

FÆDERATIO INTERNATIONALIS UNA VOCE

REVISED STATUTES INFORMATION NOTE

This Information Note shall be a binding interpretation of the Statutes of the International Federation Una Voce as adopted by the Members of the Federation on the 27th day of August in the year of Our Lord 2012, as amended.

This Information Note has been adopted by the Members of the Federation together with the Statutes.

This Information Note may be amended by the Council of the Federation but only to clarify the text of the Statutes and not to change their text or meaning.

PART I.

COMPOSITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION UNA VOCE

Article 1 – The Objects of the International Federation UNA VOCE

- A. The Objects of the FIUV are specific to the FIUV and need not be adopted by Members of the Federation or their chapters and affiliates.

Article 2 – The Aims of the UNA VOCE Movement

- A. The Aims of the UNA VOCE Movement are general to the FIUV, to Members of the Federation, and to their chapters.
- B. The Statutes and activities of Members of the Federation of their chapters and affiliates, and of Associates of the Federation itself, should be conformable with the Aims of the UNA VOCE Movement but need not be identical to those Aims.
- C. The Aims should be referred to in the Statutes of all Members of the Federation and of their chapters but need not be recited either in whole or in part in those Statutes. The Aims need not be referred to in the Statutes of affiliates of applicant associations or Members of the Federation or of Associates of the Federation itself.

Article 4 – Members of the FIUV

I. – Admission to the FIUV

- A. To be eligible for membership of the Federation, an association must be autonomous and governed by lay elected officers. This requirement is to preserve the lay and democratic character of the UNA VOCE Movement and to reflect its predominantly lay membership.
- B. The requirement to be autonomous and governed by lay elected officers extends only to applicant associations or Members of the Federation. It does not apply to their chapters or to their affiliates, or to Associates of the Federation itself.
- C. For the purposes of these Statutes, lay means those who are not Deacons, Priests or Bishops.
- D. For the purposes of these Statutes, elected means elected by universal suffrage of all fee-paying members.

- E. For the purposes of these Statutes, officers comprises office holders, as commonly understood, such as president, chairman, secretary and treasurer of the applicant association or the Member of the Federation and need not include all voting members of governing bodies of the applicant association or Member of the Federation.
- F. For the purposes of these Statutes, Country means the territory of a Latin Rite National Hierarchy. Exceptions to this definition may be made by the Council.

II. – Withdrawal from the Federation

- A. The attention of applicant associations and Members of the Federation is particularly drawn to the significance of the annual membership subscription, not only for the Members but for the health of the UNA VOCE Movement.

III. – Other Forms of Involvement

- A. Provision is made for Patrons of the Federation. Outstanding excellence refers both to their position in life and to their public support for the Aims of the UNA VOCE Movement. Patrons of the Federation shall be appointed for life. No reference has been made to the removal of Patrons but it is taken to be by the same means as it has been granted, i.e., by decision of the Council of the Federation upon the recommendation of the President of the Federation. There may be more than one Patron of the FIUV.
- B. Provision is made for Associates, in contradistinction to the former ‘Observer Status,’ in order to create closer and more enduring links between the Federation and the many other bodies that have flourished since *Ecclesia Dei Adflicta* and *Summorum Pontificum*.
- C. Provision is made for Extraordinary Membership in order to give fairer representation to those Members of the Federation composed of large numbers of individuals or large numbers of chapters or affiliates, to give Member Associations who wish to make a greater contribution to the work of the Federation an opportunity so to do, and to regularize the position of National Federations that include existing Members of the Federation.
- D. Where a National Federation is established, that is, where new UNA VOCE groups affiliate to a National Federation rather than to the existing Members of the Federation in that Country, the National Federation should be an autonomous body and not merely an emanation of an existing Member of the Federation.
- E. National Federations should apply for Membership of the Federation. Existing Members of the Federation in those Countries may decide whether or not to join the National Federation. Where a National Federation includes an existing Member of the FIUV, the National Federation should apply for Extraordinary Membership of the FIUV and that Member of the FIUV should cease to exercise its separate vote.
- F. For the purposes of these Statutes, in respect of Patrons, Associates, National Correspondents and Friends of the Federation, participation in the life of the Federation refers to notification of publications, public events and Open Sessions of General Assemblies.

Article 6 – General Assemblies of the Federation

- A. Postponement of an Ordinary General Assembly for 12 months means that there may be a maximum of three years between the previous Ordinary General Assembly.
- B. Where the quorum for a General Assembly is not met at the opening of the first session of the General Assembly, the business of the General Assembly shall be adjourned from day to day by

the President or the president of the session up to a maximum of three days, until the quorum is met. If the quorum for a General Assembly is not met at the opening of the session on the third day, the President or the president of the session shall deem the General Assembly postponed.

- C. Where an Ordinary General Assembly is postponed in the absence of a quorum, it shall be re-convened in the ordinary manner within 1 month of the original scheduled date of the first session of that General Assembly to be held within 12 months of the original scheduled date. Where an Extraordinary General Assembly is postponed in the absence of a quorum, it shall be re-convened in the ordinary manner within 1 month of the original scheduled date of the first session of the General Assembly to be held within 4 months of the original scheduled date.
- D. The Prayers of the General Assembly shall be:
- (i) At the opening of the closed session, the singing of the *Veni Creator Spiritus*, the invocation of the Heavenly Patrons of the Federation and the recitation of the *De Profundis* for deceased Officers and Councillors of the Federation, deceased members of Members and their chapters and affiliates and deceased Patrons, National Correspondents and Friends of the Federation;
 - (ii) At the closing of the closed session, the singing of the *Salve Regina*;
 - (iii) At the opening of the open forum, a prayer for the Holy Father;
 - (iv) At the closing of the open forum, the singing of the *Credo* and the blessing of the delegates by those Priests who are present.

Article 8 – The Council of the Federation

- A. (i) The ordinary membership of the Council of the Federation shall not exceed 15 persons. The membership of the Council shall comprise the President of the Federation, the Vice President(s) of the Federation, the Secretary of the Federation, the Treasurer of the Federation and any other Councillors of the Federation not holding any of those offices, including any co-opted to fill vacancies arising during the term of the Council.
- (ii) Honorary President(s) of the Federation and additional co-opted Councillors shall be extraordinary members of the Council. They shall be supernumerary to the limit of 15 persons, bringing the potential number of members of the Council of the Federation above 15 persons.
- B. Honorary President(s) of the Federation and co-opted Councillors of the Federation shall have the same rights as the ordinary Councillors of the Council of the Federation.

Article 9 – Officers of the Federation

- A. There may be more than one Honorary President of the FIUV.
- B. Honorary Presidents of the Federation shall be appointed for life. No reference has been made to the removal of Honorary Presidents of the Federation but it is taken to be by the same means as it has been granted, i.e., by decision of the Council of the Federation upon the recommendation of the President of the Federation.
- C. There may be more than one Vice President of the FIUV. Where there is more than one Vice President, the Council shall designate them in seniority as First Vice President, Second Vice President and so forth. When the First Vice President assumes the Presidency of the Federation, the other Vice Presidents shall automatically rise one place in seniority.

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