



**19th I.I. NCARC 2024 Resolutions
September 28, 2024**

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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
TOTAL	\$4,120.00



**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	I.I. Member No.	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; and

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.