



**Business Meeting #1
MINUTES**

19th North and Central American Regional Conference
September 28, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm EST

Call to Order and Welcome Remarks

Due to sound issues, Jane Shaw, Conference Co-Chair and Host President, Philadelphia Chapter #71 requested Debbie Dickinson, NCARC Co-Chair to Open the meeting.

- Introduction and welcome to all assembled members were made.
- Members joining from the International Board were introduced and thanked for their attendance.
 - Second Vice-President Reiko Inumaru
 - Third Vice-President Hiroko Otsuka
 - Recording Secretary Hanako Sato
 - Development Director Mikie Arai
 - Nomination Director Kimie Yanagisawa
 - Protocol Director Tomiko Uesato
- Asked anyone with a question during the course of the meeting to please use the hand icon.
- Speakers should state their name and chapter before asking their question.

Ms. Dickinson proceeded to welcome and thank all in attendance to this first Virtual Business Meeting.

- Individuals would join this meeting, this first virtual business meeting of the region, providing chapters not attending an opportunity to be a part of the NCAR. Also, it allowed the host chapter more scheduling time to expand programming at the NCARC.
- She asked individuals to revisit the conference website for more information while in the area.
- She looks forward to meeting all the delegates in person and introduced Magdalena Tamura-Reid.

Magdalena Tamura-Reid, NCARC Co-Chair, NCAR Advocate Chair.

- She thanked Debbie Dickinson for stepping in and opening the meeting.
- She asked for understanding to adjustments on the agenda due to the hurricane and the difficulty in rescheduling this meeting.
- She Introduced the **Business Committee**
 - Parliamentarian – Judi Bowes [San Diego #119]
 - Recording Secretary – Elizabeth Biddle [Washington, D.C. #1]
 - Timekeeper – Mary Jane Sasser [Washington, D.C., #1]
 - Tellers –Judi Bowes, Elizabeth Biddle (replaced Stephanie English, Susan Cano)
 - NCAR Advocates
 - Elizabeth Biddle [Washington, D.C. #1]
 - Susan Cano [Asheville #74]
 - Stephanie English [Naples #160]
 - Magdalena Tamura-Reid, Chair [Toronto #208]
- **Meeting Protocols** for this Virtual Business Meeting were reviewed.
 - Business Committee members and Delegates can speak
 - Unless a Delegate, turn off video and audio.
 - Put their name on their video using as outlined in the protocol document indicating if



- they are a Delegate or Alternate.
- Approval of procedural motions will be using the “Hand Icon” for voting.
- If you propose a motion or second, please state name and chapter name and number each time.
- **Adoption of Standing Rules**
 - Karen Napoli, Rochester Chapter #53 made the motion to Adopt the Standing Rules. It was seconded by Vivian Millier, San Antonio #46.
 - MOTION: The Delegates approve the Standing Rules forwarded via email on September 27, 2024.
 - There being no objections the motion was adopted
- **Adoption of Agenda**
 - Shirley Bludau, Houston Chapter #12 made the motion to Adopt the Agenda. It was seconded by Vivian Miller, San Antonio #46.
 - MOTION: The Delegates approve the Agenda for Virtual Business Meeting #1 forwarded via email on September 27, 2024.”
 - There being no objections, the motion was adopted.
- **Quorum**
 - Judi Bowes [San Diego #119] read the “Credentials Report.”
 - Total No. of Delegates registered = 40 Delegates + 11 de facto Delegates = 51.
 - Judi Bowes, made the motion approve the Credentials Report; seconded by Amy Huck, Harrisburg Chapter #18.
 - MOTION: The Credentials Report be approved as presented.
 - There being no objections, the motion was adopted.
 - The Quorum was confirmed as 27.
- **New Business**
 - The Co-Chair reviewed the protocol for presenting and discussing of the nine resolutions before their presentation.
 - Reminded that all resolutions will be voted upon at the in-person Business Meeting #2 on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 7:30 – 9:00 am.
 - Since all the resolutions were circulated prior to the meeting and were approved by the Business Committee, no second will be required after each resolution is presented.
 - Comments from I.I. HQ were on Resolutions #4, #6, #7, #8 were read by the Co-Chair during the corresponding resolution’s discussion. These will require approval of I.I. HQ. All others are regional resolutions.
 - Attached as part of these minutes are the Resolutions as presented.

