

## Summary of discussions between members of WFCC task force on virtual meetings

We need to quickly make virtual meetings equal to physical meetings as much as possible. The current pandemic and the gap between physical meetings make this a necessity.

Benefits of virtual meetings: convenience, cost, continuity, faster decisions, better participation, benefit for those unable to attend, and more representative, democratic voting.

### Mr Wenda's suggestions:

*According to article 8.2 of the WFCC statutes, the Presidium may call for an "extraordinary meeting" in times of emergency.*

*Virtual meetings could be considered as extraordinary meetings.*

*Extraordinary meetings can take up any topic for discussion and decisions, except:*

- 1) Presidium elections*
- 2) Agenda items listed in section 12 (mostly related to budget and finances)*
- 3) the admission and expulsion of members*
- 4) the dissolution of the WFCC*

Change of statutes is not excluded from the scope of such extraordinary meetings.

Therefore, even changes in rules of admission of new members could be considered.

All decisions taken in such meetings need to be ratified in the next physical meeting.

### Our proposals:

1) Consider virtual meetings as extraordinary meetings and take up important topics including changes in statutes without waiting for the next physical meeting.

2) Voting in virtual meetings can be done through Zoom polls, Google forms or even simple emails.

3) Within the main virtual meeting, with both delegates and non-delegates, a separate private meeting can be organised using a feature of Zoom called "[Zoom Rooms Private Meetings](#)". Or the entire virtual meeting can be made "delegates only".

4) After the satisfactory conclusion of 1), 2) and 3):

4a) Discussion and voting on Women's solving norms and titles.

4b) Discussion and voting on change in membership admission rules to allow virtual participation of country member delegates in WCCC meetings.

4c) Discussion and voting on future physical meetings to be in "[hybrid mode](#)" to allow participation of those unable to attend. This will require a camera, microphone, speakers, large screen and fast internet to be made available in the meeting room. Many hotels already have such facilities, including the hotel [Rodos Palace](#) in Rhodes.

5) There are, for sure, other topics to be discussed, and voted on, too. Such as decision making in extraordinary situations, voting rights when choosing venues for ECSC, etc.

### Other suggestions for future virtual meetings:

a) To be announced at least 2 weeks in advance, with a detailed agenda and proposals, if any.

b) Invitations to online meetings should be sent with an [ICS Calendar format file](#).

c) Delegates to appoint deputies if they are unable to attend.

d) Member countries to discuss the decisions that are planned for being taken.

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