

# Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL



## Training Module No.1

### Part 1 and 2

(To be revised every three years when the new team for LTOD takes over or when changes occur)

*(Compiled by LTOD Team in 2015)*

*For general information to members*

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An orientation for new club members

**'Welcome to Y'sdom'**

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(As primarily related to Club and its operations)

## **Part 1**

An orientation for new club members

**‘Welcome to Y’sdom’**

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Founded in 1922,  
we are now spread all over the world  
in 69 countries



# What is Y's Men International ?

It is an International Movement,  
doing community service,  
following the teachings of Jesus Christ,  
like “Love thy neighbour as thyself”,  
now in 69 countries,  
with a membership of over 30,000,  
in around 1500 clubs,  
with the motto

**“To acknowledge the Duty that accompanies Every Right”**  
with stress on  
Family Fellowship

# What is Y's Men International ? (contd)

It is an International Association of Service Clubs in  
partnership with the

**YMCA**

and

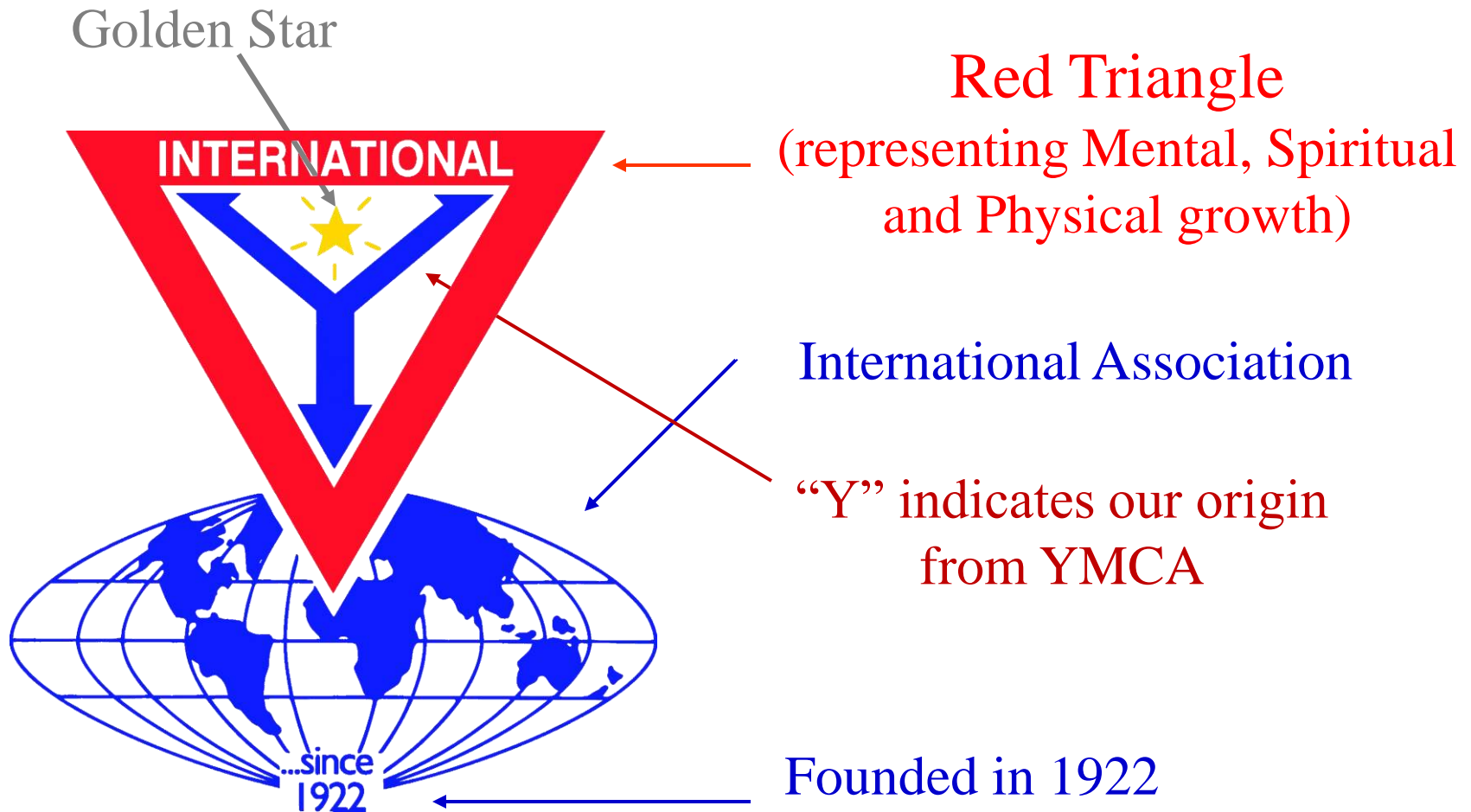
an environmental conscious

NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and  
Social Council of the

**United Nations.**



# Logo



Our Head Quarters at Geneva, Switzerland

Additional Operation Centre at Thailand





# Y's MEN's CLUB

- Y's Men International is an association of Y's Men's Clubs
- Every club has constitution and Bye-Laws, which was sent to IHQ along with charter application.
- This can be amended when needed, as per provisions given, but never in conflict with International/ Area/ Regional Constitutions.
- All Club activities are planned such that the following factors are given importance:
  - Fun and Fellowship
  - Community Service
  - World understanding and Brotherhood
  - Self Development
  - Leadership Development / Youth Development
  - Family involvement and enjoyment and
  - Spirit of Volunteerism.