Resolution 1

Establishing “Chapter Ambassadors” to Liaise with NCAR

Asheville #74, Read by Elizabeth Biddle for Candy Gallaher

- Many chapter members are not receiving the NCAR Seedling newsletter or other communications from the region. These communications are important to emphasize to the members the connection between chapters and the broader worldwide organization. The resolution attempts to have a dedicated individual liaising with NCAR to enhance engagement with members.
- This has been proposed since 2009. The goal is to get more information to the members themselves instead of having communications only at the board level.
- A question was asked about sending information directly to the members to take the burden off the respective chapters’ board. Part of the issue is that NCAR is unable to manage the emails of all members (2,600 members in NCAR) and keep them updated. They rely on the chapters to distribute the Seedlings newsletter sent to the chapter Gmail accounts. It was noted as well that the Chapter Ambassador is an appointed position, not an elected position.



Resolution 2

Elected Directors Form and Membership Data Shared with NCAR Advocate Committee

Harrisburg #18, Amy Huck

- This resolution would require chapters to submit membership enrollment numbers and the NCAR Elected Directors' Form (EDF) that is submitted to I.I. HQ every year. It was suggested that once chapters have the email ready to I.I. HQ they just cc: the email to NCAR at that time.
- Diana Cull (Washington DC #1) asked why they need the contact information for board members. Megan Leader (Washington DC #1) asked whether the appointed liaison in Resolution 1 could be the conduit for the information. Yes. However, it is more efficient to be able to contact board functions directly, such as the treasurers. The goal of the resolution is to request that chapters send their membership data (not emails).
- Karen Napoli (Rochester Chapter #53) noted that HQ cannot not share personal information so the EDF cannot be obtained through HQ.

Resolution 3

Funding NCAR Advocate Committee by Chapters

Portland #47, Nana Bellerud

- This resolution would collect a one-time (non-recurring) fee of \$2 per chapter member paying II HQ dues. This fee is intended to fund NCAR's Zoom, Vimeo (video hosting platform), and website hosting fees for the next five years (until the next NCAR Conference).
- Funding for the I.I. NAR/NCAR liaisons were previously funded by chapters, members and conference profits where newsletters were sent via regular mail.
- A financial forecast was presented and justification for the funding request.
- There was a question about new members who join over the course of the next 5 years - will the chapters have to pay dues for them? No. This fee will be based on the number of members during this fiscal year (2024-2025). It is based on members and not a flat fee because there is a wide range of chapter sizes (10 to 250). Therefore, it is unfair for a large vs. small chapter to have a flat fee per chapter.
- Reiko Inumaru from II HQ was on the call and informed that they were aware of the resolution but had not approved it. Magdalena Tamura-Reid clarified that, for international resolutions, when a resolution is approved, goes to I.I. HQ after the conference, and they will come back with their approval or not. In this case and other regional resolutions, it does not require HQ approval only regional.

Resolution 4

Establishing a Virtual Chapter

Sun Cities #167, Sue Schmidt

- This resolution seeks to establish a virtual chapter for II members who live in areas that do not have chapters nearby or have personal limitations to attending traditional chapter events.
- There was concern that members from traditional chapters would lose members based on the criteria of one-hour drive. Magdalena Tamura-Reid clarified that the virtual chapter will be recommending that the primary membership be with the closest chapter and be an Associate Member to the Virtual Chapter. The initial virtual chapter would meet on Saturdays and at times that would accommodate as many time zones as possible, if approved.
- Amira Masuda (Dallas #13) wondered if there would be limits on the number of members to the virtual chapter and how Individual Members would be identified. Currently there is no concern as the current capacity on Zoom is 100 participants, but an additional fee can be paid to accommodate more. HQ has the list of Individual Members in NCAR but there may be others interested that we do not currently know about.



