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AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

1. The duties of the Executive shall be to carry out the orders and directions of the convention and to manage, superintend and direct the affairs of an comhdhail, to carry out and inforce observance of its Constitution and Rules, and to administer all funds under its control ; to make representations and to carry out or make arrangements for the carrying out of negotiations with any Employer or any kindred authority or organisation controlling or having any interest in Irish Dancing in Ireland or elsewhere. ✓
2. The Executives shall consist of Delegates elected by each branch of comhdhail, the number of delegates which a Branch may elect to be in accordance with the scale provided herein. *10, over 2,*
3. The next business of the executive shall be the election of a president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer, registrar, P.R.O. in that order each of whom shall be designated in the same manner as the chairperson and who shall also occupy the office to which he or she has been elected throughout the Mandate of the Executive. ✓
4. To provide and hold qualifying examinations
 - A. Teachers of Irish Dancing,
 - B. Adjudicators of Competition of Irish Dancing,
5. To promote and ^{Rel.} hold competitions in Irish Dancing and to provide prizes and awards for same.
To promote public competitions, provincial and All-Ireland Championships. ✓

EXECUTIVE STANDING ORDERS AND RULES

- A. The Executive shall meet once each month during its Mandate and its meetings shall be presided over by the Chairperson or in his/her absence the Vice Chairperson or in the absence of both as aforesaid then provided there shall be a Quorum present there shall be elected by simple majority vote a Chairperson to conduct the meeting. ✓
- B. During the Mandate of the Executive the Executive meetings shall rotate on not less than four occasions so that there shall be not less than one executive meeting in each Province, the venue in each such Province to be decided by simple majority vote of the Executive.
- C. A subsidy in respect of travelling and accommodation expenses shall be paid by the Executive to each Delegate who shall be required to travel more than fifty miles to an Executive meeting.
- D. The names of each Delegate elected to the Executive by their Branch shall be forwarded by the Secretary of the Branch in writing to the Secretary of the Executive not less than 14 days before Convention. ✓
- E. In the event that a member of the Executive shall be absent from three consecutive meetings of the Executive without furnishing reasonable explanations in writing to the Executive and considered by the Executive as sufficient then such member shall cease to be a member of the Executive and the Executive shall be impowered his/her seat vacant and in that event the Executive shall through its Secretary request the Branch through its Secretary, and of which the none attending Executive member Delegate is a member, to convene a Branch Meeting for the purpose of electing a new Delegate to the Executive who shall be elected by a simple majority of Branch members present for such meeting. The none attending Executive Delegate shall not be eligible for nomination for the vacancy created as aforesaid and furthermore the said none attending Executive Delegate shall not be eligible to go forward for election as a Delegate in the next following year only. ✓

- F. All Delegates shall attend at convention for the purpose of electing officers for the next succeeding Executive . In the event that a Delegate shall fail to attend at Convention for the purpose aforesaid then provided there shall be a Quorum of members of a Branch present at Convention such Branch shall elect by a simple majority vote a Delegate (hereinafter called the Attending Delegate) who shall then be deemed to be the Branch Delegate eligible to vote in the election of officers for the next succeeding Executive.
- Attending Delegate shall not be allowed to go forward for election*
- G. The Executive shall be responsible for the election of Adjudicators at All-Ireland Championships and at each Provincial Oireachtas and for the Finance of same.
- They must respond for their Oireachtas.*
- H. Where no Standing Order shall exist to cover a matter in discussion then the Executive shall have the power to decide same by a simple majority vote which decision shall require to be ratified at the next following Convention.

FEES

1. All Registration fees may be revised annually at Convention and shall be payable on or before 30th ~~September~~ *November* next following Convention.
2. All other fees may be revised annually at Convention.

DISCIPLINARY RULES

1. Every member must be fully paid up to be a member of good standing and any member in arrears for a period of more than thirty days is after fees shall fall due shall cease to be a member of good standing. In particular a member who shall be in arrears for the period as aforesaid shall not be eligible to vote at Convention in respect of arrears of Registration fees.
2. Where a member shall be suspended from membership of comhdhail that member while suspended shall cease to be eligible to attend at his/her Branch meetings and if a delegate of officer of the Executive shall in addition cease to be eligible to attend at Executive meetings while under suspension.
3. Where a member shall be suspended for not less than a period of 3 months then such member shall cease to be eligible to vote at the next succeeding annual general meeting of the Branch of which he is a member.
4. A member who shall fail to comply with the constitution and rules of the Comhdhail shall cease to be a member in good standing and any member so found by the ~~Executive~~ *Executive* deciding by simple majority vote to be in breach of the constitution and rules shall receive a written warning by registered post to the last known address of that member and such a written warning shall be deemed to be received by that member and such a written warning shall be deemed to be received by that member in the ordinary course of posting. Any member who shall be deemed to have received three warnings as aforesaid within a period of not less than 12 months shall be deemed to be in continuing breach of the provisions of the constitutional rules and shall at the decision of the ~~Executive~~ *Executive* be punishable by suspension of membership for a period of not more than one year or by expulsion.
5. In particular a member shall receive a written warning in the following instances ;
 - a. Where pupils shall be wrongly entered by a member in respect of a particular age or grade of competition.

