
- c) Moreover, a Past Pupil of Don Bosco, either a Christian or of another religion, is called to express and develop the seeds that emerge from the "received education", that is:
- 1.To carry out the mission with:
- a) Professional competence.
- b) Moral conscience.c) Social commitment.
- 2.To plan formation and educational experiences.
- 3.To keep the received education alive and present, as exemplified by the Preventive System, as a precious inheritance and rich synthesis of thought and method that is to be wholly promoted.
- 4.Promote human dignity; the respect for life; a more just society; a culture of responsible work; as a means of sanctification.

Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE c)

number 1 c) **Social and political commitment.**

Explanation

[...] the lay faithful are never to relinquish their participation in "public life", that is, in the many different economic, social, legislative, administrative and cultural areas, which are intended to promote organically and institutionally the common good. (Christifideles laici n. 42) For the lay faithful, political involvement is a worthy and demanding expression of the Christian commitment of service to others. (Compendium of the social doctrine of the Church n. 565) Social commitment includes everything that falls under works of mercy but does not necessarily affect the causes. Political commitment, on the other hand, includes actions that tend to resolve the causes that generate social hardship and injustice in order to promote the common good. The same article 6, under (a), already mentions political commitment. Moreover, training in social and political commitment is just as important as religious and spiritual training. It is therefore necessary to activate a formation that directs young people to an active attention to what is happening around us, in their own territory, in their own nation and in the world, in order not to remain mere spectators. This proposed amendment to Article 6 is closely related to the next one to Article 7.

Italian Federation



Number

PS18

In Specific

Art. 6 - General Aim

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- c) Social commitment.
- 2.To plan formation and educational experiences.
- 3.To keep the received education alive and present, as exemplified by the Preventive System, as a precious inheritance and rich synthesis of thought and method that is to be wholly promoted.
- 4.Promote human dignity; the respect for life; a more just society; a culture of responsible work; as a means of sanctification.

Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE c) (4)

4. Promote human dignity; the respect for life; a more just **and fair** society; a culture of responsible work; **the family**; as a means of sanctification.

Explanation

To emphasise the principle of fairness in society and the unity of the family.

Presidency



Number

PS19

In Specific

Art. 6 - General Aim

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- 3.To keep the received education alive and present, as exemplified by the Preventive System, as a precious inheritance and rich synthesis of thought and method that is to be wholly promoted.
- 4.Promote human dignity; the respect for life; a more just society; a culture of responsible work; as a means of sanctification.

Proposal

ADDING TO SUB-ARTICLE c) (5)

5. An ecumenical spirit amongst believers and advocate for openness and dialogue with all other religions.

Explanation

To emphasise the role of the past pupil in promoting ecumenism as part of the eaching of the Church and the Salesian tradition of the salvation of souls.

Presidency



Number

PS20

In Specific

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- 3.To keep the received education alive and present, as exemplified by the Preventive System, as a precious inheritance and rich synthesis of thought and method that is to be wholly promoted.
- 4.Promote human dignity; the respect for life; a more just society; a culture of responsible work; as a means of sanctification.

Proposal

ADDING TO SUB-ARTICLE c) (6)

6. Show social commitment by expressing solidarity to the young, especially those most disadvantaged.

Explanation

To highlight the importance of the mission of the past pupil by expressing solidarity with the young especially those most in need.

Presidency



Number

PS21

In Specific

Art. 7 - Educational Promotion

The Association of Past Pupils, conscious of its own special responsibility, binds itself with animating and promoting the personal growth of its members and all young people in Don Bosco committing itself to:

- a) Plan experiences of permanent formation for the Past Pupils, designed to increase their on-going personal enrichment and update the received education, so they are able to face the demands of current times.
- b) Be present as experts in the spheres in which educational policies of the young are developed.

Proposal

NEW SUB-ARTICLE c)

c) Educate young people to pay attention to local, national and international political events in order to encourage active, constructive and responsible citizenship, capable of analysing, interpreting and proposing solutions for the common good.

Explanation

"This proposed amendment to Article 7 is closely related to the previous one to Article 6. [...] the lay faithful are never to relinquish their participation in ""public life"", that is, in the many different economic, social, legislative, administrative and cultural areas, which are intended to promote organically and institutionally the common good. (Christifideles laici n. 42) For the lay faithful, political involvement is a worthy and demanding expression of the Christian commitment of service to others. (Compendium of the social doctrine of the Church n. 565) Social commitment includes everything that falls under works of mercy but does not necessarily affect the causes. Political commitment, on the other hand, includes actions that tend to resolve the causes that generate social hardship and injustice in order to promote the common good. The same article 6, under (a), already mentions political commitment. Moreover, training in social and political commitment is just as important as religious and spiritual training. It is therefore necessary to activate a formation that directs young people to an active attention to what is happening around us, in their own territory, in their own nation and in the world, in order not to remain mere spectators."

Italian

Federation



Number

PS22

In Specific

Art. 9 - Service to vocations and specific secular tasks

The Association accompanies young people in the choice of their professional career, their inclusion in the world of work and culture, their socio-political formation, the achievement of specific competencies in social communication, in the healthy use of free time, and in their response to their call. It looks after these factors through different involvement.

Furthermore, the Association also promotes the Vocation of other groups in the Salesian Family and the Church.

Proposal

TITLE CHANGE

Vocational Guidance Services for Young
People

Explanation

Authors

This amendment is being proposed to give a better understanding and a better meaning in today's language reflecting the content of this article.



PS23

Number

In Specific

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Furthermore, the Association also promotes the Vocation of other groups in the Salesian Family and the Church.

Proposal

AMENDING

The Association accompanies young people in the choice of their professional career, their inclusion in the world of work and culture, their socio-political formation, the achievement of specific competencies in social communication, in the healthy use of free time, and in their response to their call. It looks after these factors through different involvment as well as vocations for other groups in the Salesian Family and the Church.

Explanation

Presidency

Authors

The addition in this article is highlighting the promotion of the vocation to other groups of the Salesian Family and the Church.



PS24

Number

In Specific

Art. 13 - Friends of Don Bosco

The Association is a point of reference and contact for anyone who "for any reason" feels committed to the Salesian work, shares its objectives and constitutes the vast movement of followers, including "the Friends of Don Bosco", who for a long time have worked, and are still active in society.

Proposal

REMOVE ARTICLE 13 and INSERTED ABOVE
AFTER ARTICLE 2A

Explanation

Explanation in Article 2, in this document PS07

Presidency



Number

PS25

In Specific

Art. 14 - Presence of the Salesians in the **World Confederation**

a) The World Confederation of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco recognises the Rector Major of the Salesian Congregation, as the father and centre of unity of the Salesian Family, and, as successor of Don Bosco, considers him the World Confederation's primary reference.

- b) In the Confederal Presidency and in the Confederal Executive Council of the World Confederation, the Rector Major is represented by the Delegate of the Rector Major for the Salesian Family and the Confederal Delegate.
- c) The World Confederal Delegate and the World Confederal Presidency are responsible, with the understanding of the Provincial, for the animation and assistance where the Past Pupils Association is not yet established.
- d) At Province level, the Provincials and the Directors of Salesian Houses are responsible for the animation, likewise assisted by their respective Delegates in the National or Provincial Federations and in the Associations, Unions and Local Groups.
- e) At any level, the Delegate carries out his role in the name of his Superior. He participates in the planning and coordination of the Movement's educational activities. He is present, at all levels, in the governing and executive bodies, in the role of advisor while closely following the Past Pupils, valuing and providing leadership to the laity.

Proposal

The Salesian Animation of the Association

TITLE CHANGE

Explanation

Authors

The change of title of this article is to focus on the responsibility of Salesian Animation while the following article will emphasis the Salesian presence in the Association in Article 2.