*Please see more details in later slides on  
'Positive characteristics of an ideal & successful Club'*

# **PARTNER / AUXILIARY CLUBS TO THE Y'S MEN'S CLUB**

which make the Movement ideal with Family fellowship

**Y's MENETTES CLUB**

**Y's YOUTH CLUB**

**Y's LINGS CLUB**

- Our Movement becomes a club with Family fellowship, when Y's Men's, Y's Menettes, Y's Youth and Y's Lings clubs work together as a big family.
- Hence it is desirable that Y's Men's clubs do have these clubs as partners and auxiliary.



## Y'S MENETTES CLUB

- The first Y's Menettes Club was organized with wives of Y's Men as members, at Vancouver, Canada in March 1924.
- At ICM 91, the International Constitution was amended to change the status of Y's Menettes Club from 'auxiliary' to 'partner' with the local Y's Men's Club.
- As per Historical Events published by International, Y's Menettes decided to permit any woman to become a member of Y's Menettes, whether or not her husband is a Y's Men member.
- Y's Menettes clubs are chartered by their International Director. There is no charter fee.
- Y's Menettes are expected to pay 2 CHF per Menette per year towards International Menettes Projects and travel for ID-Menettes.

# Y's YOUTH CLUB

- Started in Nova Scotia, Canada in 1923 as Junior Y's Men.
- A Y's Youth Club is part of the International Association of Y's Men's Clubs and officially recognised as a partner.
- The Club receives a charter certificate from Y's Men International and, being a partner and not a member, does not have voting rights in International elections and it is not included in the official membership statistics.
- Y's Youth Clubs are open to young people between 15 - 30 years of age and, in accordance with the Y's Youth Club formation Guidelines, the members of Y's Youth Clubs do not pay any dues (Regional, Area or International).
- Y's Youth Clubs are intended to facilitate the transition of young people to Y's Men's Clubs.
- Ref our website [www.ysmen.org](http://www.ysmen.org) on Y's Youth clubs, its formation, chartering, etc



## Y'S LINGS CLUB

- Y's Lings Club, formed in Trivandrum, India in 1971, is an auxiliary of Y's Men's Club, which help in sustaining and supporting the Y's Men's Club. Membership is open to children of Y's Men or Y's Women. Upper age limit for a Y's Ling is 18 years.
- There is no charter for Y's Lings clubs, but Regions are allowed to charter them. Neither do they have to pay any dues.
- The Y's Lings club is expected to produce young citizens of good character, affection for one's fellowmen and strong faith in God.
- It is expected that the members would become good Y's Men later in life.
- The Club aims self development of its members in leadership qualities, organizing capabilities and encourage its members to develop skills in public speaking, writing, singing etc.
- Y's Lings take part in all functions of Y's Men's and Y's Menettes Clubs and functions as a part of the family unit.

# Let us see further details of the Movement ...

- Origin,
- Motto,
- Founder,
- Membership criteria
- Objectives,
- Constitution,
- Abbreviations
- Organisation structure
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# Origin

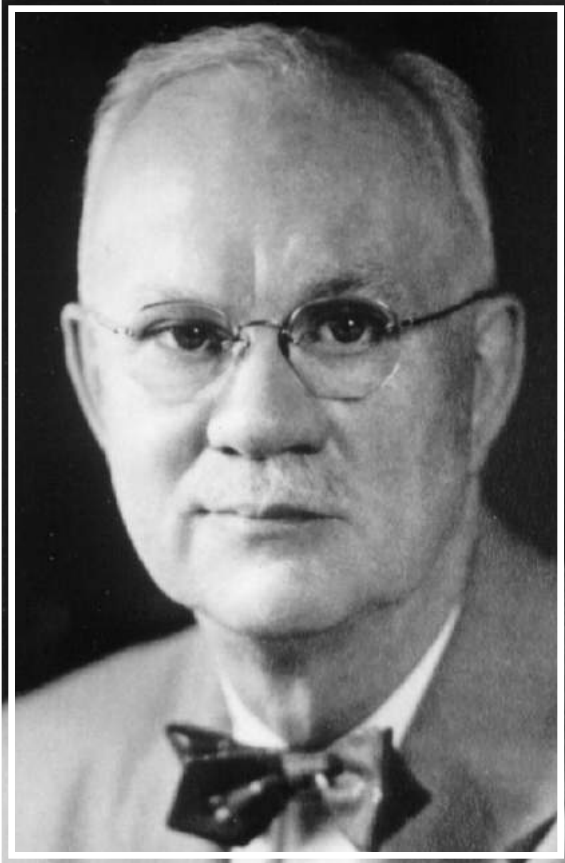
- **International Association of Y's Men's clubs,**  
also known as **Y's Men International** or  
**Y Service Clubs International**  
was founded in 1922, by Judge Paul William Alexander, at  
Toledo, Ohio, USA.
- **Our Motto and constitution**  
Our motto "**To Acknowledge the Duty that accompanies  
Every Right**" as well as our Constitution were originated  
and provided by our founder.



