



February 28, 2020

Dear Chapter Presidents, Delegates and Alternates,

We have received the International Board of Director's decision on the two Resolutions that were approved by the NCAR membership in October 2019 at the 18th NCARC in Dallas.

RESOLUTION 1 (Motion) - "Expanding the NAR Liaison Function"

This Resolution was revised as a Motion since it did not affect the operations by Headquarters.

The Motion was approved unanimously. It established the NCAR Liaison** Committee with five representatives from sub- regions of NCAR. The subsequently elected NCAR Liaison Chair and the Communications Chair, form part of the Committee.

*** North & Central American Region (NCAR); "Liaisons" have recently been renamed "Advocates."*

RESOLUTION 2 - "Acknowledging Donations is the Sakura News"

Resolution 2 was not approved. I.I. Headquarters has stipulated that they must have the donation funds in hand before they can be acknowledged in the Sakura News. PayPal/Credit Card donations are not permitted because of the nature of their non-profit status (Ippan Shadan Hojin). Therefore, all donations to Headquarters can only be sent via wire transfer. In addition, the donor must pay both the sending and receiving wire transfer fees.

Due to this outcome, the Iwaya Fund will no longer accept donations designated to I.I. Headquarters.

RESOLUTION 3 - "Nominating Committee Member Not Disallowed as Officer Nominee"

Resolution 3 was not approved, except for extenuating circumstances. Chapters will need prior approval by the International Board before a member of the Nominating Committee can also be a Nominee. Hence, it is recommended that the request for approval be submitted prior to the beginning of the nominating process to avoid unnecessary delays.

Please note that the Bylaws state that all meetings follow "Robert's Rule of Order." The latest version, "Robert's Rule of Order Newly Revised," does allow for a member from the Nominating Committee to become a Nominee.

If nominations are a regular issue for a chapter, they may consider defining it in their Standing Rules.

Although the final outcome of the resolutions may be disappointing it is important to continue the conversation to progress with our changing needs as members and as chapters of Ikebana International.

For your reference, the "Minutes of the Business Meetings 1 & 2" and "Business Meeting Summary" are posted on the [NAR website](#).

Should you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Attachments:

- Resolution/Motion 1 & Advocates Committee
- Resolution 2 from Headquarters
- Resolution 3 from Headquarters



Ikebana International 18th NCARC Resolution 1

Subject: Expand NCAR Liaison Function

WHEREAS, We have a North and Central American Regional Liaison and a website (<<https://ikebananar.org/>>) that consolidates information about the Ikebana International North and Central American chapters and provides communication to the region; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the NCAR Liaison function be expanded to an NCAR Liaison Committee with representatives from five or more NCAR Liaisons whereby,

- Liaisons will be responsible for communicating with the chapters that they represent by maintaining routine communications and assisting in information exchange among the chapters within their region and with the NCAR Liaison Chair and the NCAR Communications Chair.
- The Committee will promote chapter interaction and create synergies by exchanging resources and ideas or co-sponsoring events.
- The elected NCAR Liaison Chair shall be the primary communication person with Ikebana International Headquarters
- The elected NCAR Communications Chair shall be a member of the Committee and maintain all contact information for the entire North and Central American Region as well as facilitate communications between the members of the committee.
- The NCAR Liaison Chair and NCAR Communications Chair may or may not be the same person.

Submitted by: Naples Chapter #160 (Stephanie English)

Date: Updated August 13, 2019

NCAR Advocate Committee 2019-2023

The Advocates are due to serve until the next Regional Conference.

NCAR Advocate Chair / At-Large	Magdalena Tamura-Reid, <i>Elected</i>	Toronto #208
NCAR Advocate Communications Chair	Stephanie English, <i>Elected</i>	Naples #160
Regional Advocate: Midwest Chapters	David Staats	Madison #28
Regional Advocate: South Chapters	Susan Cano	Asheville #74
Regional Advocate: West Chapters	Patricia O'Reilly	Dallas #13
Regional Advocate: Northeast Chapters	Elizabeth Biddle	Washington DC #1
Regional Advocate: Non-USA Chapters	Magdalena Tamura-Reid	Toronto #208

The next NCARC will be hosted by Philadelphia Chapter #71 from April 30-May 4, 2023.



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Ikebana International 18th NCARC Resolution 2

Subject: Acknowledging Donations in Sakura News

Ikebana International Board of Directors discussed and reviewed this resolution in January 2020.

