



### **GWI 33rd TRIENNIAL CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION 3 LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP IF ANNUAL DUES NOT FULLY PAID UP**

Proposed by the GWI Board of Officers

The 33rd GWI General Assembly resolves that:

A National Federation or Association will not lose its membership immediately if it is in arrears providing that it has paid at least 50% of its annual dues by 31 March each year and an agreed promissory note and payment plan has been put in place for the remaining unpaid dues. This plan is to be negotiated with the Board of Officers who will inform the Finance Committee. Members of these NFAs will be able to stand for office and continue to participate in an in-person or electronic vote of the General Assembly.

The NFA must agree in writing to:

1. pay the arrears in agreed instalments within two years
2. make the arrears payments on agreed dates.

Failure to meet the requirements will result in immediate loss of membership.

*Supporting Statement:*

*The Board acknowledges that NFAs can experience exceptional circumstances and financial hardship from time to time which makes it difficult, if not impossible for them to meet their commitment to the payment of the GWI annual dues. This situation does not mean that NFAs have any less commitment to the vision and mission of GWI and should not prevent them from continuing to participate fully in the business of the organisation.*

*The introduction of a negotiated, payment plan provision and promissory note will give financially strained NFAs the 'breathing space' to restructure and review their internal affairs to enable them to meet their financial commitment to GWI. The duration of the agreed payment plan will be negotiated with the Board of Officers but will not be greater than two years.*