# Chronological details

- *In 1920, at Toledo, Ohio State, USA, Y's Men's Club was formed as service Club of Toledo YMCA, by Paul William Alexander.*
- *Later, first Y's Men's Club outside USA was formed in Canada and the **International Association of Y's Men's Clubs** was founded in 1922, with Judge Paul William Alexander as its first International President.*

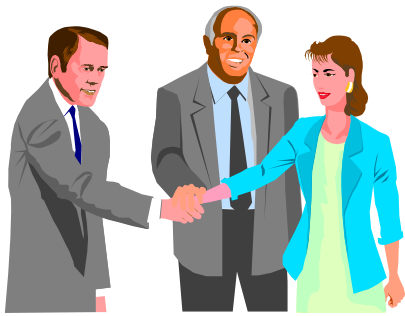
# Our Founder



**Judge Paul William Alexander**

**Born on 8th December 1888**

**Died on 29th June 1967**



# Membership Criteria

- Club Membership is open to people of all faiths and Religions and consist of both men (Y's Men) and women (Y's Women).
- No one will be denied membership status because of race, creed, colour, religion, sex or national origin. They are also eligible to occupy any official post in the organisation.
- Now the Movement is spread in 69 countries, with > 1500 Clubs and around 30,000 paid Membership.

# The objectives of a club as per constitution

- To function primarily as service clubs for the YMCA.
- To support other worthy organisations.
- To encourage justice in civic and international affairs, abstaining always from party politics.
- To keep members informed on and actively involved in religious, civic, economic, social and international matters.
- To cultivate good fellowship.
- To support International, Area and Regional projects of the Association.

# Constitution

Our Movement is governed by the following constitutions, at levels as indicated below:

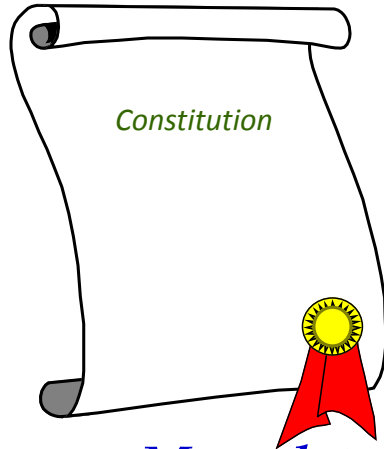
*International Constitution*

*Area Constitution*

*Regional Constitution*

*Club constitution / By laws*

*(Constitutional responsibilities of officers at each level shall be discussed in succeeding Modules.)*



*More details given in Part 2 of this Training Module*

# Common Abbreviations in use in our organisation

AP	Area President	CE	Christian Emphasis
APE	Area President Elect	CS	Community Service
AS	Area Secretary	DG	District Governor
ASD	Area Service Director	E	Extension
ASF	Alexander Scholarship Fund	EBBA	Extension Beyond Border Award
AT	Area Treasurer	EF	Endowment Fund
BC	Brother Club	H	Historian
BE	Bulletin Editor	HC	Host Committee
BF	Brotherhood Fund	HCC	Host Committee Chairperson
BFEC	Brotherhood Fund Expenditures Committee	IBC	International Brother Clubs
BF ECC	Brotherhood Fund Expenditures Committee Chairperson	IC	International Council or International Convention
Chp	Chairperson	ICC	International Convention Committee
CE	Christian Emphasis	ICCC	International Convention Committee Chairperson

