



# *Aotearoa New Zealand*

## *IFSW Co-ordinating Body*



### **Motion to change the IFSW constitution:**

#### **Motion to replace the current article 14 f) with a new 14 f).**

#### **Background:**

The Current Article 14 f) of the IFSW Constitution states:

“There shall be established a Steering Committee which shall comprise the Global president, the Treasurer, the Vice-president and the Secretary General as an ex-officio member.”

Both the Constitution and the By-laws are silent on the purpose, roles and responsibilities of the ‘Steering committee’.

The current wording does not ensure that the Steering committee is inclusive of more than one region or one perspective. This does not foster inclusive, collaborative participation.

This amendment is intended to ensure that the work of the sub-committees and working groups is properly mandated, transparent and accountable. It is also to make clear that elected regional representatives and practitioner and educator perspectives are not excluded from decision making. The ultimate aim is to foster inclusive, collaborative participation. Changing from “steering group” to “sub-committees and working groups” provides more flexibility and reflects more contemporary governance structures.

It is not intended that sub-committees and working groups will be decision-making bodies but are able to be advise on matters requiring attention between Executive committee meetings.

#### **Proposed new Article 14 (f)**

“The Executive may from time to time establish subcommittees or working groups to assist the Executive Committee further the aims of IFSW. All sub-committees and working groups are accountable to the Executive Committee who will make final decisions. Sub-committees and working groups shall have representation from no less than two regions and must represent the perspectives of both practitioners and educators.”

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