- The time for discussion was extended with a motion to extend for 3 additional minutes. Brenda Sussna (Minneapolis-St. Paul #121) made the motion and Amira Matsuda (Dallas #13) seconded the motion. The motions passed with 49 in favor and 2 against. Discussion resumed for the additional time.
- Cristy Bennett (Lansing, #134) inquired whether this chapter would have a board. The virtual chapter will have a board as stipulated by the guidelines for Prospective Chapters.
- Vivian Miller (San Antonio, #46) asked whether the criteria of someone living within 1-hour's drive prevent them from becoming a Virtual Chapter member. Wherever possible, members should choose a chartered chapter as their Primary Chapter and become an Associate Member of the Virtual Chapter.
- Feedback from HQ: "Headquarters is not considering a virtual chapter at this time and requests that individuals contact HQ directly" should they desire to indicate interest for such a chapter.

Resolution 5
Establish Sub-Area Conferences
Rochester #53, Karen Napoli

- The resolution proposes an alternative conference model that would be smaller in scale. They would rotate by geographic areas and would not replace the NCARC.
- Marlys Kerr (Philadelphia #71) noted that the NCAR conference is "agonizing" to organize and cannot imagine the sub-regions wanting to put that effort for multiple conferences. She also asked what would prevent chapters from coming together and organizing something without a formal resolution.
- Karen Napoli (Rochester #53) noted that it doesn't have to be a week-long conference. It can be a two-day or shorter conference. "We're not going to prevent people from getting together but it does make it more exciting than just inviting the chapter next door."
- Amy Huck (Harrisburg #18) supports it because smaller conferences may be easier to attend and more affordable.
- Diana Cull (Washington, DC #1) asked whether we know this is what our members want - is this resolution going to be a requirement NCAR would impose?
- If chapters are interested, it is voluntary. The resolution attempts to encourage chapters to collaborate and be able to provide something that a chapter may not be able to provide on their own.
- Diana asked if NCAR would recommend a model for this.
- Co-Chair Magdalena said that is up to the next slate of advocates. Karen Napoli added it could be up to the chapters in the regions with different focuses.
- Mayumi Hall (Dayton #33) noted that she doesn't think this merits a resolution as it may add more complications but chapters are free to do this if they want. The only benefit she sees is that it might improve communication around regional events.

Resolution 6
HQ to Meet with Advocates and Provide Membership Data
San Diego #119, Ginger Truschke

- This resolution seeks to have HQ provide membership numbers and composition of each chapter which correspond to their region to each of the regional liaisons, as well as the worldwide membership numbers of all I.I. regions.
- The headquarters provides member data to the liaisons in each region. Currently, liaisons are only in three regions: North and Central America, South America, and Asia.
- Karen Napoli (Rochester #53): Why are only three regions mentioned? I.I. is divided into seven regions but only three have a Regional Liaison.
- The rationale for asking for membership data from HQ is that NCAR gets global data by region (total number of members) but not the breakdown per chapter. For Advocates, it's



important to know which chapters are doing well, which are losing members, so they can address needs.

- Brenda Sussna (Minneapolis-St Paul #121): How does that differ from the request in Resolution 2? The timing of the information shared to NCAR by chapters does always correspond to the figure at the end of fiscal year. In addition, NCAR would not have to ask for this data from the chapters if they could obtain it from HQ.
- This resolution also seeks yearly meetings with the Advocates to discuss organizational goals and issues.
- Headquarters is not currently considering Zoom meetings.