Number

PS26

In Specific

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Proposal

CHANGE OF WORD

a) The **Association** of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco recognises the Rector Major of the Salesian Congregation, as the father and centre of unity of the Salesian Family, and, as successor of Don Bosco, considers him the World Confederation's primary reference.

Explanation Authors

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PS27

Number

In Specific

Art. 15 - Salesian Animation

a) The World Confederation recognises, demands and considers the commitment of the Salesian Congregation in the role of animator of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco with the task of maintaining unity of spirit, stimulating dialogue, encouraging brotherly collaboration and promoting an enduring spiritual formation.

b) This animation also involves the Past Pupils and Religious Past Pupils (male and female).

Proposal

TITLE CHANGE

The Salesian Presence in the World
Confederation, National or Provincial
Federations and Local Unions

Explanation

This article is focusing on the presence of the Salesian Delegate at all levels of of governance of the organisation.

Presidency



PS28

Number

In Specific

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b) This animation also involves the Past Pupils and Religious Past Pupils (male and female).

Proposal

DELETE THE WORD 'DEMANDS'

a) The World Confederation recognises and considers the commitment of the Salesian Congregation in the role of animation of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco with the task of maintaining unity of spirit, stimulating dialogue, encouraging brotherly collaboration and promoting an enduring spiritual formation.

Explanation

With the amendments being introduced the word 'demands' is no longer applicable.

Presidency



PS29

Number

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Proposal

DELETE SUB-ARTICLE b)

Explanation

The change of term from lay to secular includes both religious and lay people, hence this subarticle is no longer required to also mention specifically the religious.

Presidency



PS30

Number

In Specific

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b) This animation also involves the Past Pupils and Religious Past Pupils (male and female).

Proposal

ADD SUB-ARTICLE b)

b) In the Presidency of the World Confederation and in the World Confederation Executive Council the Rector Major is represented by the Delegate of the Rector Major for the Salesian Family and the World Confederation Delegate.

Explanation

The representation of the Delegate of the Rector Major for the Salesian Family and the World Delegate for Past Pupils.

Presidency



PS31

Number

In Specific

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b) This animation also involves the Past Pupils and Religious Past Pupils (male and female).

Proposal

ADD SUB-ARTICLE c)

c) The World Confederate Delegate and the World Confederate Presidency are responsible, in agreement with the respective Provincial, for the animation and accompaniment where the reality of the Past Pupils is not yet consolidated.

Explanation

Defining the joint responsibility of the Salesian animation of the past pupils and friends of Don Bosco especially where the association is starting or needs consolidation.

Presidency



PS32

Number

In Specific

Art. 15 - Salesian Animation

a) The World Confederation recognises, demands and considers the commitment of the Salesian Congregation in the role of animator of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco with the task of maintaining unity of spirit, stimulating dialogue, encouraging brotherly collaboration and promoting an enduring spiritual formation.

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Proposal

ADD SUB-ARTICLE d)

d) At the Province level, the Provincial and Rectors of the Salesian houses, also assisted by their respective Delegates, are responsible for the accompanying animation.

Explanation

Defining the the responsibility of the accompanying animation at Provincial and Salesian Houses level.

Presidency



PS33

Number

In Specific

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Proposal

ADD SUB-ARTICLE e)

e) The Delegate at each level performs his duties on behalf of his superior. He participates in the planning and coordination of the Association's training activities. He is present, at all levels, in the governing and executive bodies, with the role of advising and accompanying the Past Pupils, enhancing and guaranteeing the leadership of the laity.

Explanation

This sub-article gives an explanation of the role of the Delegate on all level of governance.

Presidency



In Specific

Number

PS34

Art. 17 - Organisation of the Association

a) The World Confederation of the Past Pupils is a unique organisation, without ethnic and religious distinctions. As a lay association, it has a juridical personality and its own representation which is recognised, where applicable, by individual States. Enrolment in the Confederation takes place through the Local Associations and requires that the Past Pupil shares its aims and objectives according to the respective statutes and relevant national regulations.

The Association is composed of:

- b) Associations and Local Unions. These may be composed of:
- ~ Past Pupils of Don Bosco grouped around a Salesian Presence.
- ~ Past Pupils of Don Bosco who gather together but in their country are too far from the original Salesian House and show a desire to unite.
- ~ Past Pupils of Don Bosco who have immigrated from other nations or regions and show a desire to unite.

c) Provincial Federation

This is composed of all the Associations and Local Unions within a Salesian Province. Given the autonomy of each group of the Salesian Family, where there is the reorganisation of a Salesian Province, it is up to the members of that Federation to decide whether to keep the existing structure or otherwise adapt to the new reality of the Salesian Society.

- d) National Federation
- ~ It consists of all the local associations and Provincial Federations within a country 27

e) World Confederation

This is composed of all the National Federations and also of the Provincial Federations in a country where a National Federation does not exist.

27 When a Salesian of Don Bosco Province consists more than one country, that Province may have more than one National Federation.

Proposal

CHANGE OF WORDS

a) The World Confederation of Past Pupils is a secular association without any ethnic and religious distinctions. It has a juridical personality and legal representation which is recognised in each country, where applicable, by individual States. Enrolment in the Confederation takes place through the National Federations, Provincial Federations or Local Associations.

Explanation

The word 'Secular' includes some members who are not lay and belong to the secular who are also part of our Association. An "association" implies a more formal structure, with statutes, regulations and possibly legal registration, for the purpose of representing and supporting their members in specific matters, such as the promotion of education, the organization of charitable activities or the establishment of scholarships. The legal status for a World Confederation will depend on the laws of the country in which it is established. In many cases, it is advisable to obtain legal status to have legal recognition and be able to carry out activities, manage funds and officially represent the organization.

Authors

Presidency and Federation of Colombia Bogota Federation



In Specific

Number

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Proposal

NEW SUB-ARTICLE c)

c) Regional Consulta of Presidents, Delegates and GEX councillor

They are composed of:

All the Presidents, Delegates and GEX (or a representative of these positions) of National Federations (or Provincial Federation where there is no National Federation), and the Regional Councilors of that specific region, with the following division:

African Regional Consulta
America Regional Consulta
Asia-Oceania Regional Consulta
Europe and Middle East Regional Consulta

The Regional Consulta are coordinated by the Regional Counselors. The Regional Consulta are to be instances of reflection, collaboration, and service.

The Regional Consulta will have the following objectives:
a) to exercise concrete synodaility between Federations and the
World;

- b) to realise closer communication and cooperation between Presidents, Delegates and GEX;
- c) to organise its regional meetings, in communion with the Presidency of the World Confederation;
- d) to promote, to inspire and to suggest new initiatives and projects, with a special care for the poor and the most in need especially the young, defending peace and human rights; e) to support ecumenical and interreligious collaboration.
 - e) to support ecumenical and interreligious collaboration, according to the Church's teaching.

Explanation

To strengthen a spirit of synodality in our organization, it is proposed to include a similar body to the Conferences of Bishops. Synodality promotes listening, participation (inclusivity) and communion.

Presidency

Authors



PS36

Number

In Specific

Proposal

Explanation Authors

Chapter V

Organisation and Composition of the World Confederation of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco

NEW ARTICLE POSSIBLE NUMBER 18 THE CARLO GASTINI FOUNDATION

"The Carlo Gastini Foundation" is a legal entity founded by the World Confederation to support it in achieving its purpose as expressed in this statute and carry out its mission through solidarity, educational, or philanthropic initiatives. It will be the official body with juridical personality for the World Confederation to operate and function through its legal registration of governance in the non-profit sector.

The Foundation will serve the World Confederation in having a recognised juridical personality and operate with an international legal framework in accordance with state laws which regulate the non-profit sector.