WHEREAS, Donations by chapters or I.I. members to Ikebana International Headquarters have been generally acknowledged in Sakura News so far;

WHEREAS, The wire transfer fees when donations are sent directly to Headquarters are costly though, it is clearly verified in the legal status of Ikebana International 'Ippan Shadan Houjin' (General incorporated nonprofit association) that I.I. is not legally allowed to be sent donations through the PayPal service;

WHEREAS, The chartered accountant of Ikebana International Headquarters strongly insists that we be sent donations through wire transfer in order not to damage the soundness and fairness in management of Ikebana International;

BE IT RESOLVED, That when I.I. Headquarters receives donations from the Ikebana Iwaya Fund or other entities, and notification of donations from them designated for Headquarters, the name of the donor should be acknowledged in Sakura News, provided these are donated through wire transfer and all wire transfer fees are paid for by the donor.

(effective on 3rd February 2020)



Ikebana International 18th NCARC Resolution 2

Subject: Acknowledging Donations in Sakura News

WHEREAS, Donations by chapters or members to Ikebana International Headquarters are generally acknowledged in Sakura News; and

WHEREAS, The wire transfer fees when donations are sent directly to Headquarters are costly; and

WHEREAS, Ikebana International Headquarters cannot accept donations from the Ikebana Iwaya Fund that are sent through the PayPal service; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Ikebana International accept donations from the Ikebana Iwaya Fund that have been designated for I.I. Headquarters, and that when I.I. Headquarters receives notification from the Ikebana Iwaya Fund of donations designated for Headquarters, the donors should be acknowledged in Sakura News as soon as possible.

Submitted by: Magdalena Tamura-Reid, Toronto Chapter 208

Date: Updated October 28, 2019



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Ikebana International 18th NCARC Resolution 3

Subject: Nominating Committee Member Not Disallowed as Officer Nominee

Ikebana International Board of Directors discussed and reviewed this resolution in January 2020.

WHEREAS, Excluding a valued member limits the pool of members for the Nominating Committee (particularly problematic with small chapters) and imposes additional time to seek a replacement;

WHEREAS, On the other hand, unless Chapter Bylaws format, Article VI, Section 1.1, 1.3 be secured, there is a possibility that an act of nominating might cause unfairness; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Chapter Bylaws Article VI, Section 1.1, 1.3 are secured, a proviso (the underlined text below) being annexed to this article.

**From Chapter Bylaws
ARTICLE VI
Election and Installation of Directors**

Section 1 Nominations

1. The Nominating Committee

1.1 (not changed)

1.2 (not changed)

1.3 A Nominating Committee Member cannot be a candidate for election in the business year for which the Committee is preparing nominations. Those who wish to be nominated must resign from the Nominating Committee.

The only exception to the above would be:

Extenuating circumstances which would necessitate allowing an exceptional, seasoned member to serve as both nominee and Nominating Committee member.

Note: If this situation should occur, the chapter shall conduct a prior consultation with, and receive permission from, I.I. Headquarters.

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**Ikebana International 18th NCARC
Resolution: 3**

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WHEREAS, The Chapter Bylaws Format (Article VI, Section 1.3) stipulate that a Nominating Committee Member cannot be a candidate for election in the business year for which the Committee is preparing nominations; and that those who wish to be nominated must resign from the Nomination Committee; and

WHEREAS, Members should be allowed to continue on the Nominating Committee by virtue of their experience, having served in an elected or non-elected capacity on the board; and

WHEREAS, Excluding a valued member limits the pool of members for the Nominating Committee (particularly problematic with small chapters) and imposes additional time to seek a replacement; and

Whereas, Decisions by the Nominating Committee are made by multiple members; and

WHEREAS, The rule prevents members wishing to serve as an officer from both being on the committee and being nominated as an officer, because it requires them either to resign from the committee in order to be nominated as an officer, or to stay on the committee, which would result in their forgoing the officer position; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Chapter Bylaws Format, Article VI, Section 1.1, 1.3, be deleted.

Submitted by: Washington DC #1 (Elizabeth Biddle)

Attached: Article VI, Section 1, Nominations, Chapter Bylaws

Date: Updated Aug 28, 2019

From Chapter Bylaws

ARTICLE VI

Election and Installation of Directors

Section 1 Nominations

1. The Nominating Committee
 - 1.1 The Nominating Director shall, with approval of the Chapter Board, appoint 2 or 4 Members to form the Nominating Committee.
 - 1.2 Nominating Committee Members shall not serve on this Committee for more than one consecutive term.
 - 1.3 A Nominating Committee Member cannot be a candidate for election in the business year for which the Committee is preparing nominations. Those who wish to be nominated must resign from the Nominating Committee.