Resolution 7

Extending Viewing Period of I.I. HQ New Year

Naples #160, Read by Deb Miesel for Sue Pigman

- Feedback from I.I. HQ: "The New Year luncheon is funded by fees from the bazaar. We broadcast twice to YouTube in February. The announcement is posted on the HQ website and an email is sent to chapter presidents and contact persons. At the moment we are not considering having the video available for an extended period of time."
- Not everyone reads their mail regularly so by the time they receive it, it's no longer available. Advocates received a lot of questions because the times were not correct from HQ. It was also noted that not everyone could access them during the times they were made available.
- If we adopt the resolution, that doesn't mean HQ would accept it.
- Mieko Fujimoto (Cleveland #20) stated that perhaps we could negotiate for a week, for example, instead of a whole month.
- One member noted that extending it for more time would make it possible for chapters to host an event around it. The quality of the video is excellent. Other members note that it's to HQ's advantage to make it available and expand visibility and engagement.
- A motion to amend the resolution was made to change the wording from "one month" to "one week".
- Marlys Kerr (Philadelphia Chapter #71) made the motion and Lucia Jentz, (Dallas Chapter #13) (who was not an official delegate) seconded the motion.
- After additional discussion the amendment did not pass (16 vs 17). The resolution remains at 1 month, as written.

Resolution 8

I.I. HQ Annual General Meeting to be Streamed and Recorded

St. Petersburg #65, Holly Wainwright

- Feedback from I.I. HQ "believes this proposal cannot be realized due to issues with money, time differences, and scheduling."
- The resolution is to seek I.I. HQ consider using the Annual General Meeting be used as an to stimulate membership by using technology to engage members. Additionally, the recording could be made available for those who could not attend. People feel that this would be a missed opportunity for engagement for all international chapters.

Resolution 9

Election of NCAR Advocate 2.0

Fort Worth #38, Sandra Prachyl

- This resolution was put forward to elect the new Advocate Committee
- NCAR chapters have embraced and supported the work, resources and effort and want it to continue.

David Lee - Ann Arbor Chapter #183 - Chapter Support
Amy Huck - Harrisburg Chapter #18 - Chapter Support
Ginger Truschke - SanDiego Chapter #119 - Treasurer



Patricia Ann Fuchs - San Diego Chapter #119 - Canva Coach and Website Developer
Leslie Weir - Sarasota Chapter #115 - Webmaster
Margy Metzler - Naples Chapter #160 - Sensei Development

After the completion of the reading and discussion of the resolutions, the Co-Chair thanked everyone for their comments suggesting if they have or need additional clarifications, please email/call her directly.

Other Business

- Analisa Colom-Todd, (Individual Member), was invited to speak on behalf of people who want to participate in a virtual chapter. In Kansas City, there are 7 members who all study Sogetsu but cannot join a chapter because the closest is 4 hours away. They have participated at events at Dallas, and fellow teachers have gone to other chapters to help and promote ikebana. Individual members don't have the same opportunities as chapter members, and don't get the diverse exposure to various schools. The conventions are the only opportunity to see Ikenobo, Ichiyo, and other schools to inspire her. As individual members, they want a larger community to grow in friendship through flowers.
- All chapters in attendance were asked to consider hosting alone or with other chapters the 20th I.I. NCARC. Currently, no chapter has come forward. This would be scheduled in 4-5 years.
- Reminder that some chapters qualify to submit proxy votes because there will be no member delegate at NCARC's second business meeting. Those proxy votes will be due October 9. Magdalena will send a Google Form to place votes for each resolution.
- Announcement of Mrs. Chisato Obikane, I.I. First Vice President, will be attending the NCARC in Philadelphia. All were encouraged to take the opportunity to speak with her during her visit.

The Co-Chair turned the meeting over to Debbie Dickinson for the adjournment.

Adjournment

- Amy Huck, Harrisburg Chapter #18 made the motion to adjourn and Debbie Miesel, Naples Chapter #65 seconded it.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm EST.

