

Constitution & Guidelines for ASIA PACIFIC AREA

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Section I **THE AREA**

The Asia Pacific Area of the International Association of Y's Men's Club, also known as Y's Men International, shall consist of the Regions of Japan East, Japan West, Taiwan, South-East Asia, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Australia, provided that it shall always be permissible for the International Council to add to, or remove from the Area any Region; and in that event, the Area shall stand reconstituted accordingly.

Section II **PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

The Asia Pacific Area shall promote and maintain the work of the International Association of Y's Men's Clubs within the Area. The purposes and objectives as stated in the International Constitution shall be a part of these Area Operation Guidelines.

Section III **AREA COUNCIL**

- A. The Area Council membership shall consist of all Regional Directors then in the office in the Area, with the Area President as Chairman.*
- B. Voting members of the Area Council are the Regional Directors only, each with one vote.*
- C. The Area President may invite the International Council Members from Asia Pacific as consultants and the Immediate Past Area President as an ex-official to the Council.*
- D. The Area President shall be entitled to appoint, with the approval of the Council, Y's Men of the Area, as Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Bulletin Editor and other officers as considered necessary by the Council.*

Section IV **AREA COUNCIL MEETING**

- A. The Area Council shall transact its business in the Area Council Meeting or by mail ballot with the approval of the Area President.*
- B. The decisions of the Council shall be according to the majority vote of its members present at any meeting, or according to the majority votes taken by mail ballot.*
- C. The Area President shall be entitled to a tie breaking vote, in case voting at any meeting or by mail ballot happens to be equal.*
- D. Four members of the Council shall constitute the quorum for an Area Council meeting.*
- E. In case a Regional Director is unable to attend an Area Council Meeting, he/she may send another officer from his/her Regional Team as his/her proxy.*
- F. The Area Council Meeting shall be held, where possible, at least once a year.*
- G. The Area Council Meeting shall be convened by the Area President or at his/her direction by the Secretary. There shall be two months advance notice for any meeting.*
- H. Other meetings of the Council may be called by the Area President or may be requested by any Council Member and convened upon written approval of at least four Regional Directors.*

Section V **COMMUNICATION**

- A. The Area President shall communicate with the Regional Directors and keep the Asia Pacific members of the International Council informed of the area activities.*
- B. Twice a year, an Area Bulletin shall be published on the Asia Pacific Area Web-site and the link will be sent to the Regional Directors for distribution to all the clubs within the Area for access.*

Section VI **AREA OFFICE**

- A. For purpose of promoting and maintaining the work of Y's Men's Movement in Area as mentioned in the International Constitution, Article VIII, the Area Council shall decide to establish the Area office if considered necessary.*
- B. The operating policy for the Area Office, which shall not be in contravention of International Constitution, Article VIII, Section 3, shall be determined by the Area Council.*

Section VII AREA CONVENTION

- A. *Area Convention shall be arranged in the year when no International convention is held.*
- B. *The Area Council shall decide the time and venue for the Area conventions. Any bids for holding the Convention must be submitted to the Council two years in advance.*
- C. *The Area convention is convened and conducted by the Chairperson of the Area Convention Committee with the assistance of the Area President.*
- D. *The Area President shall appoint the Chairperson of the Convention Committee (preferably PAP) who shall select members (5-7 members) to form the Area convention committee.*
- E. *The host country on winning the bid to host the Area Convention will form a Host Convention Committee to organize the Area Convention. The HCC will present the budget and details of the convention for approval at the Area Council.*

Section VIII FINANCE

- A. *The Area Council shall determine uniform area dues on a per capita basis. The area dues shall be collected from the clubs by the Regions in accordance with their membership as at each February 1 and August 1 and remitted to the Area Treasurer by March 15 and September 15 respectively.*
- B. *In the case where a Region cannot remit the dues to the Area owing to governmental restriction, amount collected may be kept by the Region. The Regional director shall submit half-yearly reports to the Area President for the area dues kept in the region.*
- C. *The Area Budget shall be set up by the Area President with the assistance of Area Treasurer, to cover the expenses of the Area Office and other expenses naturally related to the area work.*
- D. *The Area Budget will be tabled for approval at the Area Council meeting.*
- E. *The Area Treasurer shall keep an account of all income received and expenses incurred by the Area office. He/She shall prepare the Area financial statement annually at the close of the service year and before the Area Council Meeting. The Financial statement shall be audited by an auditor selected by the Area Council and presented at the Area Council Meeting.*

Section IX ELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

- A. *Each Club when requested by the International Office may submit (1) one nominee for ICM to the International Office and to the AP. When (2) two or more nominations are received the International Office will conduct an Election as per Article IV Section 3 of the International Constitution. The term of office for all ICM will be of two years.*
- B. *The position of Area Young Member of the International Council (AYMIC) rotates among Areas as per Rule 414 of the International Constitution, and at the time in rotation for Area Asia Pacific the same rule under A above applies.*

Section X ELECTION OF AREA PRESIDENT

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- A. *When the result of the election of International Council members is announced by the International Office, the Outgoing Area President (Outgoing Chairman) shall conduct an election of an Area President Elect for the ensuing term, by Members of the Area Council. The only eligible candidates for election are the International Council Members from the Area for that respective year, for a term of one year unless Guidelines 501 of the International Constitution applies.*
- B. *If the office of the Area President falls vacant, the same shall be filled by the Area President Elect.*

Section XI AUTHORITY BY INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION

(This section is a quotation from the International Constitution-Article V-Section 3E and 3F for reference purpose)

Section 3E : The Area Presidents shall be responsible for the coordination of the activities of the Regions in their Area. Twice a year they shall report to the International President concerning the situation and development in their Area. The Area Presidents shall function through the Area Office related to their Area if one exists.

Section 3F : The Regional Directors shall be the executive and coordinator for his/her Region and shall be responsible for the administration and finances for his/her Region. He/She shall report to the Area President of his/her Area.

Section XII AMENDMENTS

These Area Operation Guidelines may be amended upon two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Area Council and a two-third affirmative vote of the clubs in good standing in the Area, responding in a mail ballot, provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been submitted, in writing, to all members of the Area Council at least thirty (30) days prior thereto; and provided further that the adoption of the amendment is not in contravention of the purposes and policy of Y's Men International.