Number

PS37

In Specific

Art. 19 - Structures of the World Confederation

a) World Confederal Presidency

The General World Assembly is the highest body of the Confederation of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco. It is composed of:

- ~ The Presidents of the National Federations.
- ~ The Presidents of the Provincial Federations, wherever a National Federation does not exist or where there is only 1 Provincial Federation.

b) The World Confederal Presidency it is composed of:

- ~ The Confederal President.
- ~ The Senior Confederal Vice-President (appointed amongst the 4 Adults Councillors, one from each Region).
- ~ The GEX Confederal Vice-President (appointed amongst 4 GEX Councillors, one from each Region)28
- ~ 4 adult and 4 GEX Regional Councillors.
- ~ Distribution of the region's representatives for the Confederal

Presidency is as follows:

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- ~ The Secretary General, even when co-opted by the General World Assembly.
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d) Experts– Consultants. In the Confederal Presidency of the World Confederation, one or more experts – consultants but up to the maximum of 3 members can be coopted to the Presidency, in subjects in which a special competence is required. Their appointments must expressly indicate their abilities and terms of duration. The commission's reports are not the exclusive property of the Presidency. The members of this commission do not have voting rights.

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Proposal

Explanation

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INTRODUCE TITLE

a) The General World Assembly

A title is being introduced for this sub-article to reflect the same style in the rest of this article.



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Art. 19 - Structures of the World Confederation

a) World Confederal Presidency

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Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE b)

- (b) It is composed of ~ The Confederal President.~ The Senior Confederal Vice-President (appointed amongst the 4 Adults Councillors, one from each Region).
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- ~ Distribution of the region's representatives for the Confederal Presidency is as follows:
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- ~ America: 3 councillors, 2 adults and 1 GEX.
- ~ Asia-Oceania: 3 councillors, 2 adults and 1 GEX.
 - ~ Europe: 3 councillors, 2 adults and 1 GEX.
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 - ~ The World Confederal Delegate.
- ~ The Secretary General, even when co-opted by the General World Assembly.
- ~ The Confederal Treasurer, even when co-opted by the General World Assembly.
- ~ Only elected members have the right to vote.

Explanation

The new wording of art. 19, letter b, aims to

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implement greater representation of the World Confederation, especially through the World Presidency group. Furthermore, with more counsellors in each region of the world, it will be possible to better carry out the animation mission, without overburdening a few

individuals.

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Addition to SUB-ARTICLE a)

(a) GEX members of the Presidency may be up to 35 years old at the time of the confederal elections. The fact of being a GEX does not prevent any Past Pupil from running for any of the positions of the Confederal Presidency, as GEX members are full members. Likewise, those National Federations that so wish may apply this age limit, or may keep it at 30 years of age.

Explanation

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Proposal

ADDITION TO NOTE 28

28) The 4 Regions are: Europe **and Middle East**, America, Africa and **Madagascar** and Asia-Oceania.

Explanation

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Proposal

TO DELETE THIS POSITION

~ The representative of the Priest Past Pupils.

Explanation

There was no representative of priests in the last years and this does not seem necessary to have such representation. Priests can also apply to all the other positions if they wish to be active in the organisation.



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Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE c)

- (c) World Executive Council It is composed of:
 - ~ The World President.
 - ~ The GEX World Vice President.
- ~ An adult Regional Councillor (elected by a simple majority by the Confederal Presidency among the four adult regional Councillors thereof).
 - ~ The Secretary General.

~The Public Relations Counsellor.

- ~The World Treasurer.
- ~ The Delegate of the Rector Major for the Salesian Family.
 - ~ The World Delegate.

Explanation

Having a Public Relations Advisor can be very beneficial for a World Alumni Confederation.

This role can help manage external and internal communication, manage the organization's public image, establish strategic alliances, and promote the activities and achievements of the confederation. An experienced Public Relations Advisor can be key to strengthening the confederation's presence and reputation worldwide.

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In Specific

Art. 20 - Meetings and Reunions

a) The General World Assembly

- ~ The General World Assembly is organised by the Confederal Presidency. It meets every 6 years.
- ~ The convocation is sent by the World President and the Secretary General, at least a year before to guarantee the most possible participation, and will include the General Agenda.

b) Extraordinary General World Assembly

The Confederal Presidency can decide to hold an Extraordinary General World Assembly:

- \sim To call for new elections in the event of resignation of the majority (1/2 + 1) of the Confederal Presidency, or of the entire Confederal Executive Council, or for any other reason.
- ~ At the request of at least 2/3 of the members of the Confederal Presidency.
- ~ At the request of at least 1/3 of the National Federations or of the Provincial Federations, when a National Federation does not exist in that country.
- ~ In particular serious circumstances, at the request of the Rector Major of the Salesian Society of Saint Francis of Sales, who also has the right to determine special procedural guidelines.

c) Meeting of the Confederal Presidency

The meeting of the members of the Confederal Presidency takes place every year. At the invitation of the Confederal Presidency, and with a valid reason, one or more persons, up to a maximum of 3, can be invited to attend. The invited persons shall only participate in those matters on the Agenda which are assigned to them and have no voting rights.

d) Meeting of the Confederal Executive Council

The meeting of the members of the Confederal Executive Council takes place at least 3 times a year.

At the invitation of the Confederal Executive Council, and with a valid reason, one or more persons, up to a maximum number of 3, can be invited to attend. However, invited persons shall only participate to those matters on the Agenda which are assigned to them and they have no voting rights.

Proposal

NEW SUB-ARTICLE e)

e) Regional Conferences The meeting in each region of the Coordinators,
Presidents of National Federations and/or Provincials takes place at least 3 times a year. The call will be sent by the Regional Councillor, with a specific purpose and must contain the agenda.

Explanation

In the Catholic Church, an episcopal conference or conference of bishops is a permanent institution formed by the bishops of a specific nation or territory, who together exercise some pastoral functions to promote the greatest good of the faithful in accordance with the rule of law. of its territory, especially through forms and modes of apostolate conveniently adapted to the peculiar circumstances of time and place.

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In Specific

Art. 21 - Tasks

- a) The World Confederal Assembly
- b) The Coordinator of the World Confederal Assembly
- c) The Moderators of the World Confederal Assembly
- d) The Presidency of the World Confederal Assembly
- e) Functions of the Presidency of the Assembly
- f) The World Confederal Presidency
- g) Confederal Executive Council
- ~ Develops and implements the directives of the Confederal Presidency.
- ~ Puts forward proposals to the Confederal Presidency.
- ~ Draws up the draft annual operational plan with the collaboration of the Regional Councillors and to be approved by the Confederal Presidency.
- ~ Approves the regulations of the National Federation and any amendments thereof while communicates its own advice in the event of any controversy concerning the application of the Statute.
- ~ Approves the minutes of the meetings drawn up by the Secretary General and communicates them within 2 months to all

Proposal

NEW SUB-ARTICLE g)

 g) Confederal Executive Council
 Develops and implements the directives of the Confederal Presidency.

- ~ Puts forward proposals to the Confederal Presidency.
- ~ Draws up the draft annual operational plan with the collaboration of the Regional Councillors and to be approved by the Confederal Presidency.
- ~ Analyses the regulations of the National Federations and any change/amendments of those documents. Then presents the result of its analysis to the Confederal Presidency for approval or possible suggestions, clarifications or modifications.
- ~ Approves the minutes of the meetings drawn up by the Secretary General and communicates them within 2 months to all members of the Presidency for their final approval.
- ~ Examines the financial accounts put forward by the Confederal Treasurer. And then submits this analysis to the Confederal Presidency for its final approval or need for clarifications or modifications.
- ~ Meets regularly, preferably online, to review the progress and implementation of current projects.
- ~ Makes a list of the nominated candidates to be proposed for election, and their qualities and skills that they have (including languages spoken, formation, available time etc...). Then presents the result of its analysis to the Confederal Presidency for approval or possible clarifications.
- ~ Can suggest to the Confederal Presidency exemption, for one year only, for documented justified reasons, from the fixed annual contribution from the Federations or to recognized groups which have made a request for same.