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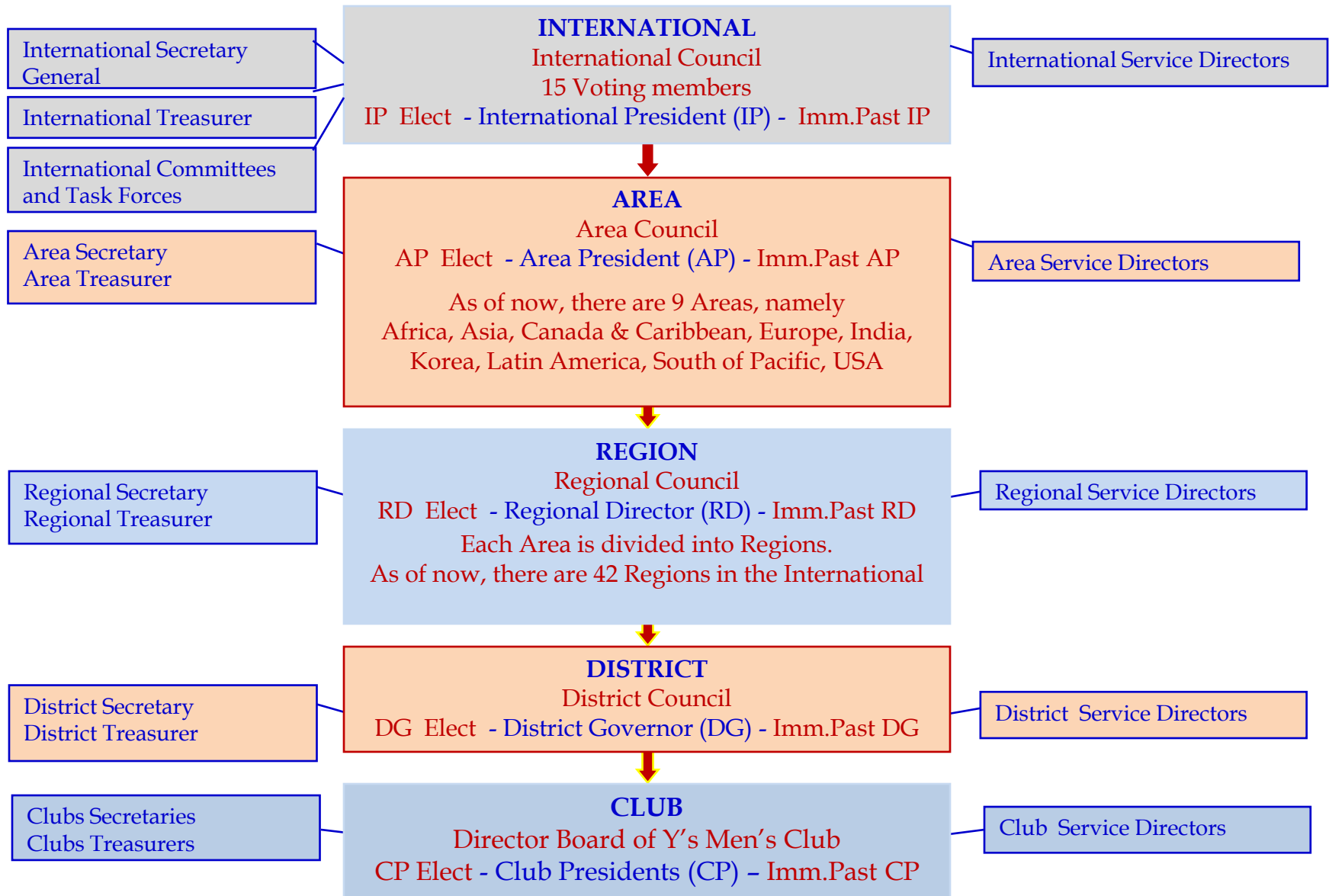
ICS	International Council Structure	IT	International Treasurer
ICM	International Council Member or International Council Meeting	ITC	International Travel Coordinator
ID	International Director, Y's Menettes	IYC	International Youth Convocation
IEO	International Executive Officer (IP, IPE, PIP and IT)	IYR	International Youth Representative
IHQ	International Headquarters	LRP	Long Range Plan
IP	International President	LTOD	Leadership Training & Organisation Development
IPE	International President Elect	MC	Membership - Conservation
ISD	International Service Director	PIP	Past International President
ISG	International Secretary General (also abbreviated to SG)	PR	Public Relations
		PRD	Past Regional Director
		PWAF	Paul William Alexander Fellow



# Common Abbreviations in use in our organisation

RD	Regional Director	YC	Youth Committee
RDE	Regional Director Elect	YEPP	Youth Educational Exchange Programme
RS	Regional Secretary	YES	Y's Extension Support Programme
RSD	Regional Service Director	YIA	Youth Involvement and Activities
RT	Regional Treasurer	YI	Youth Intern
S	Supplies	YIM	Youth Intern Mentor
SDS	Special Development Support	YMI	Y's Men International
STEP	Short Term Exchange Programme	YL	Y's Men International Liaison to the World Alliance
TC	Travel Coordinator	YMCA	Young Men's Christian Association
TF	Task Force	YR	Youth Representative
TOF-GPF	Time of Fast Global Project Fund	YRM	Youth Representative Mentor
TW22	Towards 2022		
UGP	Unified Global Project		
WA	World Alliance (of YMCAs)		
WAL	World Alliance Liaison to Y's Men International		

# Organisation Chart



Y's Menettes and Y's Youth clubs are partner clubs and  
Y's Lings clubs are auxiliary clubs