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Attendance Report
- Resolutions



Business Meeting #1 (Virtual)

19TH NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE
IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL

6:00 – 7:30 pm EDT, September 28, 2024

6:00	Call to Order by Co-Host Chapter President	Jane Shaw	
6:02	Welcome remarks by Chair NCARC	Debbie Dickinson	
6:05	Meeting Protocol by Co-Chair	Magdalena Tamura-Reid	
6:08	Introduction of Business Committee		
	Parliamentarian	Judi Bowes	
	Recording Secretary	Elizabeth Biddle	
	Timekeeper	Mary Jane Sasser	
	Tellers	Stephanie English, Susan Cano	
	+ Advocate Committee		
6:09	Adoption of Standing Rules	Delegates	
6:13	Adoption of Agenda	Delegates	
6:17	Confirmation of Quorum	Susan Cano	
6:18	NEW BUSINESS		
	<i>Presentation and Discussion of Resolutions</i>		
(5')	1. Chapter Ambassador to Liaise with NCAR	Asheville #74	Candy Gallaher
(5')	2. Elected Directors Form & Membership Data for NCAR	Harrisburg #18	Amy Huck
(7')	3. NCAR Advocate Funding by Chapters	Portland #47	Nana Bellerud
(7')	4. Establishing a Virtual Chapter *	Sun Cities #167	Sue Schmidt
(7')	5. Sub-Area Conferences	Rochester #53	Karen Napoli
(5')	6. HQ to Meet with Advocates; Provide Membership Data*	San Diego #119	Ginger Truschke
(5')	7. Extending Viewing Period of I.I. HQ New Year *	Naples #160	Deb Miesel
(5')	8. I.I. HQ AGM Streaming and/or Recorded*	St. Petersburg	Holly Wainwright
(5')	9. Election of NCAR Advocate Committee	Fort Worth #38	Sandra Prachyl
7:20	OTHER BUSINESS		
	Virtual Chapter Comments	Analisa Colom-Todd	
	Call for 20th I.I. NCARC Host Chapter(s)	Magdalena Tamura-Reid	
	Proxy Votes	Magdalena Tamura-Reid	
7:25	Adjournment	Jane Shaw	

+ Advocate Committee: Elizabeth Biddle, Susan Cano, Stephanie English, Magdalena Tamura-Reid

**International Resolution*



Attendance Report

Official Delegates	33
De Facto Delegates	11
Alternates Standing for Delegates	7
Alternates	9
Regular Members	19
Host Committee	2
Business Meeting Committee	5
I.I. HQ Directors	5
Total Attending	91
Chapters Represented	50 of 63



19th I.I. NCARC 2024 Resolutions

No.	Topic	Sponsor	Delegate
1	Establishing "Chapter Ambassadors" to Liaise with NCAR	Asheville #74	Candy Gallaher
2	Elected Directors Form and Membership Data Shared with NCAR Advocate Committee	Harrisburg #18	Amy Huck
3	Funding NCAR Advocate Committee by Chapters	Portland #47	Nana Bellerud
I-4	Establishing a Virtual Chapter	Sun Cities #167	Sue Schmidt
5	Establish Sub-Area Conferences	Rochester #53	Karen Napoli
I-6	HQ to Meet with Advocates & Provide Membership Data	San Diego #119	Ginger Truschke
I-7	Extending Viewing Period of I.I. HQ New Year	Naples #160	Sue Pigman
I-8	I.I. HQ AGM to be Streamed and Recorded	St. Petersburg #65	Holly Wainwright
9	Election of NCAR Advocate 2.0	Fort Worth #38	Sandra Prachyl

REGIONAL — RESOLUTION 1 – ASHEVILLE #74 ESTABLISHING "CHAPTER AMBASSADORS" TO LIAISE WITH ADVOCATE COMMITTEE

Whereas, I.I. North and Central American Regional (NCAR) Advocate Committee serves all I.I. NCAR chapters; and

Whereas, I.I. NCAR Regional Advocates send communications as a resource that benefits chapter boards, sensei, and members; and

Whereas, chapters have been required since 2009, to distribute communications through the chapter Gmails (mandated by I.I. Headquarters) to all chapter members; and