Explanation

Cavalcante

We consider it is important to modify some aspects of the article 21, g, regarding the duties of the Executive Council. Such an instance must be executive, and not of decision-making, especially because its representation is quite reduced if we compare it to the Confederal Presidency. Therefore, we are suggesting that the council stick to its executive function, and transfer any final decision to the Confederal Presidency. In the point about Executive Council meetings, we do not think it is necessary to delimit such meetings with a specific number, but rather that they should meet regularly. Furthermore, it is imperative that such meetings take place preferably online, avoiding excessive expenses with travel, accommodation and other expenses for a council which, as stated, has the main objective of carrying out the tasks of the Confederal Presidency.



Number

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Authors

In Specific

Art. 22 - The Confederal President

- a) Has legal representation of the Confederation.
- b) Maintains relations with the Superiors of the Salesian Society of Saint Francis of Sales and the leaders of the groups in the Salesian Family, the Civil Authorities, International Organisations and third parties.
- c) Convenes the General Assembly, other international events, the Confederal Presidency and the Executive Council, chairing them including through representativesi.
- d) Convokes World, Continental and International Congresses authorised by the World General Assembly or the Confederal Presidency, presiding them directly or through representatives.
- e) Maintains links with all the National Federations and with their Representatives.
- f) Confers at his own initiative or at the proposal of the Confederal Presidency or of the National Federations, special awards of meriton Past Pupils, Salesians, or others who have distinguished themselves for special merits towards the Past Pupils Movement (Honorary Member, badge of merit with diploma, medals, diplomas of loyalty).
- g) Proposes to the Rector Major the promulgation of the Statute of the World Confederation as approved by the World Assembly and oversees its implementation.
- h) Maintains the unity, together with the Confederal Presidency, coresponsibility, spirit of initiative and main guidelines that ensure an active approach of the commitments of the Past Pupils, primarily the animation of young people.
- i) Performs the activities according to his mandate in close collaboration and in advanced consultation with the Confederal Executive Council.
- j) Presides over the meetings of the Confederal Presidency and the Confederal Executive Council.

Proposal

ADD SUB-ARTICLE k)

k) Support, together with the World
Confederal Vice Presidents, the GEX
(Alumni), through: mentoring programmes,
equity quotas, leadership training,
creation of work committees, and active
promotion.

Explanation

1. Mentoring programmes: Connect young people and women with experienced leaders within the confederation. 2. Equity quotas: Implement equitable representation of youth and women on boards and leadership positions. 3. Leadership training: Offer opportunities to young people and women, in order to develop skills and abilities that allow them to assume leadership roles. 4. Creation of working committees: dedicated to issues related to the participation of youth and women, to contribute relevant ideas and perspectives. 5. Active promotion: Carry out campaigns for the participation of young people and women in leadership positions, providing visibility to their achievements.

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Art. 24 - The Regional Councillors

a) Are the witnesses, animators and the reference points of the Confederation in their own Regions. They make up the regional network of the Confederation and promote a close communication and communion with the Federations of its own Region while acting in accordance with the World Confederal Presidency.

- b) They receive specific tasks from the Confederal Presidency, especially for the mission of animation in their respective Regions, making use of existing resources and structures.
- c) They may resort to the help of experts in the study and preparation of proposals for the benefit of Past Pupils' cultural, social and ecclesiastical projects in their respective Regions, with special attention to the needs of youth.
- d) They assist the Confederal President and the Confederal Senior and GEX Vice-Presidents in their efforts in favouring the union and communion of all the National or Provincial Federations with the members of the Confederal Presidency.
- e) They assist the National and Provincial Federations in their respective Regions, together with all the members of the Confederal Presidency, in the work of animation of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco.
- f) If a Regional Councillor could not pursue his or her commitment, he or she should notify in writing to the World Confederal Presidency. If he or she does not, the Confederal Executive Council will proceed to do its verification of the service offered and consequently report the findings to the Confederal Presidency in order to proceed to co-opt another person.

Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE b)

b) Have the fundamental aim to encourage and to promote communion with the World Confederation in its region. For that, can also receive specific tasks from the President or from the World Presidency. These tasks are to be performed taking into account the need to involve the National and Provincial Federations of their region in the collective construction of the past pupils od Don Bosco movement.

Explanation

We believe it is necessary to empower regional counsellors in favour of the mission in their respective regions, in favour of the mission and the growth of the past pupil movement.

Furthermore, it is also important to emphasize the need for the service of regional counsellors to be closely linked to the animation of Federations in their geographic space, in a synodal style.

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NEW SUB-ARTICLE g)

g) They will promote synodality in their respective regions, aiming for greater communion, participation and shared responsibility.

Explanation

Synodality must be promoted in all instances of our organization. To this end, it is necessary to emphasize the need for regional counsellors to carry out their missions in a synodal manner

with the Federations of their regions.

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- c) They may resort to the help of experts in the study and preparation of proposals for the benefit of Past Pupils' cultural, social and ecclesiastical projects in their respective Regions, with special attention to the needs of youth.
- d) They assist the Confederal President and the Confederal Senior and GEX Vice-Presidents in their efforts in favouring the union and communion of all the National or Provincial Federations with the members of the Confederal Presidency.
- e) They assist the National and Provincial Federations in their respective Regions, together with all the members of the Confederal Presidency, in the work of animation of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco.
- f) If a Regional Councillor could not pursue his or her commitment, he or she should notify in writing to the World Confederal Presidency. If he or she does not, the Confederal Executive Council will proceed to do its verification of the service offered and consequently report the findings to the Confederal Presidency in order to proceed to co-opt another person.

Proposal

NEW SUB-ARTICLE g)

g) In the event that a member of the Presidency is unable to exercise his function effectively, i.e. not participating in face-to-face or online meetings, or total absence of communication, for any reason whatsoever; in the event of not resigning, the Confederal President may initiate the process of dismissal as a member of the Confederal Presidency. To do so, he/she must inform the person concerned in writing, with the approval of the Confederal Delegate, of the initiation of the process of dismissal. After a 30-day process of allegations, the Confederal Presidency may vote on the dismissal of the member by a simple majority of the votes present and represented. In the case of a Regional Councillor, if a number of Federations from his Region, write jointly to the Confederal Presidency, because of the Councillor's inaction, the President can initiate a similar process.

Explanation

solved by

The positions of the World Presidency are elected in the Assembly, and until now, only the Assembly could dismiss them (that is every six years). This situation could only be resolved by the resignation or death of the person concerned. This resulted in many people remaining in office without carrying out their function, who, due to circumstances, could not maintain their commitment to animation in the Confederal Presidency.



Number

PS49

Authors

In Specific

Art. 24 - The Regional Councillors

a) Are the witnesses, animators and the reference points of the Confederation in their own Regions. They make up the regional network of the Confederation and promote a close communication and communion with the Federations of its own Region while acting in accordance with the World Confederal Presidency.

- b) They receive specific tasks from the Confederal Presidency, especially for the mission of animation in their respective Regions, making use of existing resources and structures.
- c) They may resort to the help of experts in the study and preparation of proposals for the benefit of Past Pupils' cultural, social and ecclesiastical projects in their respective Regions, with special attention to the needs of youth.
- d) They assist the Confederal President and the Confederal Senior and GEX Vice-Presidents in their efforts in favouring the union and communion of all the National or Provincial Federations with the members of the Confederal Presidency.
- e) They assist the National and Provincial Federations in their respective Regions, together with all the members of the Confederal Presidency, in the work of animation of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco.
- f) If a Regional Councillor could not pursue his or her commitment, he or she should notify in writing to the World Confederal Presidency. If he or she does not, the Confederal Executive Council will proceed to do its verification of the service offered and consequently report the findings to the Confederal Presidency in order to proceed to co-opt another person.