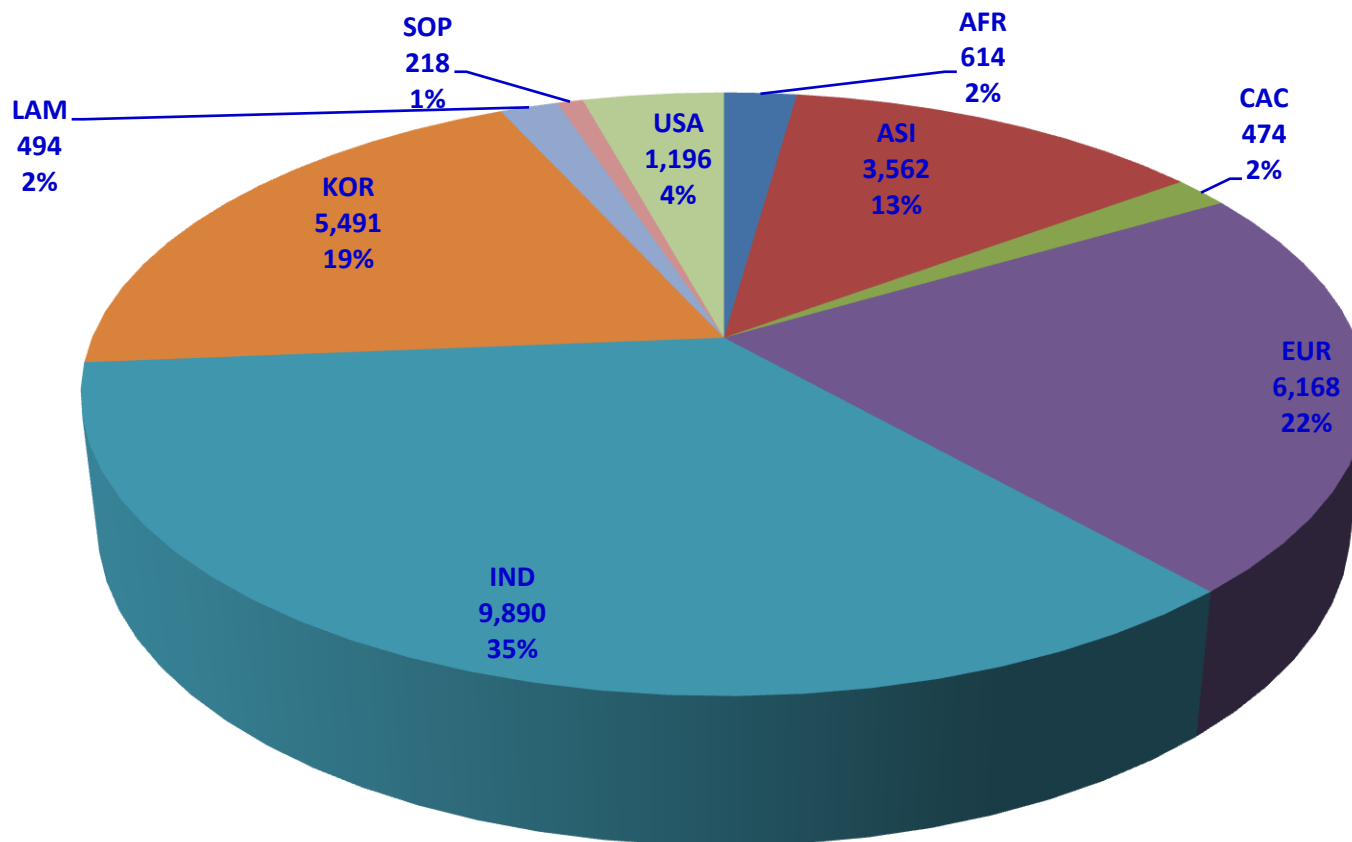
# Growth of the Movement

Y's Men International founded by Judge Paul William Alexander in 1922 in Toledo in USA, soon spread to many countries like Canada, Australia and even China.

- During 1922, there were 17 Clubs in 2 countries,
- In 1932 it rose to 150 Clubs in 12 countries,
- In 1984 it was 1173 Clubs in 59 countries.
- Today, it is 1,500 clubs in 69 countries spread in all continents, with around 30,000 members
- *It is suggested that ASDs LTOD of each Area explain, details of growth of the Movement in their Area since inception, in their training address.*

(Area wise membership as on 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2014  
is given in the next slide.)

# Area wise Paid Membership – 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2014-15



## **Growth of the Movement - contn**

In 1973, Head Quarters of Y's Men International was shifted from Oak Brook, near Chicago, USA to Geneva, Switzerland, where World Alliance of YMCAs is also situated.

Now, we are initiating action to have a satellite office in Thailand.

# Payment of Dues

- Being part of an International organization, members are expected pay their dues to International, Area, Region and District as called for.
- International dues as of now is CHF 35 per club member per year. This is paid in two installments – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters.

Details are given below:

- International Dues for the two semesters, based on 1 Aug and 1 Feb Reports, at the rate of CHF 17.5 each per member to be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> Aug and 28<sup>th</sup> Feb respectively.
- In addition, Area, Regional and District dues as well as subscription to club for meals, etc, to be paid as prescribed.

# Projects

- **Local Community Service Projects by clubs**
- **International Service Projects or Programmes**



# Local Community Service Projects by clubs

We exist in a community and the community should need us, if we want to survive and to be useful to the community.

How can it be done?

- If Region or Area specifies a particular service, Clubs usually takes up that project. At the same time, Clubs are free to select their own projects most useful to the society and carry it out.
- Clubs to contribute and do fund raising for projects.

*(Later on, we will see some photographs)*

# International Service Projects or Programmes

**As an ideal social service organisation, to serve the community at large, we do have many International projects and programmes.**

Clubs contribute and execute International Projects of Y's Men International by fetching the funds through fund raising programmes and/or by internal contributions.

Details are available in 'Training Module 2' for club officers. Those interested to know more about our International projects are requested to refer the 'Training Module 2'.

*Details of all International projects are also in our website*

*[www.ysmen.org](http://www.ysmen.org)*

# **International Publications**

## **Y's MEN'S WORLD**

- YMW is the official news bulletin of Y's Men International. It is being published as a quarterly in nine languages with the aim that a common message should reach every individual club member of Y's Men International. Every club has the opportunity to tell your stories what has your club done that is unique?

## **OFFICIAL FAMILY LIST OF Y's MEN INTERNATIONAL**

- Every year IHQ used to prepare a very informative list containing the details of leaders having official assignments in the current year with their postal address, telephone, fax, email id etc.

## **IP's FAMILY LETTER / E Communiqué**

- IP sends such News Letters to International / Area officers to deploy the same to club level through electronic means.

