



Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL

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RD MEMO 3-2019/20

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To: Regional Directors

From: Jose Varghese

cc: RDs Elect, Past RDs, ICMs, ICMs Elect, IPICMs, IEOs, ISDs, TOFCC, BFECC, PIPs, PISGs, PITs, Historian, YMI World Editor, Area and Regional Offices, IAM (India)

1. VOTING PROCEDURE 2019/20

It is again time for elections, one of the most participative processes in our movement. It is the right and duty of all eligible clubs to take part in the election process and it is the responsibility of all Regional Directors to motivate the clubs in their Region to vote.

Detailed information about this year's election and all supporting materials can be found on the website: www.ysmen.org/elections.

After a successful introduction last year, voting will again be conducted entirely online, with eligible clubs receiving an email with a link to the voting ballots. Clubs with voting privileges (in good standing and with minimum of 15 club members during last 3 semesters and those that have been granted an exemption from the minimum requirement) that have provided IHQ will a valid email address for the Club President or approved representative will receive a an email with a link to the online ballot. A list of eligible clubs [is available online](#).

A) ELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT ELECT 2020/21

The 2019/20 nomination process for election of IP Elect resulted in the following candidates being approved to stand for election (in alphabetical order):

K.G., Varghese (South West India Region, India Area)

KIM Sang-chaе (Korea Bu-Ul-Gyeong Region, Korea Area)

K.M., Scariachen (West India, India Area)

Sadly, original candidate P. Vijayakumar passed away on 10 November. He held several positions in the movement including International Council Member and Regional Director of Mid West India Region. Our heart goes out to his bereaved family, his wife Prof Hema Vijayan and daughter Diya Vijayan.

In light of this tragic circumstance, the Nominating Committee decided that the vacancy on the ballot is to be filled by nominee K.G. Varghese.

Their bio-data will be provided directly to eligible voting clubs. The list of eligible clubs is available on the website at www.ysmen.org/elections

B) ELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL TREASURER ELECT 2020/21

The 2019/20 nomination process for election of IT Elect resulted in the following candidates being approved to stand for election (in alphabetical order):

BREUM, Erik (Denmark Region, Europe Area)

JOSE, T.M. (West India Region, India Area)

Their bio-data will be provided directly to eligible voting clubs. The list of eligible clubs is available on the website at www.ysmen.org/elections

C) ELECTION OF AP(E)/ICM(E) FOR AFRICA AREA

Mr Tom Imbusi WAKA (Africa Southeast Region) was elected earlier this year to serve as Area President Elect/International Council Member Elect from 1 July 2019 until 30 June 2020 and then as Area President/International Council Member from 1 July 2020 until 30 June 2022, and therefore election of an International Council Member Elect is not needed at this time.

D) ELECTION OF AP(E)/ICM(E) FOR ASIA PACIFIC AREA

This year Asia Pacific Area will elect one (1) person as Area President Elect/International Council Member to serve 1 July 2020 until 30 June 2021 and Area President/International Council Member to serve 1 July 2021 until 30 June 2022. Two (2) candidates for one (1) seat have been nominated and they have accepted to stand for election. Their bio-data - together with bio-data and summary of recommendations from nominating Regions for IPE and voting papers will be provided directly to eligible voting clubs. They are available on the website at www.ysmen.org/elections

E) ELECTION OF AP(E)/ICM(E) FOR CANADA/CARIBBEAN AREA

Only one candidate for one seat was nominated, so no election of Area President Elect/International Council Member Elect for Canada/Caribbean Area is needed. Mr Brian MINIELLY (Central & Western Canada Region), will serve as Area President Elect/International Council Member Elect from 1 July 2020 until 30 June 2021 and then as Area President/International Council Member from 1 July 2021 until 30 June 2023.

F) ELECTION OF ICM YOUNG MEMBER FOR CANADA/CARIBBEAN AREA

Only one candidate for one seat was nominated, so no election of International Council Member (Young Member) for Canada/Caribbean Area is needed. Ms Seham RABAA (Central & Western Canada Region) will serve as International Council Member from 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2022.

