# **International Grand Lodge of Druidism**



This Constitution governs the operation of the World Organization of the IGLD in a kindred spirit of world cooperation and friendship.

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### Name and Membership

- 1.1 International Grand Lodge of Druidism (IGLD), is a voluntary and non-political umbrella association which consists of National Orders of Ancient Druids (AOD) and United Ancient Order of Druids (UAOD). An individual cannot be a personal member of IGLD.
- 1.2 The general aim of the IGLD is to create and further promote cooperation and friendship amongst the National Orders and their members as well as nations worldwide, and to extend Druidism.
- 1.3 A National Order may apply for membership by making a written application to the executive Board. Only one Druid Order from each country can be accepted.
- 1.4 All qualified members of a national Order can be introduced into the IGLD by an initiation ceremony. Each national Order is responsible for ensuring that the candidate is a qualified member. The level for qualification is determined by each national Order. Initiation ceremonies may be held in conjunction with an International Congress Meeting, an IGLD Annual Meeting or a National IGLD Meeting.
- 1.5 Every National Order has one vote for every one (1) hundred or part thereof financial members of IGLD. Proxy voting is possible between nations. The members of the Executive Board have no extra votes.

### **Annual Meeting**

2.1 Annual Meetings are held in member countries according to a predestined plan with initiation of new officers every second year.

### Organization

- 3.1 The IGLD is governed by the National Orders which shall nominate the Grand President, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer. These officers are the Executive Officers and are responsible for IGLD's administration. Other ceremonial officers are appointed by the National Orders for service during each IGLD meeting. The appointed national Grand Vice Presidents are together with the Executive Officers members of the Executive Board.
- 3.2 Definitions:

Executive Officers: Grand President, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer,

Immediate Past Grand President.

<u>Ceremonial Officers:</u> Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Herald, Grand Guardian.

**Executive Committee:** Executive Officers.

Executive Board: Executive Officers and Grand Vice Presidents

Executive Council: Executive Board in meeting.

### **Executive Board**

4.1 Ref. 3.1 and 3.2

4.2 The Executive Board manages the IGLD between each Annual Meeting and decides in every matter except amendments to the Constitution. Decisions are made by a simple majority of votes.

4.3 The Executive Board may provide financial assistance to a National Order wishing to establish a Druid Lodge in a country or region.

## Executive Committee

- 5.1 The Grand President, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Immediate Past Grand President shall together form the Executive Committee and shall be responsible for the management of the association between meetings of the Executive Council.
- 5.2 The Executive Committee issues annual reports, including a financial statement to all members of the Executive Board.
- 5.3 The Executive Committee prepares a report to be submitted to the Annual Meeting.

### **Finances**

- 6.1 The Executive Committee shall propose to each Annual Meeting the amounts to be collected from National Orders, so that the operations of the IGLD can be sustained. All financial records and the accounts shall be in the currency determined by the Executive Board. The financial year is 1st January to 31st December.
- 6.2 Any proposal to change the annual fee shall be sent to the Grand Secretary 3 three months before the Annual Meeting and be distributed together with other documents before the Meeting.
- 6.3 All administrational costs are covered by IGLD.
- 6.4 Travel expenses to be covered by IGLD after application and approval of the Executive Board. Decision by simple majority of votes.

## Dissolution of the IGLD

7.1 The IGLD may be dissolved at a Congress Meeting with a 3/4 majority of present National Orders. Assets shall be shared between the National Orders in proportion to the number of financial members.

#### **Ritual**

8.1 All Ritual meetings of IGLD shall use a Ritual approved by the Executive Council.

### Amendments

9.1 Amendments to this Constitution shall be made at the Annual Meeting by a 2/3 majority of the votes by the Executive Board