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- b. Where a member in any competition shall challenge the decision of any Adjudicator and when called upon by a member of the Executive to desist in such a challenge as aforesaid and shall fail to do so in which event the member of the Executive as aforesaid shall notify the Executive in writing of that fact not later than ten days thereafter *X* *subbing or penalty charge*
- c. In any event the Disciplinary Committee may impose a fine on the member who shall cease to be a member of good standing and in any event the amount of the fine shall not be less than £20.00 not greater than £50.00 and where a fine is imposed it may be so imposed as an addition to a suspension or expulsion from membership and a fine imposed shall be paid within thirty days after receipt of notification thereof and if not paid as aforesaid then the member in question may be suspended from membership for a period of not more than one year or by expulsion. Members who shall enter pupils in competitions other than those registered with an Comhdhail or entering pupils under unqualified Adjudicators may be suspended from membership for a period of not more than one year by expulsion.
- d. Breaches of the constitution and rules shall be brought to the notice of the Disciplinary committee which shall comprise the following members that is to say the Chairman of the Executive of in his absence the Vice Chairman and the Secretary of the Executive and in his absence the Assistant Secretary together with five Delegates of the Executive provided however that none of the Delegates shall be a member of the Branch of which a member found by the Executive to be in breach of the constitution and rules shall belong and who shall have received a written warning in accordance with the provisions aforesaid.

CONVENTION

1. The outgoing Chairman shall preside over the deliberations of the Convention and in his/her absence the chair shall be taken by the outgoing Vice Chairman and in the absence of the outgoing Chairman and the outgoing Vice Chairman by a member present elected by the members present on a simple majority vote.
2. It shall be the first item on the agenda of the convention 1981 to vote upon and adopt the constitution and rules adopted at the convention 1980 but as amended.
3. Only members of good standing shall be eligible to vote at convention.
4. The convention shall consist of all members present of an comhdhail.
5. Only members registered as such with an comhdhail may attend the convention.

BRANCHES

1. In the event of a tie in the election of a Branch Delegate or in the election of a Branch member to an officer position on a Branch Committee then the name of the persons tying shall be put into a hat and the first drawn shall be deemed to be elected. *names put forward again, then into hat*
2. (Amendments to existing Clause 8 1 re : Branches) - Each Branch shall consist of members of an Comhdhail residing and teaching in an area defined by the Executive as a Branch area and complying with this constitution and rule and each member of an Comhdhail, shall be a member also of a branch of an Comhdhail, all notices of motions proposed by a Branch shall be furnished by the Secretary of the particular Branch to the Secretary of an Comhdhail not less than 42 days prior to the date fixed for the convention. *X*
3. 30% of the membership of a branch present shall constitute a Quorum for all purposes.

4. The Mandate of a Branch shall run from the end of the annual general meeting immediately following the election of its members to the end of the next succeeding annual general meeting.
- b. At the Annual General Meeting the first business to be transacted shall be the election by simple majority votes of a Branch Delegate to Convention who shall occupy that office until the end of the next succeeding A.G.M. In the event of a tie the Delegate shall be the person whose name is drawn from a hat on obtaining the names of the tying candidates,
- c. The next business of the A.G.M. shall be the election of the Branch Committee to comprise of a Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Registrar and P.R.O. in that order each of whom shall be designated in the same manner as in the election of a Chairperson to the Executive as hereinbefore provided and each of whom shall occupy the office to which he or she has been elected until the end of the next succeeding Annual General Meeting.
- d. In the event that a member of a Branch shall be absent from three consecutive Branch Meetings without furnishing reasonable explanations in writing to the Branch Committee and considered by the Branch Committee as sufficient then such member shall ~~forfeit the right to vote at the next succeeding Annual General Meeting of that Branch.~~
- e. Fees payable to a Branch by Branch members shall be paid by all Branch members whether or not they attend Branch meetings and shall be payable within the time limits which may be set down from time to time by the Branch Committee.
- f. Any questions or complaints within a Branch shall in the first instance be dealt with by the Branch at ordinary meeting of the Branch siding any such matter by simple majority vote subject to the right of appeal upon the part of the aggrieved Branch member to the Executive within 21 days of the decision at ordinary Branch Meeting and the decision of the Executive on appeal shall be accepted as binding by the aggrieved Branch member and by the Branch subject to final appeal at the next succeeding convention.
- g. A branch shall consist of not less than 3 and not more than ~~30 members.~~
- h. Only members in attendance at Branch Meetings shall be eligible to be nominated and to go forward for election to Branch Committees,