



## Notes on the 41 International Presidency in 2021.

Having advertised on the AGM notice that we are putting up a candidate for 41 International President, I have received many requests for further information about what is required & needed for this position. I must admit that I am somewhat ignorant in exactly what it will involve, but I have managed to glean a few pertinent details that I am happy to share as follows:-

- 1) The International Board consists of International President, International Vice-President (or President Elect), Immediate Past International President, Secretary and Treasurer. They meet twice a year at the AGM and the Half-yearly meeting. There is usually a Board meeting on the day preceding a full Council meeting (the Council meeting being the Board + Councillors, being the IRO's of representative/member countries).
- 2) Choice of Vice Presidency goes hand in hand with hosting the world 41 International AGM. Member countries of 41 Club International bid to host the AGM (which must be at their countries' cost) and if they are selected to host, that country has the nomination for the International Presidency. GB&I (Great Britain and Ireland) has put in a bid to host the world meeting in 2021, which is when our choice for President takes his seat, in his host country. We know that there are at least another two countries who are bidding to host AGM 2021. Having a candidate for President does not mean you will, or will not, get the vote to host, but a well prepared host bid that is entertaining, reasonably priced & appealing to attend is advisable.
- 3) Timetable. There are 3 levels to attaining the Presidency, these are (in order) 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Elect, VP Elect, VP (or President Elect) and then to President. When these happen is as follows:-
  - a) AGM 2018 27-29 April in Austria – We present our bid to Council and a vote takes place to decide the host of 2021 AGM
  - b) HYM 2018 12-14 October in Marrakesh, Morocco – Having won the bid in April, we formally present our VP Candidate
  - c) AGM 2019 26-28 April in Brussels, Belgium – Candidate becomes VP Elect
  - d) HYM 2019 31 Oct to 3 Nov in Malta
  - e) AGM 2020 date & venue in Italy tba – Candidate becomes VP (or President Elect)
  - f) HYM 2020 date & venue & host country tba
  - g) AGM 2021 date & hopefully hosted in GB&I – Candidate becomes 41 International President.
- 4) Once you become VP (President Elect) you are asked as a minimum to attend the HYM and AGM, as President and IPP the same. In addition, a President can be requested to attend any AGM of any member country and (diary and circumstances allowing) if he cannot, the VP or IPP can attend in his stead. These invitations, which include a wife or partner, are hosted by the

member country and hosts are required to cover the costs of accommodation and breakfast. Travel to and from these meetings is covered by 41 International (although still subject to 41 International Expense Policy).

- 5) Any candidate MUST be a former member of Round Table, we as 41 Club GB&I are expected to check & confirm this fact.
- 6) As we know there will be more than one bid for hosting 41 International AGM 2021, we (as an Association) have to address the AGM 2018 in Austria & guidelines for this address have not yet been released by 41 International. All that we know is that 'Guidelines on procedure will be issued by the Board prior to the AGM'. There is no guidance from 41 International if it is an advantage to have a candidate already in place for this address, I have heard opinions on both sides. The one thing I have heard, is that if you have a venue/plan or idea that appeals & this can be delivered well to the AGM, you stand a much greater chance of success (common sense really).
- 7) Our rules for International positions are the same as our Board positions:-
  - a) You must submit a Nomination form, signed by yourself & seconded by an officer of a fully paid up constituent Member Club. This form shall be submitted to myself, National Secretary ([secretary@41club.org](mailto:secretary@41club.org)) by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018. I will take an emailed copy of this form by 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, but you must provide me a copy of the original within 5 days of the 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - b) Once your nomination form has been confirmed as being received by me, you then need to provide a 300 word (no more) election address that will be included within our Belfast National AGM meeting papers. This has to be with me by 15<sup>th</sup> February.
  - c) You will be required to stand and address the National AGM in Belfast. The length of this address will be dependent upon the amount of candidates standing for election. It will be either be a minimum of 3, or a maximum of 5 minutes.
  - d) Canvassing for support of your nomination is strictly prohibited under our National rules (Rule 6.6), if National Council decides that prohibited canvassing has taken place, the candidate will immediately be disqualified from election.
  - e) If there are more than two candidates, we would operate a transferable voting system, as we do with any other board position.
  - f) As per our National Rules, only constituent clubs can vote for candidates for this position. Proxy votes are included and I would refer to National Rule (17.3) in this regard. Only a single proxy vote can be carried by a voting delegate.

If there is anything more that I have not covered here, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or with our International Relations Officer Peter Good ([International@41club.org](mailto:International@41club.org)). Additionally, you may find the 41 International website useful ([www.41international.net](http://www.41international.net)).

Yours in Continued Friendship

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