Proposal

NEW SUB-ARTICLE g)

g) They manage, through Regional
Coordinators, the animation of the National
Federations and their Local Associations. These
Coordinators are 1 for each subdivision of the
Region, as follows: *Europe: 4 (East, South, West
and North). * Africa: 5 (North, South, East, West
and Center). *America: 3 (North, Central and
South). *Asia: 2 (Western and Eastern).

Explanation

As the Confederation operates in regions that span multiple countries but within a single continent, it may be more appropriate to have Councillors per region to ensure more detailed attention to local needs. Ultimately, the decision will depend on factors such as the cultural, linguistic and operational diversity of the organization, as well as its ability to manage and coordinate the appointed directors.

Colombia
Bogota
Federation



Number

PS50

Authors

In Specific

Art. 27 - The Confederal Treasurer

a) Is an elected member of the Confederal Presidency. If no one is elected, he must be co-opted by the World Confederal Presidency, but in such appointment, he or she has no voting rights.

- b) Is responsible, together with the Confederal President, for the Finances of World Confederation.
 - c) Can propose the setting up of a financial committee to address specific problems.
- d) Is responsible for the World Confederation's bank account, and all other financial sources, together with the Confederal President and the Secretary General, and is moreover authorised to carry out financial transactions. Each transaction must be countersigned by at least 2 of the 3 mentioned persons responsible for the account otherwise considered as invalid.
- e) Draws up the annual budget and the annual balance sheet and submits them to the Confederal Presidency meeting for checking and approval.
 - f) Maintains the accounts up-to-date.
- g) Ensures that any extraordinary expenses not envisaged in the annual budget are specifically approved by the Confederal Executive Council and draws up the Financial Statements.
- h) Is responsible for all the assets of the World Confederation and prepares an annual inventory, which he/she sends to the Confederal Presidency.
- i) Collects the financial annual quota of the National and Provincial Federations in the month of January, after sending out an invitation to honour this payment.

Proposal

ADDING A SENTENCE TO SUB-ARTICLE e)

e) Draws up the annual budget and the annual balance sheet and submits them to the Confederal Presidency meeting for checking and approval. After its approval, it will be shared to all Federations and Associations of the world within a maximum period of 30 days.

Explanation

It is not enough to have the budget and annual balance approved by the World Presidency. It is necessary for the statute to establish that such approvals will be shared with all Federations and Associations in the world, with the aim of

deepening governance and transparency.

Cavalcante



PS51

Number

In Specific

Proposal

Explanation

Authors

Chapter VII

Duties and Tasks of the Members of the Confederal Presidency

NEW ARTICLE POSSIBLE NUMBER 30 COMMUNICATIONS COUNSELOR

The Presidency will appoint a Communications
Counselor who will be co-opted as a member of
the Presidency who has knowledge and
experience in the field of communications. The
following are among the responsibilities: Developing and implementing communication
strategies to promote the organization's
identity, charism, mission and initiatives. Creating and distributing content across
various channels, such as websites, social
media, press releases, and marketing materials
ensuring positive coverage and visibility for the
organization. - Collaborating with others to
ensure consistency in messaging and branding
across all communications.

Communications has become an important aspect in all levels of governance of organisations. The work of a communications councillor has become vital in the life of an organisation. In recent years, a Communications Councillor was co-opted to fill this post and so it is better if this post is elected by the World Assembly.



Number

PS52

In Specific

Art. 30 - Voting in the Presidency and in the Confederal Executive Council

a) All current members of the Confederal Executive Council and the Confederal Presidency have the right, on an equal basis, to express their opinions and to vote.

- b) Decisions are passed by a simply majority (1/2 + 1) of those present. If half the members are not present, no decision can be taken, unless by written authorisation.
- c) Voting by written authorisation (proxy) is permitted and valid with full rights.

 The proxy holder must be a member of the Confederal Presidency.
- d) Each member can hold only 1 written proxy. e) In case of an equal number of votes, the World President will have the casting vote.
- f) The World Confederal Delegate and the Delegate of the Rector Major for the Salesian Family have voting rights.
- g) Co-opted members, invited persons, specialists or experts, do not have voting rights.
- h) The exercising of voting rights must guarantee the anonymity of the person entitled to the said right.

Proposal

ADD

a) All current members of the Confederal Executive
Council and the Confederal Presidency have the
right, on an equal basis, to express their opinions
but only elected members by the General
Assembly have the right to vote.

Explanation

This paragraph is not in line with other parts of the Statute which states that co-opted members to the Presidency do not have a vote.

Presidency

Authors



Number

PS53

Authors

In Specific

Art. 31 - Voting in the General World Assembly

a) The following have voting rights:

- ~ The President of each National Federation has 1 vote.
- ~ The President of each National Federation in which there are one or more Provincial Federations, has 1 vote of every 3 or fraction of this:
 - 1 vote: if there are 1 to 3 Provincial Federations
 - 2 votes: if there are 4 to 6 Provincial Federationsi
 - 3 votes: if there are 7 to 9 Provincial Federationsi
 - 4 votes: if there are 10 or more Provincial Federations.
- ~ The President of a Provincial Federation where there is no National Federation has 1 vote.
 - ~ Each member of the Confederal Presidency has 1 vote.

b) Proxy given to another member

- ~ Voting by proxy given to another member of the same organization is permitted. More than 1 proxy to the same member is not allowed. A proxy, signed by the plenipotentiary and by the person who authorises the proxy, specifying their identity and position, may be given to a member of its own Federation or to another person with voting rights from another Federation in the same regional area.
 - ~ Exception may be made for Regional Councillors of the region who must be authorised by the Provincial.

c) Conditions for exercising voting rights

Conditions for exercising voting rights: subject to exception, any National Federation or Provincial Federation that has not made payment of its annual membership fee on regular basis shall not be permitted to exercise any voting rights.

Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE a)

- a) The following have voting rights:
- ~ The President of each National Federation has 1 vote.
- ~ The President of each National Federation in which there are one or more Provincial Federations, has 1 vote of every 3 or fraction of this:
 - 1 vote: if there are 1 to 3 Provincial Federations/Associations
 - 2 votes: if there are 4 to 6 Provincial Federations/**Associations**
 - 3 votes: if there are 7 to 9 Provincial Federations/**Associations**
 - 4 votes: if there are 10 or more Provincial Federations/**Associations**
 - ~ The President of a Provincial

Federation/Association where there is no National Federation has 1 vote.

~ Each elected member by the General World Assembly of the Confederal Presidency has 1 vote.

Explanation

To clarify that only those members of the Presidency who were elected by the General World Assembly have a right to vote in the following General World Assembly.



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Authors

In Specific

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 - 1 vote: if there are 1 to 3 Provincial Federations
 - 2 votes: if there are 4 to 6 Provincial Federationsi
 - 3 votes: if there are 7 to 9 Provincial Federationsi
 - 4 votes: if there are 10 or more Provincial Federations.
- ~ The President of a Provincial Federation where there is no National Federation has 1 vote.
 - ~ Each member of the Confederal Presidency has 1 vote.

b) Proxy given to another member

- ~ Voting by proxy given to another member of the same organization is permitted. More than 1 proxy to the same member is not allowed. A proxy, signed by the plenipotentiary and by the person who authorises the proxy, specifying their identity and position, may be given to a member of its own Federation or to another person with voting rights from another Federation in the same regional area.
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c) Conditions for exercising voting rights

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Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE a)

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- 2 votes: if there are 3 to 4 Provincial Federations/Associations
- 3 votes: if there are 5 to 6 Provincial Federations/Associations
- 4 votes: if there are 7 or more Provincial Federations/Associations
- ~ The President of a Provincial Federation/Association where there is no National Federation has 1 vote.
- ~ Each member of the Confederal Presidency has 1 vote.
- ~ The number of Provincial Federations will follow the division of the Salesian Provinces/Inspectorate in that country/region.
- ~ Each elected member of the World Presidency has 1 vote.