G) ELECTION OF AP(E)/ICM FOR EUROPE AREA

Only one candidate for one seat was nominated, so no election of Area President Elect/International Council Member for Europe Area is needed. Mr Bjørn Arve BENTSEN (Norway Region), Area President Elect/International Council Member to serve 1 July 2020 until 30 June 2021 and Area President /International Council Member to serve 1 July 2021 until 30 June 2022

H) ELECTION OF ICM(E) FOR INDIA AREA

Mr Aurelian FIGUREIDO (Mid West India Region), Mr Joseph KOTTOORAN (Mid West India Region) and Mr Shanavaskhan A.K. (South West India Region) were each elected earlier this year to serve as International Council Member Elect from 1 July 2019 until 30 June 2020 and then as International Council Member from 1 July 2020 until 30 June 2022, and therefore election of International Council Members is not needed at this time.

D) ELECTION OF ICM FOR KOREA AREA

Only one candidate for one seat was nominated, so no election of Area President Elect/International Council Member for Korea Area is needed. Mr PARK Sung-chul (Korea Daegu Gyeongbuk Region), will serve as Area President Elect/International Council Member from 1 July 2020 until 30 June 2021 and then as Area President/International Council Member from 1 July 2021 until 30 June 2022.

J) ELECTION OF AP(E)/ICM(E) FOR LATIN AMERICA AREA

Mrs Rossana CROCI REYES (Latin America Region) was elected earlier this year to serve as Area President Elect/International Council Member Elect from 1 July 2019 until 30 June 2020 and then as Area President/International Council Member from 1 July 2020 until 30 June 2022, and therefore election of an International Council Member Elect is not needed at this time.

K) ELECTION OF AP(E)/ICM(E) FOR USA AREA

Only one candidate for one seat was nominated, so no election of Area President Elect/International Council Member Elect for USA Area is needed. Mr Shaju SAM (North Atlantic Region), will serve as Area President Elect/International Council Member Elect from 1 July 2020 until 30 June 2021 and then as Area President/International Council Member from 1 July 2021 until 30 June 2023.

ACTION NEEDED:

There are no paper materials to distribute to clubs and all eligible clubs will be notified of the election directly by email.

All general information concerning the election will be available on the website –

www.ysmen.org/elections

Guidelines 409 and 410 of the International Constitution explain which clubs are eligible to vote on international issues:

409 For a club to have annual voting privileges on international issues, it must by 30 September be in good standing as defined in Guideline 410, have at least fifteen (15) members for the three last semesters and have the required details of its Club President recorded at IHQ. A club failing to meet any of these requirements forfeits its international voting rights for that year.

410 A club in good standing is a club which has paid Regional, Area and International Dues as requested for 100% of its reported members during the last three [3] semesters. Area and Regional dues will be considered timely paid unless IHQ receives information to the contrary from the Area/Region, before 1 December each year, accompanied by the request for exclusion from the good standing status. For a newly chartered club to be eligible to vote on International issues the club should have been in existence for at least two [2] semesters and paid all the above dues for 100% of its reported members during that period.

Briefly speaking, clubs with voting privileges on international issues have had at least 15 paid members for 1st Semester 2017/18 (1 August 2017 Report), 2nd Semester 2017/18 (1 February 2018 Report) and 1st Semester 2018/19 (1 August 2018 Report). All reporting and payments, plus the submission of their club presidents' email address to IHQ must have been completed no later than 30 September. (Note: in the first two years of amended Guideline 409, generous exemptions have been applied to the deadline to allow maximum club participation in voting).

With regard to new clubs, only clubs chartered on or before 31 January 2017 have voting privileges on international issues, provided that they meet the requirements of Guidelines 409 and 410, with relation to requested dues payments since their charter.

