



WLCU WORLD COUNCIL FOR YOUTH INTERNAL REGULATIONS

A. Objectives and Government

Reg. 1. The WLCU Council for Youth (WLCUY) adopts without reservations the objectives of the World Lebanese Cultural Union (WLCU), as stated in the WLCU Constitutional Bylaws, and is an indivisible component of its corporate organization. The ultimate authority that shall preside over and be responsible for the WLCUY shall be the World President of the WLCU.

Reg. 2. The WLCUY serves as a forum of meeting and discussion for the Youth of Lebanese origin spread around the world, without distinction of religion, political ideology and country of residence. The WLCUY aims to coordinate and facilitate the youth of Lebanese descent throughout the world to form local and national councils that shall have and espouse the values of the WLCU.

Reg. 3. The member institutions of the WLCUY are autonomous, and do not rely financially on the WLCUY. The WLCUY serves these institutions when requested or whenever it considers it necessary, giving advice, sharing experiences, promoting ideas, and helping to solve disputes.

Reg. 4.

Reg. 4.1. In order to be considered as members of the WLCUY, the institutions shall:



- i. Pay the annual fee established by the WLCU authorities (Reg. 7, Internal Regulations of the WLCU);
- ii. Submit a memorandum of understanding with the WLCU agreeing to abide by the Constitution and Internal Regulations of the WLCU, signed by at least five (5) members who constitute the board of directors or governing body of the institution and providing their updated contact details;
- iii. Deliver a letter of understanding signed by the President of the institution and the president of the corresponding WLCU National or State Council;
- iv. Submit a copy of the institution's local constitution or internal regulations. The domestic institution shall ensure that their own constitution shall adopt, without reservation, the aims, aspirations and the corporate governance of the WLCU;
- v. Submit a copy of the minutes taken at the meeting during which the board members were elected;
- vi. Proof of at least two (2) activities conducted within the last year (corroborated by documentary evidence and social media) consisting of, but not limited to, publications, photos, Facebook events, flyers, newspaper and electronic articles, website links and any media publicity in either hard copy or electronic form evidencing the conduct of such events. At least one (1) of the two activities, preferably dedicated, to support the UN and its activities.

Reg. 4.2. Affiliation documentation to the WLCUY shall be submitted, upon its endorsement by the WLCUY Secretary General, to the World Secretary General of the WLCU before the deadline established by the WLCU authorities (Reg. 7, Internal Regulations of the WLCU).



Reg. 5. Any member of the WLCU, between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years old, is entitled to join the WLCUY (Reg. 56, Internal Regulations of the WLCU).

Reg. 6. The WLCUY is governed by a Board, led by a Chairperson, its main representative, who is assisted by five (5) other members:

- i. A Secretary General
- ii. A Treasurer
- iii. A Cultural Affairs Officer
- iv. A Social Welfare Officer
- v. A Media Officer

Reg. 7.

Reg. 7.1. The Chairperson, the Secretary General and the Treasurer shall be at least twenty-one (21) years old.

Reg. 7.2. WLCUY Board members who achieve the age limit established in Reg. 5 of these Internal Regulations while serving their term on the Board shall be allowed to continue in their position on the Board and be responsible for the corresponding obligations until the next World Congress where elections are to be held.

Reg. 8.

Reg. 8.1. The Chairperson oversees the respect of the principles of the WLCU and these internal regulations, and looks after the unity and the good relations between all the members and institutions of the WLCUY.



Reg. 8.2. The Chairperson is the main representative of the organization, and is its voice at the WLCU World Conference (Reg. 13, Internal Regulations of the WLCU), where he is entitled to three (3) votes (Reg. 17, Internal Regulations of the WLCU).

Reg. 8.3. The Chairperson is entitled to a seat on the World Council of the WLCU, with the inherent rights and duties of this office (Reg. 18, Internal Regulations of the WLCU).

Reg. 8.4. The Chairperson has the duty to coordinate with the World Secretary General of the WLCU the general policy of the WLCUY.