Explanation

more provinces/provinces.

The new wording of art. 31 aims to promote greater balance and proportionality in relation to the votes of those National Federations with

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PS55

In Specific

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 - 1 vote: if there are 1 to 3 Provincial Federations
 - 2 votes: if there are 4 to 6 Provincial Federationsi
 - 3 votes: if there are 7 to 9 Provincial Federationsi
 - 4 votes: if there are 10 or more Provincial Federations.
- ~ The President of a Provincial Federation where there is no National Federation has 1 vote.
 - ~ Each member of the Confederal Presidency has 1 vote.

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 - ~ Exception may be made for Regional Councillors of the region who must be authorised by the Provincial.

c) Conditions for exercising voting rights

Conditions for exercising voting rights: subject to exception, any National Federation or Provincial Federation that has not made payment of its annual membership fee on regular basis shall not be permitted to exercise any voting rights.

Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE a)

The following have voting rights:

- ~ each member of the World Confederation Presidency is entitled to 1 vote;
- ~ each President of a National Federation is entitled to a number of votes equal to the quotient (made whole by rounding) between the number of associated Past Pupils and the number 500, with a minimum of 1 vote and a maximum of 5;*
- ~ the President of a Provincial Federation where there is no National Federation, is entitled with a minimum of 1 vote and a maximum of 5 following the principle stated above;
- ~ each President of a National or Provincial Federation for which the number of Past Pupils is not known is entitled of 1 vote.
- Any member entitled to more than one vote has the right to express different preferences for each vote.
- * in practice these means: from 1 to 750 associated Past Pupils: 1 vote; from 751 to 1250 associated Past Pupils: 2 votes, from 1251 to 1750 associated Past Pupils: 3 votes, from 1751 to 2250 associated Past Pupils: 4 votes; 2251 or more associated Past Pupils: 5 votes.

Explanation

Authors

The proposed amendment of Article 31 paragraph a) is derived, as a matter of fairness, from the previous one of Article 38 paragraph a). For the two proposals, the same logical schemes have been used.

Italian
Federation
and Spanish
Federation



Number

PS56

Authors

In Specific

Art. 31 - Voting in the General World Assembly

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 - 1 vote: if there are 1 to 3 Provincial Federations
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 - 4 votes: if there are 10 or more Provincial Federations.
- ~ The President of a Provincial Federation where there is no National Federation has 1 vote.
 - ~ Each member of the Confederal Presidency has 1 vote.
 - b) Proxy given to another member
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 - ~ Exception may be made for Regional Councillors of the region who must be authorised by the Provincial.

c) Conditions for exercising voting rights

Conditions for exercising voting rights: subject to exception, any National Federation or Provincial Federation that has not made payment of its annual membership fee on regular basis shall not be permitted to exercise any voting rights.

Proposal

EDITING OF SUB-ARTICLE a)

- a) The following have the right to vote:
- ~ The President of each National Federation with 1 vote.
- ~ The President of each National Federation, in which there are Provincial/Regional Federations, has:
 - 1 vote: if there are 1 to 3
 - 2 votes: if there are 4 to 6
 - 3 votes: if there are 7 to 9
 - 4 votes: if there are 10 or more.
- ~ The President of a **Regional** Provincial Federation where there is no National Federation has 1 vote.

Explanation

Basically Edition

Colombia Bogota Federation



Number

PS57

Authors

In Specific

Art. 31 - Voting in the General World Assembly

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Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE c)

c) Conditions for exercising voting rights:
 ~ any National Federation or Provincial
Federation that has not made payment of its
annual membership at least 2 months before
the World Assembly shall not be permitted to
 exercise any voting rights.

~ A Federation/Association can only exercise the right to vote if it becomes a regular member of the World Confederation at least one year before a world assembly, and has paid its annual membership.

Explanation

The new wording of art. 31, letter c, aims to promote clearer criteria in relation to Federations/Associations qualified to vote in world assemblies. Furthermore, it prevents new Federations/Associations from being admitted to the World Confederation on the eve of an elective assembly solely for electoral purposes.

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PS58

Authors

Number

In Specific

Art. 33 - Nominations

a) Each National Federation can submit up to 3 nominations, 1 of which is reserved to a GEX (young past pupil); the approval of the President, the National Delegate, the Provincial for the territory of membership of the candidate is required and, if married, from his wife or her husband. The approved list will be disseminated by the Electoral Commission at least 2 months before the World Assembly.

- b) The approved list will be disseminated by the Electoral Commission at least 2 months before the World Assembly.
- c) No nomination which is submitted after the established date will be accepted.
- d) The GEX candidates must be between the age of 18 to 30 years at the time of their appointment.

Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE d)

d) The GEX candidates must be between the age of **16** to **35** years at the time of their appointment.

Explanation

The average age of the world population has grown; the world is into a demographic transition that is the result of unprecedented ageing of its population. The average age of obtaining a stable employment has grown as well as the average age of retirement.



PS59

Authors

Number

In Specific

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Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE d)

d) The GEX candidates must be between the age of 18 to **35** years at the time of their appointment.

Explanation

Italian Federation

The proposal is based on several considerations

1. The average age of the world population has grown; the world is into a demographic transition that is the result of unprecedented ageing of its population. 2. The average age of obtaining a stable employment has grown as well as the average age of retirement. 3. The average age of the spouses has grown as well as the average conception age of the first child. As a result, the period of stay of the young people in the original family has increased, mainly due the difficulties to achieve an economic independency to create their own family.



PS60

Authors

Number

In Specific

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Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE d)

d) GEX candidates must be between 18 and **35** years old at the time of **being elected.**

Explanation

Globally, many would consider that at 35 years old a person is still young. In different cultures and social contexts, the perception of youth may vary, but in general terms, 35 years of age is seen as an early stage of adult life.

Colombia Bogota Federation



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Authors

Number

In Specific

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Proposal

ADDING SUB-ARTICLE e)

e) Considering today's reality of our Association with more female-Past Pupils and the young, we are committed to encourage their participation in assuming leadership roles in all levels of our organization.

Explanation

The importance of female and young people participation in leadership roles is felt throughout the organisation and this amendment will be highlighting the need to encourage participation.



PS62

Authors

Number

In Specific

Art. 34 - Elections

a) Election of the Confederal President, the Secretary General and of the Confederal Treasurer.

The President of the Electoral Commission, after the voting and counting of ballots are completed, he will immediately compile the complete list of the candidates and their respective votes gained by the World General Assembly. He presents a shortlist of the most three most voted candidates with their number of votes to the Rector Major. The Rector Major will decide on the appointment the World Confederal President.

The eligible voters will elect, from a specific list, the Secretary General and the Confederal Treasurer during the World Assembly. The candidate who obtains the highest number of votes will be elected to the position to which he presented his candidancy.

Candidates may be nominated for two posts. Once elected, the candidate is not eligible for other functions.

If a person is elected for two posts, the Electoral Commission asks him to proceed to choose an option. The person with the next highest number of votes is consequently elected to that function which was become vacant.