Whereas, the monthly "Seedling" newsletter serves as a vital member engagement tool, emphasizing the connection between members and the broader organization beyond their chapter, and

Whereas, distribution of I.I. NCAR communications should be uniformly and consistently forwarded to all NCAR members; therefore, be it

Resolved that the chapter president or board designate an **I.I. NCAR Chapter Ambassador** to take responsibility to:

- Monitor (or set up automatic forwarding of) the chapter Gmail,
- Distribute promptly the I.I. NCAR communications received by the chapter to all its chapter members,
- Report relevant information from I.I. NCAR to board members, sensei, and members – through board meetings, general meetings, emails and/or chapter newsletters,
- Encourage members to participate in I.I. NCAR activities and resources, and
- Report their chapter activities or information with I.I. NCAR to share with the I.I. NCAR community.



**REGIONAL — RESOLUTION 2 – HARRISBURG #18
CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS & ELECTED DIRECTORS FORM
SUBMITTED TO I.I. NCAR ADVOCATE COMMITTEE**

Whereas, I.I. NCAR Advocates need the NCAR chapters’ primary demographic data to identify membership trends to bolster the success of the I.I. NCAR chapters; and

Whereas, the Elected Director’s Form (EDF) provides the I.I. NCAR Advocates with information to communicate directly with board members based on their duties (e.g - Treasurer, Membership, etc.); therefore, be it

Resolved that each chapter submits annually by August 1 to I.I. NCAR Advocate Committee their chapter’s:

1. Membership enrollment numbers – as per membership categories defined by I.I. HQ on the Membership Registration Form
2. Elected Director's Form.

**REGIONAL — RESOLUTION 3 - PORTLAND #47
FUNDING NCAR ADVOCATE COMMITTEE**

Whereas, the I.I. NCAR Advocate Committee currently operates without direct financial support from the I.I. NCAR Chapters; and

Whereas, the I.I. NCAR Liaison (precursor to Advocate Committee) was previously funded by chapters, members, and I.I. NCAR Conference profits; and

Whereas, any current or future I.I. NCAR Conference may or may not result in a financial profit; therefore, be it

Resolved that the I.I. NCAR Advocate Committee is funded for its administrative costs (e.g. - website, Zoom) **for the 2024-2029 term** such that:

- Each chapter contributes a one-time fee for the five-year term of \$2.00 per member; and
- Payment on 2024 membership is due the fiscal year after the 19th NCARC (no later than September 2025).
- Payment is made to “I.I. NCAR” (Advocate Committee).

NOTE: A nominal \$2 addition to a member’s one-time membership fee for the next Advocate Committee’s term is a small token for the service the Advocates provide. A flat fee per chapter is impractical given the wide range in chapter size (from as little as 5 to as large as 230 members).

Five-Year Estimates

WordPress renewal 5/29/2025 \$600 (3-yr)	\$600.00
WordPress renewal 5/2028–5/2031 (3-yr)	\$700.00
Elementor Pro \$50/per year	\$250.00
ikebanancar.org - Domain & Privacy	\$220.00
Zoom Accounts x 2 (~\$160/yr)	\$1,600.00
Vimeo (~\$150 per year)	\$750.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$4,120.00</u>



**INTERNATIONAL — RESOLUTION 4 – SUN CITIES #167
ESTABLISHING VIRTUAL CHAPTER**

Whereas, Ikebana International (I.I.) seeks to increase membership; and
Whereas, I.I. often loses members when chapters dissolve; and
Whereas, many areas in the North and Central American Region (states, provinces, and countries) have no chartered I.I. chapters; and
Whereas, “Individual Members” (previously “Members-at-Large”) do not have the benefits of belonging to a nearby chartered I.I. chapter; and
Whereas, some current I.I. members with limitations – are homebound, are caretakers, have jobs, or have long travel times – could participate virtually in chapter programming; and
Whereas, “Individual Members” throughout the region would benefit from a “home” virtual chapter with members drawing expertise and experience of the North and Central American Region; and
Whereas, it provides an expanded community to further foster our motto of “Friendship through Flowers”; therefore, be it