## **RD / RDE MEMOS**

- From time to time, the RD / RDE receive memos from the IP, the ISG and other International Officers of guidelines for leadership. RDs share these Memos with Club leaders and thereby establish a link between the IHQ and the general membership.

# **International Awards**

## **Ballantyne Award**

The Harry M. Ballantyne Award of Merit is the "Highest honour award by Y's Men". It consists of a Medal and Citation and is awarded to deserving friends of Y'sdom, "who over a long period has rendered service of special value and helpfulness to the Y's Men Movement".

## **Elmer Crowe Memorial Award**

It is being awarded annually to the outstanding District Governor, based on a specific criteria developed by our Movement.

# International Officers 2015-16

- International President:

Ym.Wichian Boonmapajorn (Thailand)

- International President Elect:

Yw.Joan Wilson (Canada)

- Immediate Past International President:

Ym.Isaac Palathinkal (India)

- International Treasurer:

Ym.Philips Cherian (India)

- International Secretary General:

Ym.Takao Nishimura (Japan)

**Vision 2022**  
&  
**Towards 2022**

# Vision and Plan for our centenary year 2022

- In 2010, at our International Convention at Yokohoma, Japan, we chose our **Vision for 2022**
- Then framed our plan named '**Towards 2022**' to achieve the vision
- Our **Vision 2022** and '**Towards 2022**' are given in the next two slides



# VISION 2022

To be a recognized, globally oriented, voluntary service organization,  
with a strong and committed membership that strives to enhance human values,  
with special focus on youth development,  
while upholding our motto “To acknowledge the Duty that Accompanies every Right” and  
working in active service  
and close partnership with the YMCA,  
the United Nations and other worthy organizations,  
to build a better world in which to live”

# TOWARDS 2022

(Goals to realize Vision 2022)

- To extend Y's Men to at least **50,000 members** based in **100 countries**.
- To strengthen Y's Men at the **global level** as it relates to the organisation and its mission.
- To offer relevant service to the **YMCA** and the community and, as a consequence of that,
- To improve and expand the **Y's Men image and identity** in the community.
- To **improve** our members' perception of YMI and our international programmes in general.

**How does our Movement work  
through ideal  
Y's Men's Clubs?**

# Positive characteristics of an ideal & successful Club

- Holds monthly Club and Board meetings
- Takes up Community Service – Participate in local community service and International projects (All International Projects are explained in our website [www.ysmen.org](http://www.ysmen.org))
- Encourages World understanding and Brotherhood
- Induces Self Development
- A Club is a 'Family of families'. Whole family involve in club activities

## Positive characteristics of an ideal & successful Club (contd)

- Gives Fun and Fellowship to members through programmes in club meetings
- Develops Spirit of Volunteerism
- Club pays dues on time:
  - International Dues CHF 35 per member per year (@ CHF 17.50 per semester per member)
  - In addition, there will be Area, Regional and District dues as fixed by these levels.
  - Club meeting expenses are shared by members
  - Every new club has to make a one time payment of total CHF 200 as charter fee.

## Positive characteristics of an ideal & successful Club (contd)

- All Constitutional obligations are complied with.
- Builds up image for our Movement, its Motto & Themes
- Helps YMCAs and works along with them where ever possible
- Spreads Y'sdom through Extension (through new members and new Clubs) – *See next slide for the new concept of EBBA*

# EXTENSION BEYOND BORDER AWARD 'EBBA'

- An international award by the name "Extension Beyond Borders Award (EBBA)", is introduced in 2014-15 to recognise and motivate clubs and individuals for their initiative and untiring efforts in extension in other countries beyond their boundaries.



# Visual impact !!!

A travel through snap shots to see how  
Y's Men International  
works in various fields of its characteristic activities



## **Community service projects by clubs**

## Community service projects by clubs

Donation of  
Ambulance  
Van to Cancer  
& Palliative  
care unit.



10 such ambulances were  
donated by individual clubs  
or by group of clubs (India)

## Community service projects by clubs



**Donation of a Dialysis  
Unit to a Mission  
Hospital by a District  
(India)**



## Community service projects by clubs



**What a loving solace!  
Time with destitute  
children - Russia**

## Community service projects by clubs



Medical camp and Free surgery by Korean Ym Doctors' forum in Myanmar



## Community service projects by clubs



**Visitation to School for the  
Handicapped with needed supplies  
- Africa**

## Community service projects by clubs



**Help to Nepal Earth  
quake victims - Korea**

## Other suggestions on potential areas for service

Clubs do a variety of things such as working with other organizations:

- To provide a popcorn machine to the local schools for their special events,
- To hold a barbecue to honour veterans,
- To cook meals for families that have someone in the hospital (children and/or veterans), etc



**Fund raising for Club service projects**

## Fund raising for Club service projects



**CAC**

## Fund raising for Club service projects



**USA  
Book Sale**



## Fund raising for Club service projects



LAM

Sale  
LAM

## Fund raising for Club service projects



Flower  
Sale  
USA



## Fund raising for Club service projects



Fund raising -  
Christmas  
Trees for  
sale, SOP

## Fund raising for Club service projects



**Monthly Bingo  
to raise funds  
LAM**

# **PR and Image building Projects**



## PR and Image building Projects



Tree planting  
to protect  
environment -  
Taiwan

## PR and Image building Projects



**Blind folded Run for  
the Blind (India)**



## PR and Image building Projects



**Walkathon  
for Diabetic  
Awareness -  
Dubai**

## PR and Image building Projects



Cleaning Park as  
part of PR and Image  
Building (Russia)