If no nominations are received for these executive posts, that of the Secretary General and the Treasurer, at the first meeting of the Confederal Presidency, then the newly elected members must co-opt a suitable candidate for each vacant post.

b) Members of the Confederal Presidency: The Regional Councillors
All those with voting rights who belong to a Region can vote for all the candidates of said Region (according to the votes attributed on the basis of Art. 31) to elect the members of the Confederal Presidency. The members of the Confederal Presidency vote for the candidates of the Region to which they belong.

The Delegate of the Rector Major for the Salesian Family and the World The candidate who obtains the largest number of votes in their own Region becomes Regional Councillor for that Region.

The young person who obtains the largest number of votes in their own Region becomes GEX Regional Councillor for that Region.

Proposal

AMENDING PARAGRAPH IN SUB-ARTICLE a)

a) If no nominations are received for these executive posts, that of the Secretary General, and the Treasurer, at the first meeting of the Confederal Presidency, then the newly elected members must co-opt **through an election among the Presidency members**, a suitable candidate for each vacant post.

Explanation

Emphasising the importance that an election is held to co-opt persons into the Presidency Team in accordance with the statute.



PS63

Number

In Specific

Art. 35 - Term of Office

a) The Confederal President holds office for 6 years and may be reconfirmed once only, reckoning that any appointments previously taken up in the Presidency are not taken into account. The members of the Presidency hold office for 6 years and, ordinarily, may be re-elected once only.

b) The same criteria for term of office apply to any members who are co-opted to the Presidency and to the Council.

c) In case of the resignation or death of the President or the Senior Vice President, the Rector Major is informed respectively either by the Senior Vice President or the President, who will indicate alternative names from amongst the surviving members of the Presidency who will then appoint a substitute until the normal expiry date of the existing mandate.

- d) In case of the resignation or death of a member of the Confederal Presidency, the President will convene the Confederal Executive Council:
- ~ For the official acknowledgement of the resignation or death of the Councillor. ~ For the usual notice, in case of death, to the Salesian Family.
- ~ To take the necessary action by way of following up such as the filling of the post of Councillor of the Presidency to the first of the non-elected persons (adult or GEX as the case may be) of the regional area to which the Councillor belonged; and similarly if he or she was a member of the Confederal Executive Council. The new Councillor will be appointed by the Presidency, as set out herein above. In the absence of an available candidate on the list, the Confederal Presidency can co-opt a substitute.

e) Past Pupils vested with important public and private roles, cannot carry out mandates, especially those of President. The Confederal Presidency is competent to assess any special cases.

Proposal

AMENDING PARAGRAPH IN SUB-ARTICLE (d)

d) In the absence of an available candidate on the list, the Confederal Presidency can co-opt a substitute **through a vote taken among the members of the Presidency.** (insert footnote to the positions of Regionals which means they have to be from the region)

Explanation

Authors

Emphasising the importance that an election is held to co-opt persons into the Presidency Team in accordance with the statute.



PS64

Number

In Specific

Art. 37 - Banner, badge, merit awards and days of celebration

a) The Confederal Banner is kept at the offices of the World Confederation. It shows the face of Don Bosco. It is placed on display at the time of solemn celebrations like anniversaries, international and world congresses, reunions and meetings.

b) The Badge, together with the Banner, is the visible sign of the unity of the Confederation and of the commitment to the organisation. Designed and cast at the request of the Confederal Presidency, it is deposited within the General Secretariat. It substantially reproduces the original design approved during the Second International Congress held in 1920.

c) The gold badge of merit, other certificates of loyalty and special diplomas are awarded for outstanding services.

d) The following annual feast days are celebrated:

- ~ 31st January Feast of Don Bosco
- ~ 24th May Feast of Mary Help of Christians
- ~ 24th June World Feast of the Past Pupils in commemoration of Don Bosco's name day and the birth of the Past Pupils Movement
 - ~ 5th October Feast of Blessed Alberto Marvelli
 - ~ 5th December Feast of the Blessed Filippo Rinaldi
- ~ 8th December Feast of the Immaculate Conception and commemoration of the beginning of the Salesian Family.

The Past Pupils of Don Bosco also participate in the Salesian Family celebrations organised at national, provincial and local level.

Proposal

ADDING TO THE LIST OF FEAST DAYS

15 March - Commemoration of Servant of God
Akash Bashir

Explanation

Akash Bashir is a new young martyr from Pakistan and the cause of beatification is ongoing.

Presidency

Authors



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Authors

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In Specific

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d) The following annual feast days are celebrated:

- ~ 31st January Feast of Don Bosco
- ~ 24th May Feast of Mary Help of Christians
- ~ 24th June World Feast of the Past Pupils in commemoration of Don Bosco's name day and the birth of the Past Pupils Movement
 - ~ 5th October Feast of Blessed Alberto Marvelli
 - ~ 5th December Feast of the Blessed Filippo Rinaldi
- ~ 8th December Feast of the Immaculate Conception and commemoration of the beginning of the Salesian Family.

The Past Pupils of Don Bosco also participate in the Salesian Family celebrations organised at national, provincial and local level.

Proposal

ADDING SUB-ARTICLE e)

e) The Logo in yellow (#fdd219) and blue (#2e1482), with the phrase "Praeit Ac Tuetur" on the white background and in the blue background circle the text "Salesian Past Pupils"

Explanation

Art. 37 Salesian Former Pupils of Don Bosco

Colombia
Bogota
Federation



PS66

Number

In Specific

Art. 38 - Funding Sources of the World Confederation

The World Confederation receives its financial means from:

a) Annual membership fees. Paid by each National Federation as expression of belonging to the World Confederation. The National Federations are obliged to contribute towards the sustainability of the World Confederation through fees fixed by the Confederal Presidency in relation to the number of members. The Confederal Presidency will annually decide upon the amount of the membership fee due from each National Federation by taking into account the national average per capita income.

The Confederal Presidency establishes the amount of membership fees each year.

In the event that the National Federation is composed by various Provincial
Federations, the fee is due from every Provincial Federation. In the event that the
National Federation has not been established, the annual fee is due from every

Provincial Federation.

b) Donations and projects. With these aims the Confederal Treasurer is allowed to organise activities and hold projects. The World Confederation is authorised to receive income and contributions from various sources for the aims prescribed in this Statute.

Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE a)

a) Annual membership fees. Paid by each National or Provincial Federation as expression of belonging to the World Confederation. The National or Provincial Federations are obliged to contribute towards the sustainability of the World Confederation through fees fixed by the Confederal Presidency (Delete - in relation to the **number of members).** The Confederal Presidency will annually decide upon the amount of the membership fee due from each National Federation by taking into account the national average per capita income. Where a National Federation has a number of Provincial Federations, the payment of the membership fee based on the GDP will reflect the same fraction of votes attributed in Article 31(a). If a **National Federation, where they have Provincial Federations, pays the basic** membership fee based on GDP for their country, they will have only one vote as other **National Federations.**

Explanation

There is no control on confirming the number of registered members in many of the National Federation or Provincial Federations. To ensure the principle of equity, those National Federation where they have more than one Provincial Federation should pay a fraction of the amount determined by the GDP similar to the way the number of votes have been attributed in article 31 (a). A National Federation where they have a number of Provincial Federations can opt to pay the membership fee based on GDP for their country and they will have only one vote like other Federations.

Presidency

Authors



Number

PS67

Authors

In Specific

Art. 38 - Funding Sources of the World Confederation

The World Confederation receives its financial means from:

a) Annual membership fees. Paid by each National Federation as expression of belonging to the World Confederation. The National Federations are obliged to contribute towards the sustainability of the World Confederation through fees fixed by the Confederal Presidency in relation to the number of members. The Confederal Presidency will annually decide upon the amount of the membership fee due from each National Federation by taking into account the national average per capita income.

The Confederal Presidency establishes the amount of membership fees each year.

In the event that the National Federation is composed by various Provincial
Federations, the fee is due from every Provincial Federation. In the event that the
National Federation has not been established, the annual fee is due from every

Provincial Federation.

