WFSA Council Additional/Counter Nominations

I) SUBMISSIONS will be made online and must include:

1. A completed application.

2. An abbreviated CV (no more than one A4 page).

3. A passport-style photograph (jpeg format).

4. Letters of support from your Member Society and 2 other Member Societies supporting the nomination.

II) ELIGIBILITY

1) Candidates for the Council must be proposed to be, or have been in the past, Delegates or Alternates of their Society to the General Assemblies.

2) Candidates must be present at the General Assembly on the 5th September 2020 when they are nominated.

3) Candidates, if elected, must participate in the first face-to-face meeting of the Council to take place during the World Congress, at their own expense.

4) Candidates must show commitment and willingness to be active in the aims of the WFSA.

5) Candidates, whose National Society is not in good standing order (i.e. up-to-date with the payment of its annual subscription), will not be considered.

6) Nominations must be completed by the 5th August 2020.

III) PROCESS:

- The Council is elected by the General Assembly by secret ballot on the day.

- The Council (in its existing composition) proposes a list of nominated candidates (re-elected and new members) for Council as per ART. 4.1.6 of the WFSA Constitution. The initial proposed list of the Council has been placed on the WFSA website together with brief CVs, more than four months before the General Assembly meets.

- Nominated candidates have been notified of their inclusion on the slate, but final approval will rest with the General Assembly.

- Counter or additional nominations may subsequently be made by 3 National Societies acting together and such names shall be submitted to the WFSA office and these names and CVs will also be placed on the website. All the above eligibility criteria also apply to these nominations. The deadline for the counter nominations is the 5th of August, 2020.

- The final list of nominated candidates to the Council (candidates eligible for re-election, new and counter-nominated candidates) will be placed on the website no later than two weeks before the General Assembly.
During the General Assembly the voting process will take place on a regional basis so that for example European delegates (and only European delegates) will vote for European members of Council etc.

The WFSA will at all times seek to maintain an equitable balance in members between all geographical regions in the world. A gender-balanced Council is also recommended.

The relevant Constitutional Articles are included in Appendix 1.

IV) DUTIES (Constitution Art 4.1.10):

The duties of the Council are:

a. To receive and review reports and minutes of the Board and make recommendations accordingly.
b. To consider and discuss relevant matters raised by the Board, Committees, and Member Societies.
c. To be active on behalf of the Federation, at least within their geographical region and often worldwide.
d. To contribute at least once per year to the “newsletter” of the individual’s society with this should include the Federation’s activities, ideals, aims, shortcomings and successes. Fellow Council members and the Federation secretariat should receive a copy of these contributions.
e. To receive the financial reports of the Federation and make recommendations accordingly.
f. To annually elect two (2) members of the Council to serve as voting members of the Board for a term of one year.
g. To elect a successor to fill the term of office if a vacancy occurs on the Board.
h. To approve the Board's recommendations regarding Chairs and members of Permanent Committees;
i. To prepare the list of nominees for officer positions and at-large positions on the Council.
j. To respond to relevant matters referred to it by the Board, the General Assembly and Member Societies.
k. To propose any changes to the Constitution, such changes to be considered at the next General Assembly or by Extraordinary Resolution.

It is also a duty of all members of Council to attend Council meetings.

ARTICLES OF THE WFSA CONSTITUTION

ART. 4.1.6 Nominations

The Council and Member Societies can make nominations for membership of the Council: a) the Council shall submit a list(s) of nominees to member societies four (4) months before the General Assembly is to meet and b) counter, or additional, nominations may be made by three societies, acting collectively (one of which must be the Member Society to which the candidate is affiliated) 1 month before the General Assembly meets.

ART. 4.1.7 Requirements

Members of the Council must be, or have been Delegates (or Alternate Delegates) of the Member Society and must be present at the General Assembly when they are nominated.

ART. 4.1.8 Election

The General Assembly shall elect the at-large Officers and Geographical Region members of the Council by secret ballot. The Geographical Region representatives shall be elected by voting within each region. The results shall be announced at the General Assembly.
ART. 4.1.9 Term of Office

At-large members of the Council shall be elected to one four-year (4) term, which is renewable for another four-year (4) term.

ART. 4.1.12 Meetings

The Council shall convene prior to and during the World Congress and whenever the need arises. Usually the Council meets every year.

ART. 4.1.16 Failure of Duty

a. Members of the Council, who regularly fail to achieve their duties as outlined 4.1.10, will be notified by the Board, which will also consider the circumstances of that failure.

b. The Council, upon recommendation of the Board, shall have the authority to suspend members of the Council who fail in their duty, provided a two-thirds majority vote in favour of suspension is obtained.

c. The Council shall have the authority to co-opt another member from the same geographical region to replace a suspended Council Member and that replacement shall be considered to be fulfilling the original term of office.