## PR and Image building Projects



Being a Y's Man/Woman is to  
be enviromental conscious.  
Tree planting at the Osasco  
YMCA, Brazil

## PR and Image building Projects



**Expo of painting by a  
Y's Menette (India)**

## **Training at different levels**



## Training at different levels



RDE Training -  
LA



## Training at different levels



**District Training  
Session in Nairobi  
during Kenya District  
Conference**

## Training at different levels



**Regional Training  
Session, India**

## Training at different levels



**Regional Training  
Session, Europe**



## Training at different levels



A Regional  
Training  
CAC

**Family Fellowship – Onward with family**

## Family Fellowship – Onward with family



Club  
is a family of  
families –  
Fellowship through  
Dance, Celebration  
of festivals  
(India)



## Family Fellowship – Onward with family



Fellowship  
through  
Celebration of  
festivals  
A 'floral Carpet'  
(India)

## Family Fellowship – Onward with family



Fellowship  
meeting of  
families  
(USA)



## Family Fellowship – Onward with family



Fellowship of  
families in  
picnic  
(India)

## Family Fellowship – Onward with family



Enjoy  
Fellowship at a  
beach  
LAM

**Fun & Fellowship – Onward with family**



## Fun & Fellowship – Onward with family



Celebration of  
Wedding  
Anniversary in  
club meeting  
(India)

## Fun & Fellowship – Onward with family



**Fellowship of  
families  
Sports Meets  
(India)**





## Fun & Fellowship – Onward with family



The great  
boxers in  
SI Region  
(India)

## Fun & Fellowship – Onward with family



Exchange of Club  
banners before an  
inter Club goodwill  
football match  
between Ipoh and  
Silver State Clubs  
(Asia)

## Fun & Fellowship – Onward with family



**Fun & Fellowship  
during club picnic  
Sky jumping ??  
(India)**

**Extension – Chartering of new clubs**



## Extension – Chartering of new clubs



**Orientation  
session for new  
members before  
chartering of a  
new club  
(India)**



## Extension – Chartering of new clubs



**Chartering of  
Y Service Club of  
Ulaanbaatar,  
Mongolia  
(Asia)**



## Extension – Chartering of new clubs



New Club  
inauguration in  
Korea



## Extension – Chartering of new clubs



**Installation of  
office bearers of  
New Delhi club  
chartered through  
YMCA (India)**

**News Letters/Bulletins for communication**

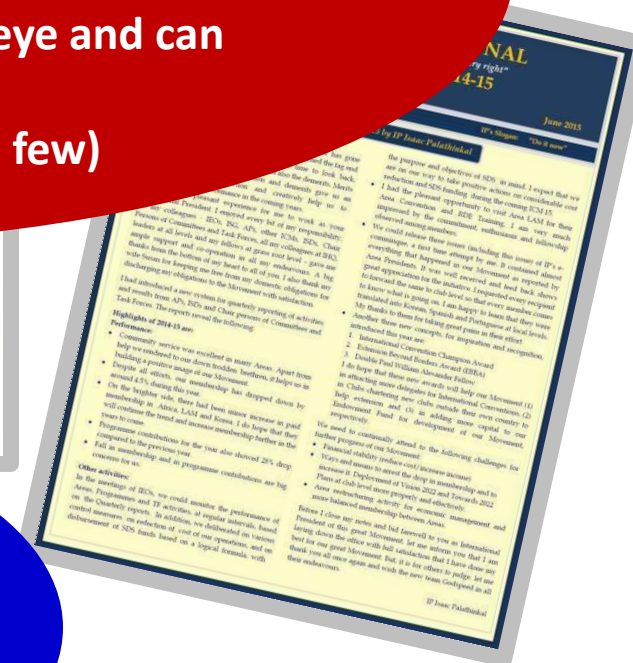
## News Letters/Bulletins for communication

In addition to News Letters, Area, Region, Districts and Clubs to initiate action and install their own websites, in line with our International website

[www.ysmen.org](http://www.ysmen.org).

This makes us known in the public eye and can attract more members.  
(Already being practiced by a few)

News Letters / Bulletins  
are released regularly at  
Club, District, Regional  
and International levels





# Youth Development

## Youth Development



A Youth camp  
session in  
progress  
(India)

## Youth Development



Youth listening  
to the seniors  
LAM



## Youth Development



A Youth  
Workshop in  
USA



## Youth Development



**Y's MEN INTERNATIONAL**  
MID WEST INDIA REGION

**LEAD 2014**



**Regional Youth Camp On November 8th & 9th  
At Emerald Pristine Island**

## Youth Development



**Youth Club  
members with  
senior leaders  
(Korea)**



## Youth Development



Youth enjoying  
LAM Youth  
Convocation

## Youth Development



Youth from different  
parts of the world  
at International Youth  
Convocation 2014