Clubs chartered at least 25 years which have 5-14 members and which are in good standing were able to apply to their RD (using the online form) for **exemption** from the minimum reported membership requirement, with a brief rationale and statistics supporting the request. Requests for Exemption closed on 30 September. RDs have submitted to IHQ the list of clubs whose exemption request they endorsed and the IEOs have subsequently approved all requests. In accordance with Guideline 411 of the International Constitution **a club must have a minimum of 5 members** in order to qualify for exemption:

- 411 *For clubs chartered at least 25 years (as of 31 December) with 5–14 members, each Club may, via the stipulated method, submit to the Regional Director, with a copy to IHQ, a request for exemption from the minimum requirement in Guideline 409. The request must be received by the Regional Director by 30 September and must certify that the club is actively seeking to increase its membership and state the number of members for the most recent three semesters. The Regional Director shall send all requests he/she endorses to IHQ (individually or all together) to be received by 15 October with copies to AP. Subject to the decision by the IEOs, the clubs shall vote without awaiting notification of the decision. The Regional Directors shall subsequently be notified of the decision, with explanation if the request is rejected.*

**ALL CLUBS MUST SUBMIT THE ONLINE BALLOT NO LATER
THAN 9.00 AM GENEVA TIME (09.00 CET)
ON FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2020**

It will not be possible to submit ballots after this date. The International Executive Officers will scrutinise the results during the IEO meeting in February.

The voting results will be published in RD Memo 4-19/20 on 28 February 2020.

2. 1 AUGUST 2019 REPORT - MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

In recent years, IHQ has stressed the importance of “paid” membership. We starting showing only “paid” membership and not “reported” to highlight that only “paid” membership should be considered. However, we have found it necessary to continue publishing both paid and reported figures to highlight the discrepancies in the two sets of numbers.

Please remember though, to be considered a club member of Y’s Men International, all club members are obliged to pay International Dues each semester.

A sheet showing the statistics on number of clubs and members reported and paid for according to information available here at IHQ on 25 November 2019 is attached as an appendix to this Memo.

Some Regions still have amounts outstanding. The Regions concerned are asked to contact IHQ and make arrangements for payment **urgently**.

3. BF DELEGATES

If you have somebody from your Region as a candidate for a BF grant 2020/21, please make sure that he/she applies using the online form for that purpose by the 1 May 2020 deadline (<http://ysmen.org/grants>). All applications must now be supported by a letter of recommendation from the applicant's Club President, and this must be received by the BFEC by 15 May 2020.

Although RD endorsement is longer required, Regional Directors are still encouraged to participate in the process by completing an assessment form for each applicant. This form will be supplied to all Regions from which BF applications have been received by 1 May. The form is not obligatory but those wishing to complete it should do so by 15 May 2020.

4. “YMI WORLD”

Editor Koshy Mathew and his Assistant Editors continue to ask for articles and news items for publication. Good action photos are always most welcome, particularly for the front cover. The front page photo needs to be interesting, have some action, include a logo, be in portrait format and a very large file size for clear printing. The deadline for material for *YMI World* No. 2-2019/20 is 30 November 2019. To download copies of *YMI World* or to submit an article or comment to the editor, visit www.ysmen.org/yimiworld.

5. “YOUTH WORLD”

Youth World Editor Stephanie Spencer has recently published the year’s first issue of *Youth World*. The 77th Edition can be found at <https://www.ysmen.org/publications/youth-world/>. Please make sure that the link to the Youth World page is shared widely in your Region.

6. FORTHCOMING DEADLINES

30 November	Material for <i>YMI World</i> No. 2-2019/2020 to be received by YMW Editor.
1 December	BF Planning (Hosting) Form for trips next year submitted by the APs Elect.
6 January	Reports for MYM 2020 to be received at IHQ
31 January	Voting ballots for 2019/20 International Election to be submitted to IHQ (09:00 am CET).
10 February	1 February 2020 Membership Reports from RDs to be received at IHQ.
28 February	Second Semester International Dues to be paid to IHQ.
1 May	Deadline for submission of applications for BF Cultural Exchange and BF Convention Grants 2020/21.
15 May	Deadline for Club Presidents to submit recommendation letters for BF applicants from their club and for APs and RDs to present opinions on applicants with whom they are familiar.

“Choose for yourselves wise and discerning men, known to your tribes, and appoint them as your leaders.”

Deuteronomy 1:13