Resolved that a Virtual Chapter in the North and Central American Region:

- Be established as a Prospective Chapter with members who:
 - Reside in the North and Central American Region.
 - Live beyond one hour's drive from an I.I. chapter meeting location; or
 - Live in an area that does not meet the criteria to establish a chartered I.I. chapter; or
 - Have limitations making in-person participation with a nearby I.I. chapter difficult.
- Elect a minimum of 3 board members (e.g. - President, Treasurer, Tech Support, PR).
- Have a minimum of 10 members.
- Provide a minimum of one program per quarter.

Resolution Proposed and Supported by:

First Name	Last Name	Member ID	City	Country	Ikebana School
Beatriz (Bia)	Ades	1600096	Melbourne, Florida	USA	Hijiri Ikenobo (Teacher)
Analisa	Colom-Todd	2300905	Fairway, Kansas	USA	Sogetsu (Teacher)
Penny	Decker	1900546	Ormond Beach, Florida	USA	Sogetsu
Francoise	Duffy	2300784	Melbourne, Florida	USA	Sogetsu
Sheri	Klein	To Join*	Menomonie, Wisconsin	USA	Undecided
Elaine	Klotz	1800072	Mobile, Alabama	USA	Sogetsu
Jeannette Sue	Looney	2300919	Leawood, Kansas	USA	Sogetsu (Teacher)
Karen	Looney	2300920	Kansas City, Missouri	USA	Sogetsu (Teacher)
Evelyn	Otsuka-Davis	1800546	Kansas City, Missouri	USA	Sogetsu
Cynthia	Parry	1600614	Lenexa, Kansas	USA	Sogetsu
Susan Hannah	Peoples	2300916	Independence, Missouri	USA	Sogetsu
Wendy	Pine	1900534	Chico, California	USA	Ichiyo and Sogetsu
Dawn	Sutterby Kiu	1700792	Olathe, Kansas	USA	Sogetsu
**Karen	Napoli (Advisor)	0325373	Rochester #53	USA	Ichiyo
**Sue	Schmidt (Advisor)	1900014	Sun Cities #167	USA	Sogetsu
**Elaine	Sigler (Advisor)	0540400	Ottawa #120	CANADA	Sogetsu (Teacher)

* Will join I.I. if virtual chapter approved

** Advisors: Members of chartered chapters



**REGIONAL — RESOLUTION 5 – ROCHESTER #53
SUB-AREA CONFERENCES**

Whereas, the Regional Conferences take place every 4 to 5 years; and
Whereas, sub-area conferences would provide members additional opportunities to participate in a conference; and
Whereas, several chapters could jointly sponsor and/or organize a sub-area conference; and
Whereas, it would provide more volunteers and be financially less challenging; and
Whereas, each sub-area would define the duration and nature (i.e. whether demonstrations, workshops and/or forums) of the conference; and
Whereas, a sub-area conference would be more accessible, be financially desirable and provide engagement for participants; and
Whereas, it would encourage unity within sub-regions and encourage active involvement by more chapters at the time of Regional Conferences; therefore, be it
Resolved that this additional conference model be:

- Held within at least four different geographic sub-areas* of NCAR, and
- Rotated to the different geographic sub-areas.
- The first geographic sub-area conference take place no earlier than 2026, and
- The sub-area conferences do not replace the traditional Regional Conference that are held every 4-5 years.