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Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE a)

a) Annual membership fees. Paid by each National or Provincial Federation as expression of belonging to the World Confederation. The National or Provincial Federations are obliged to contribute towards the sustainability of the World Confederation through fees fixed by the Confederal Presidency (Delete - in relation to the number of members). The Confederal Presidency will annually decide upon the amount of the membership fee due from each National Federation by taking into account the **Human Development Index (HDI) established by** the United Nations (UN). The Confederal Presidency establishes the amount of membership fees each year. In the event that the National Federation is composed by various Provincial Federations, the fee is due from every Provincial Federation according to the number of voting rights it has in the World Confederation, and proportionally to the limit value stipulated to its classification in the HDI of the whole country. In the event that the National Federation has not been established, the annual fee is due from every Provincial Federation.

Explanation

The HDI was created to emphasize that people and their capabilities should be the ultimate criteria for assessing the development of a country, not economic growth alone. The Human Development Index (HDI) is a summary measure of average achievement in key dimensions of human development: a long and healthy life, being knowledgeable and having a decent standard of living.

(https://hdr.undp.org/data-center/human-development-index#/indicies/HDI). Therefore, it is a more appropriate and fair criterion, as it analyzes a series of human and social factors in a given country, beyond a merely economic-financial view. Furthermore, it is important to

rewrite the article clearly and objectively, in

order to resolve issues that are currently

unclear.

Cavalcante



PS68

Number

In Specific

Art. 38 - Funding Sources of the World Confederation

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The Confederal Presidency establishes the amount of membership fees each year. In the event that the National Federation is composed by various Provincial Federations, the fee is due from every Provincial Federation. In the event that the National Federation has not been established, the annual fee is due from every Provincial Federation.

b) Donations and projects. With these aims the Confederal Treasurer is allowed to organise activities and hold projects. The World Confederation is authorised to receive income and contributions from various sources for the aims prescribed in this Statute.

Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE a)

- a) The World Confederation receives its financial means from:
- a) Annual membership fees. Paid by each National Federation as expression of belonging to the World Confederation. The National Federations are obliged to contribute towards the sustainability of the World Confederation through fees fixed by the General Assembly in relation to the number of members and the economic health of each nation. The Confederal Presidency will propose the 'annual per capita membership fee' every six years to be approved in the General Assembly. The 'annual per capita membership fee' will depend on the GDP (gross domestic product) of each country. The 'annual per capita membership fee' could be modified during the mandate due to extraordinary reasons duly justified by the Confederal Presidency. The amount of the membership fee, which will be paid annually from each National Federation (Or Provincial Federation where the National does not exist) will be calculated by multiplying the number of members by the 'annual per capita membership fee', The minimum membership fee, in each GDP category, is 500 'annual per capita membership fee" and the maximum is 2500. Federations that do not have a certain number of members, will be paying the minimum membership fee according to their GDP category.

Explanation

The text of Art. 38 paragraph a), as currently drafted, contains repetitions, inconsistencies and contradictions that could lead to misunderstandings. In fact, over the years we have had to submit observations on the Confederal Presidency's decisions that seemed inconsistent with the text. The proposed form aims to eliminate imperfections and misunderstandings. Furthermore, there are some Provincial Federations that do not register their members and, therefore, do not know their numbers. This casuistry must also be taken into account. This proposed amendment of Article 38 paragraph a) entails, as a matter of fairness, the subsequent amendment of Article 31 paragraph a), where the same logic patterns have been used.

Authors

Italian
Federation
and Spanish
Federation



PS69

Number

In Specific

Art. 39 - Expenses

Proposal

Explanation

Authors

On this basis of actual income and according to the budget put forward by the Confederal Treasurer, the Confederal Presidency can allocate a certain amount, each year, to a member of the Confederal Presidency for the implementation of a proposed and approved project.

The Confederal Treasurer shall settle the travel and other expenses of members of the Confederal Presidency and of the Confederal Executive Council or of other persons, only if there is a prior authorisation of the Confederal Executive Council.

(All expenses must be accompanied by a relevant receipt).

AMENDING ARTICLE 39

The Presidency shall approve a travel and expense policy for the members of the Presidency. The Confederal Treasurer shall settle the travel and other expenses of members of the Confederal Presidency and of the Confederal Executive Council or of other persons, only if there is a prior authorisation of the Confederal Executive Council. (All expenses must be accompanied by a relevant receipt).

This policy will outline a transparent and accountable manner on the entitlement of expenditure for members of the Presidency.



PS70

In Specific

Art. 41 - Official Text

a) The official text of this Statute is the one drawn up in Italian and deposited with the General Secretariat bearing the signatures of the Rector Major of the Salesian Society, the World President, the Central Delegate of the Salesian Family, the Secretary General and the World Confederal Salesian Delegate. The various translations into different languages must be authorised by the Confederal Presidency and must expressly show the approval obtained.

- b) Any controversies concerning the authentic interpretation and enforcement of this Statute and of the National Regulations shall be referred to the Confederal Presidency.
- c) The present Confederal Statute can serve as a model for drawing up the Statutes or Constitutions of National or Provincial Federations, and even those of Local Associations.
- d) The National or Provincial Statutes must be presented to the Confederal Executive Council for approval and they come into force after obtaining it. This also applies in case of future amendments.
- e) All the members of the Confederal Presidency and the National Federations may put forward amendments to this Statute. Definitive approval is the responsibility of the General World Assembly and requires a majority of 2/3 of the members with voting rights of those present.

Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE a)

a) The official text of this Statute is the one drawn up in **English** and deposited with the General Secretariat bearing the signatures of the Rector Major of the Salesian Society, the World President, the Central Delegate of the Salesian Family, the Secretary General and the World Confederal Salesian Delegate.

Explanation

The English language is becoming the most used language on an international level.

Presidency

Authors

Number



PS71

Number

In Specific

Art. 41 - Official Text

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- e) All the members of the Confederal Presidency and the National Federations may put forward amendments to this Statute. Definitive approval is the responsibility of the General World Assembly and requires a majority of 2/3 of the members with voting rights of those present.

Proposal

AMENDING SUB-ARTICLE e)

e) All the members of the Confederal Presidency and the National Federations may put forward amendments to this Statute. Definitive approval is the responsibility of the General World Assembly and requires a majority of 2/3 of the members with voting rights who cast their vote.

Explanation

With the introduction of online voting, change of wording is being proposed to clarify that not only those physically present are to be considered but also those who cast their vote through online means.

Authors



PS72

Number

In Specific

Art. 42 - Headquarters

Proposal

Explanation

Authors

The headquarters of the World Confederation of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco is established in the General House of the Salesian Society of Saint Francis of Sales, currently at Via della Pisana 1111, 00163 Rome, Italy.

AMENDING TITLE

Art. 42 - Headquarters and Logo

Amending the title to reflect the new drafted article



PS73

Number

In Specific

Art. 42 - Headquarters

Proposal

Explanation

Authors

The headquarters of the World Confederation of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco is established in the General House of the Salesian Society of Saint Francis of Sales, currently at Via della Pisana 1111, 00163 Rome, Italy.

AMENDING ARTICLE 42

The headquarters of the World Confederation of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco is established in the General House of the Salesian Society of Saint Francis of Sales, currently at Via Marsala, 42, 00185 Rome, Italy. The official logo of the World Confederation is the one printed at the beginning of this statute which is used for all official communication. For purposes of branding the organisation, and effective communication, the Presidency may decide to adopt another logo which appeals to the reality of the times and more apt for communicating its corporate image.

New Address of the General House While retaining the traditional logo for official use, the logo needs to also reflect the signs of the times to be able to brand and identify the organisation.





CHANGE FOR CONTINUITY

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