Reg. 8.5. The Chairperson has the right to be treated as equal in office as a World Vice-President, holding the same right of discussion as other members of the World Council of the WLCU, in which meetings shall take part (Reg. 56, Internal Regulations of the WLCU).

Reg. 8.6. The Chairperson presides the meetings of the institution and holds major responsibilities in the organization of the world conferences for the youth.

Reg. 9.

Reg. 9.1. The Secretary General of the WLCUY is the senior advisor to the Chairperson, and is responsible for the compilation, collection and custody of documents and records in the organization. Upon request of the Chairperson, the Secretary General shall convene meetings and keep minutes and correspondence that shall be cosigned.

Reg. 9.2. The Secretary General shall manage the official mail, in coordination with the Chairperson. At regional level, the Secretary General shall supervise the elections and daily work of the National and State Youth Councils and their general corporate governance, and can be consulted in the event of dispute.



Reg. 10. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds of the WLCUY. The Treasurer shall co-sign financial transactions with the Chairperson and collects subscriptions, contributions and donations and issues receipts and vouchers, while holding a legally acceptable accounting system.

Reg. 11. The Cultural Affairs Officer shall discuss, plan and evaluate the annual cultural and educational activities and put them into action, helping the National and State Youth Councils to reach the objectives proposed by the WLCUY.

Reg. 12. The Social Welfare Officer shall create awareness and promote community service among the members of WLCUY, in Lebanon and other countries where the WLCU is present, through diverse events, activities and/or media campaigns.

Reg. 13. The Media Officer shall manage the social networks of the WLCUY and coordinate with the Office of Communications of the WLCU all the publications and news at the official website. The Media Officer shall undertake media campaigns according to the agenda of the WLCUY.

B. Elections, terms and removal

Reg. 14. When the Board is to be conformed, the plurality of gender, areas of origin in Lebanon, regions of residence and languages is encouraged. No more than two (2) members sharing the same nationality, besides the Lebanese one, and three (3) members from the same region, as provided for in Art. 6 of the Constitutional Bylaws of the WLCU, can be members of the Board at the same time.



Reg. 15.

Reg. 15.1. The Chairperson shall hold office for two (2) years, in a non- renewable term that conforms to the term of the World President of the WLCU, as provided for in Art. 7 of the Basic Constitutional Law.

Reg. 15.2. The Chairperson shall be elected by a two-thirds majority of the Chairpersons of National or State Youth Councils present at the World Congress. If that majority cannot be reached after three rounds, the individual for the post shall be appointed by the World President-elect. The Chairperson can only be removed from their position by the President of the WLCU.

Reg. 15.3. Candidates for Chairperson of the WLCUY shall submit a candidacy letter and a briefing of the projects they wish to undertake during their tenure to the WLCUY Board not less than one (1) month prior to the World Congress at which a Chairperson is to be elected. All candidacy letters received by the WLCUY Board shall be distributed by the WLCUY Secretary General to the WLCUY national and local organizations throughout the world on the day immediately after the close of nominations for the candidacy submissions.

Reg. 15.4. The Chairperson of a National or State Youth Council is permitted representation at the WLCUY World Congress by a delegate of their choice, chosen from the council over which they preside. The Chairperson of the National or State Youth Council shall authorize their delegate in writing to attend. The nomination shall be sent to the WLCUY Secretary General prior to the commencement of the World Congress.

Reg. 15.5. To be eligible to vote at the WLCUY elections in a World Congress, the National or State Youth Councils shall comply with the provisions of Reg. 4 of these Internal Regulations for, at least, the preceding two (2) consecutive affiliation



periods. All eligible National or State Youth Councils from a country shall together be entitled to one (1) vote at the WLCUY election, to be held at the World Congress.

Reg. 16. Whenever the Chairperson is declared absent or unable to fulfill his duties, the Secretary General shall resume their work until their return, or until the World President of the WLCU appoints a new Chairperson, without the need of calling for elections, in case of dismissal or renouncement.