*Geographic Sub-Area (e.g. – northeast, southeast, midwest, northwest, southwest)

**INTERNATIONAL — RESOLUTION 6 – SAN DIEGO #119
I.I. HQ BOARD TO MEET WITH REGIONAL LIAISONS (ADVOCATES)
AND PROVIDE MEMBERSHIP DATA**

Whereas, the Regional Liaison* system, was adopted in 1992 by I.I. HQ, as an important communication function with their region’s chapters; and
Whereas, the role of the Regional Liaisons (Advocates) would be more effective and impactful by meeting with I.I. HQ; and
Whereas, it provides another means for I.I. HQ Board to learn more about the activities of all I.I. regions; and
Whereas, all Regional Liaisons need their chapters’ primary demographic data to evaluate membership trends to assist in the success of the organization; and
Whereas, each I.I. region, as well as each chapter, has a vested interest in the membership trends within the international organization, therefore, be it
Resolved that I.I. HQ:

- Meet with each Regional Liaison (Advocate Committee) at least one time per year to discuss organizational goals, issues and problem solve.
- Provide membership data (the number of members by categories) of each chapter to the seven Regional Liaisons.
- Provide membership data of each of the World Regions to all Regional Liaisons.

*Referred to as Advocates within NCAR



**INTERNATIONAL — RESOLUTION 7 – NAPLES #160
EXTENDED VIEWING OF NEW YEAR LUNCHEON VIDEO**

Whereas, 80%* of the members of Ikebana International live outside of Japan and are generally unable to travel to the annual New Year luncheon; and
Whereas, there are significant time differences of over 12 hours (even different days); and
Whereas, the New Year Luncheon is an important Ikebana International event; and
Whereas, this event is a member benefit; and
Whereas, posting the recording on YouTube with a private link is free;
Whereas, English is the official language of I.I.; therefore, be it

Resolved that the New Year Luncheon video be made available in English to all I.I. members continuously (24 hours) for a **minimum** of one month.

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**INTERNATIONAL — RESOLUTION 8 – ST PETERSBURG #65
HYBRID MEETING FOR HEADQUARTER AGM**

Whereas, 80%* of the members of Ikebana International live outside of Japan and are unable to travel to the Annual General Meeting; and
Whereas, the Annual General Meeting is a significant Ikebana International event and an opportunity for member engagement; and
Whereas, technology has evolved such that any I.I. member can connect virtually; and
Whereas, posting the recording on YouTube with a private link is free; therefore, be it

Resolved that the Annual General Meeting be live streamed, and recorded so that any I.I. member can either:

- Participate virtually (via Zoom), while voting by proxy,
- View the recording that would be accessible continuously for 24 hours/day for a **minimum** of two weeks thereafter.

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**REGIONAL — RESOLUTION 9 – FORT WORTH #38
ELECTION OF NCAR ADVOCATE COMMITTEE 2.0**

WHEREAS, the I.I. NCAR (formerly NAR) Liaison function was established by I.I. HQ so that each of the worldwide Regions have a liaison who communicates with their chapters, and assist in information exchange among chapters within their region; and

WHEREAS, the I.I. NCAR region has elected a regional liaison since 1992 at its regional conference; and

WHEREAS, the single-person I.I. NCAR Liaison function was expanded as a committee – NCAR Advocate Committee – at the 18th NCARC in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the first-term I.I. NCAR Advocate Committee successfully promoted chapter interactions and created synergies by hosting meetings, exchanging resources and promoting ideas; and

WHEREAS, the I.I. NCAR chapters have embraced and supported the I.I. NCAR Committee and wish this resource to be continued; therefore, be it



RESOLVED, that the following slate be elected to continue the work of the I.I. NCAR Advocate Committee:

1. **David Lee** – Ann Arbor Chapter #183 – Chapter Support
2. **Amy Huck** – Harrisburg Chapter #18 – Chapter Support
3. **Ginger Truschke** – San Diego Chapter #119 – Treasurer
4. **Patricia Ann Fuchs** – San Diego Chapter #119 – Canva Coach and Website Developer
5. **Leslie Weir** – Sarasota Chapter #115 – ikebanancar.org Webmaster
6. **Margy Metzler** – Naples Chapter #160 – Sensei Development

and that the Committee:

- Will appoint a Chair.
- Will appoint a Communications Chair.
- Will accept new Advocates as necessary throughout their term.