

## Members Forums

### Background

At the time of the meeting of the First Directors of WACC Canada, and in the context of impending revisions to the WACC Canada Constitution under the new Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, there were several discussions around enabling groups of personal members in specific regions to become a corporate member of WACC.

The Minutes of the WACC Canada BOD (May 2015) recommended:

- \* That admission of a group of members to Corporate Membership be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and each group so admitted shall be designated a Member group.
- \* That Member Groups be formed within a region.
- \* That Member Groups consist of a minimum of 8 individual members and will only continue as long as there are 6 members.
- \* That a process, guidelines, and monitoring be devised.

No action was taken on these recommendations, but the matter was taken up again at the following meeting. The Minutes of the WACC Canada BOD (September 2016) show that:

“The question of ‘Membership Groups’ was clarified as referring to members’ forums – groupings of individual members that share professional interests and who wish to take out Corporate Membership. It was affirmed that forums can be established on any level, but there needs to be clarification around what constitutes a group (eight or more, who cannot continue if there are less than six). A process needs to be set in motion in which such groups can be convened.

In this respect, the issue of national forums needs to be explored so that there might be a unifying factor for WACC members and partners at the national level. This would also be a way of linking countries more closely with regional associations as well as motivating them.

It was MOVED (SG) SECONDED (KJ) that the Officers task the Membership Committee to create a process for the creation of members’ groups with sufficient time for them to be able to participate with vote at the next Meeting of Members. CARRIED.”

### Recommendation

In the light of the amended WACC UK Constitution (July 2018), and with the aim of enabling individual members to express a collective view on the issues impacting the life of WACC and to influence matters where only corporate members have a vote, the following draft MOTION is placed before the Board of Directors of WACC UK

“That within any WACC Region, members’ forums consisting of a minimum of eight individual members sharing similar professional interests be encouraged to take out Institutional Membership in WACC on the same terms and subject to the same conditions as a single institutional member.”