Reg. 17. All former Chairpersons have the right to seat at the Board of Trustees of the WLCU (Art. 1 of the Constitutional Bylaws of the WLCU). It is encouraged that the members of the Board seek for advice among these former WLCUY Chairpersons, relying on their experience and knowledge of the institution. When needed, the Chairperson can request the formal counsel of these members summoning an “Advisory Body”, conformed by all former WLCUY Chairpersons and leaded by the last one to leave office.

Reg. 18.

Reg. 18.1. The Secretary General shall hold office for two (2) years, in a term that conforms to that of the Chairperson, and can be re-elected only once.

Reg. 18.2. The Secretary General shall be appointed by the Chairperson-elect after hearing the recommendations of the chairpersons of the National and State Youth Councils present at the World Congress.

Reg. 18.3. The Secretary General cannot be dismissed by the Chairperson during their tenure, except under the provisions of Reg. 30 of the Internal Regulations of the WLCU.



Reg. 19. In the case that the Secretary General is declared absent or unable to fulfill his duties, the Cultural Affairs Officer, no matter of his age, shall resume their work until their return, or until the appointment of a new Secretary General by the Chairperson is made, without need of consultation, in case of dismissal or renouncement.

Reg. 20. The election of the Chairperson and the appointment of the Secretary General shall take place in a World Congress called by the Chairperson, simultaneously with the election of the World President of the WLCU and the other high authorities of the organization.

Reg. 21. The Treasurer and the Officers of the Board shall be appointed by the Chairperson in consensus with the Secretary General within the first three (3) months of their term in office. The information regarding these appointments shall be distributed among the WLCUY regional, national and local organizations throughout the world. They can be dismissed by the Chairperson at any time.

Reg. 22. In the case that the Treasurer is declared absent or unable to fulfill his duties, the Secretary General shall resume their work until their return, or until the appointment of a new Treasurer is made by the Chairperson, without need of consultation, in case of dismissal or renouncement.

C. Conferences

Reg. 23. The WLCUY shall organize World, Regional and Interregional Conferences and support National Conferences and cultural initiatives in different cities.



Reg. 24. When the term of the Chairperson is about to expire, a World Congress shall be called to evaluate the mandate of the Chairperson, debate about the prospects for the following two years of the organization and hold elections for Chairperson of the WLCUY. The dates and place of this World Congress must be coincident with that of the WLCU, in which a new World President is to be elected.

Reg. 25. At least once every two years, during the summer, a WLCUY World Conference named “Lebolution” shall be organized in Lebanon, unless other is provided by the World President of the WLCU. “Lebolution” is a touristic, cultural and social trip, designed to strengthen the WLCUY by getting together the youth of Lebanese origin from different countries, aged between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years old. The activities may include social work, visits to historic places or sites of cultural reference, meetings with outstanding figures of the country and forums to exchange visions about the present and future of Lebanon, its migrants and descendants.

Reg. 26. Regional and Interregional Conferences can be called to strengthen the relation between national councils and address common issues.

Reg. 27. The Chairperson shall be in the capacity to appoint additional temporary members to the Board, with specific tasks related to regional or interregional conferences, for a non-renewable period of time, not larger than six (6) months.

D. Amendments

Reg. 28. At least six (6) National or State Youth Councils from at least two (2) different geographical regions of the WLCUY are needed to request, in a written communication directed to the Chairperson, an amendment to these Internal



Regulations. In order to consider this petition, the Chairperson will task the Secretary General, possibly along with other specialists, the analysis of the proposal, that has to be answered within six (6) months after the written communication has been received, accepting or rejecting that proposal, with the correspondent fundaments. They shall be included in the Internal Regulations document and entry into force only if approved by the World President and the World Council of the WLCU.

Reg. 29. The Chairperson, in consensus with the Secretary General, can propose, by *motu proprio*, an amendment to this Internal Regulations. They shall be included in the Internal Regulations document and entry into force only if approved by the World President and the World Council of the WLCU.

Reg. 30. The Internal Regulations shall be shared on a yearly basis with all WLCUY national and local organizations throughout the world. The Internal Regulations shall be read, revised and evaluated in detail by all members of the WLCUY Board and WLCUY officials, at least once every calendar year.