

AMENDMENT 22

Title of proposed amendment	Regulations. R15. Standing Committees	
Proposed by	Dr Antoinette Rùegg, Past International President	
Seconded by		
Supported by		
Financial Impact	The annual contribution of 135 Euro per committee drops	
	CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED WORDING
	<p>Regulations.R15. Standing Committees R15.1. The following Standing Committees are formed: Agriculture, Arts and Culture . Business, Trade and Technology, Development, Training and Employment, Environment, Health, Legislation, Membership, Projects, Public Relations, Young BPW , United Nations - Status of Women Each Standing Committee in addition to the Chairperson has between 4 and 6 members.</p> <p>R15.2. Appointment of Standing Committee Chairpersons and members</p> <p>Standing Committee Chairpersons are elected by the General Assembly, except that the First and Second Vice Presidents is the Chairperson of either the Standing Committees on Membership or the United Nations - Status of Women and the Young BPW Representative is the Chairperson of the Young BPW Standing Committee.</p> <p>The members of the Standing Committees are formally appointed by the President. No Standing Committee Chairperson or members can serve for more than 2 consecutive terms in the same capacity.</p> <p>Each Affiliate sends to the Executive Secretary before each Congress a list of its nominees for membership on Standing Committees, accompanied by a statement of the qualifications of each nominee and her consent to act if appointed. The Presidential Office informs Affiliates when its nominees are appointed.</p>	<p>Regulations.R15. Standing Committees R15.1. The following Standing Committees are formed: Membership, United Nations – Status of Women, Young BPW</p> <p>R15.2. Appointment of Standing Committee Chairpersons and Members</p> <p>The Standing Committee Chairpersons, which means the First and Second Vice Presidents is the Chairperson of either the Standing Committees on Membership or the United Nations – Status of Women and the Young BPW Representatives is the Chairperson of the Young BPW Standing Committee.</p> <p>The members of the Standing Committees are formally appointed by the President and the respective Executive Board Member. No Standing Committee member can serve for more than 2 consecutive terms in the same capacity.</p> <p>Each Affiliate sends to the Executive Secretary before Congress a list of its nominees for membership on Standing Committees, accompanied by a statement of the qualifications of each nominee and her consent to act if appointed. The Presidential Office informs Affiliates when its nominees are appointed.</p>

AMENDMENT 22 RATIONALE.

Most of the Standing Committees, not chaired by an Executive Board Member, were not able to deliver performances which would empower BPW International notably for the following reasons. - Giving focused tasks to the Standing Committees at the beginning of her term was not a priority of a new President. Focus areas emerge after an Executive Board has started its work. - As the needs are very diverse an elected Chair might not be the best expert for a specific task. - Being a Member of a Standing Committee is often frustrating, as the Committee Members normally are on different pages. - Having a vote (Committee Chair) or having a position as a Committee Member finally appeared to be the main motivators.

In our digital age we have smarter tools which in addition respect the capacities and competences of our members who would like to offer their performance at international level. A PILOT Resolution 2014-2020 evaluated and implemented a new tool which members who would like to contribute at international level are welcome to use. See Resolution "BPW International Member Projects".

The "BPW International Member Projects" together with the "BPW International Taskforces" are able to work more efficiently as the Standing Committees. They get established when a true task pops up and offer members a smarter way to do work at international level. In addition the "BPW International Member Projects" offer each member who would like to contribute the opportunity to do so.

For all these reasons the Delegates are requested to abolish the Standing Committees not chaired by Executive Board Members.