**YMI and YMCA working together**

## YMI and YMCA working together



Korea Y's Men  
joining YMCA  
Athletic camp

## YMI and YMCA working together



Visitors and AP  
in YMCA  
LAM

YMI TOF GP  
'Computer  
training' in  
YMCA  
LAM





## YMI and YMCA working together

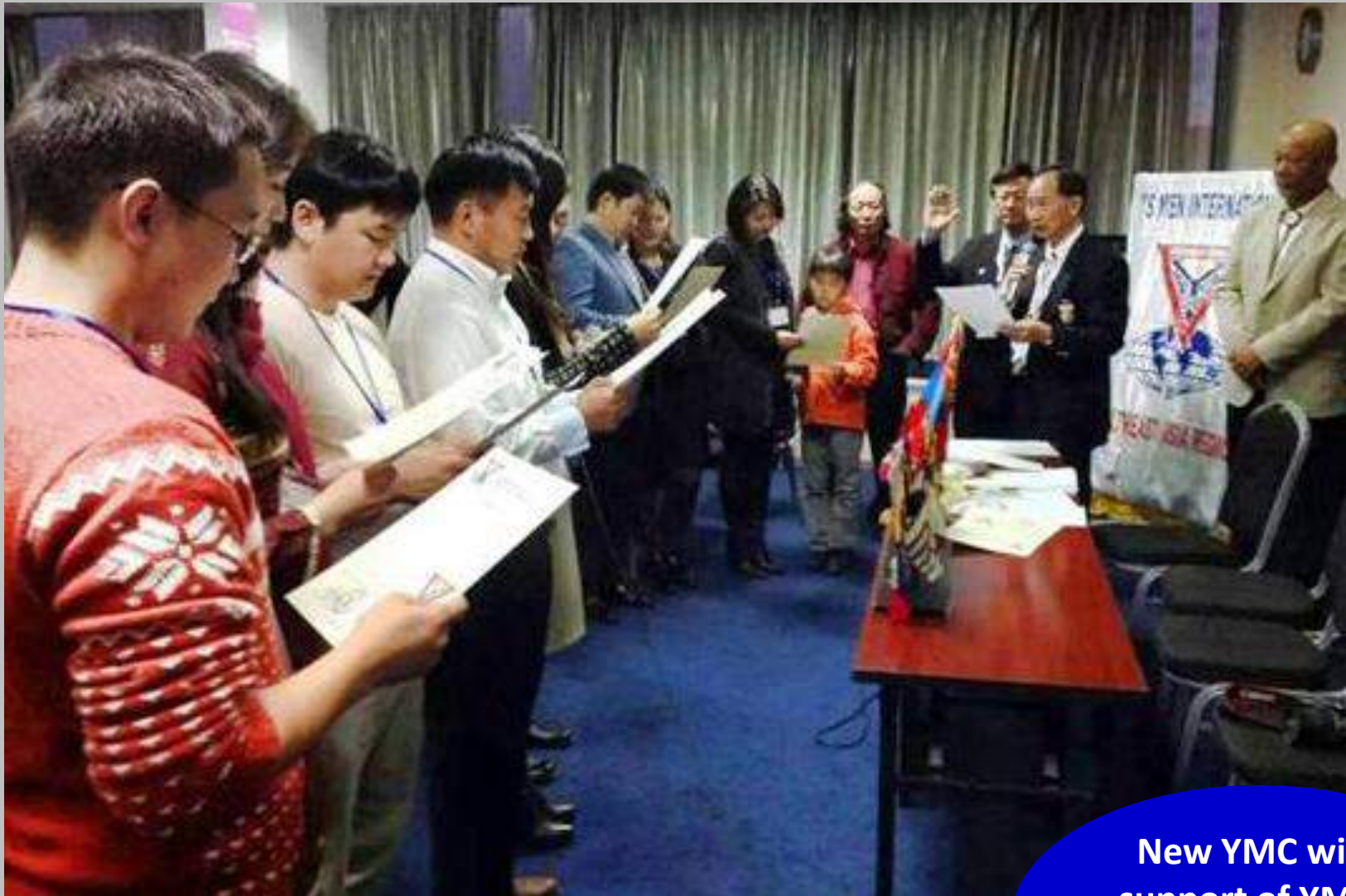


**New Delhi YMI  
Club chartered  
through National  
Council of YMCAs  
of India**





## YMI and YMCA working together



**New YMC with  
support of YMCA  
in Mongolia  
(Asia)**

## YMI and YMCA working together



Easter celebration  
for children of the  
YMCA  
Sao Paulo, hosted by  
Y's Men Clubs  
(LAM)



## YMI and YMCA working together



Youth program at  
local YMCA, SOP

## **World outlook through BF visits**



## World outlook & International Brotherhood through BF visits



**Members from  
different countries  
meet as BF delegates**



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# Meetings



## Meetings



Club meeting  
(India)

## Meetings



**Delegates at  
Regional  
convention  
(India)**



## Meetings



The group of  
participants in Hawaii  
Regional convention  
(USA)



## Meetings



**Inauguration of India  
Area convention**



## Meetings



**Asia Area convention**



## Meetings



**International  
Mid Year Meeting  
(MYM)**



## Meetings



Newly installed  
International officers  
being introduced

## Meetings



**International  
Convention**



## Meetings



**International  
President signs  
acceptance  
immediately after  
installation**

## Meetings



**Y's Menettes at  
International  
Convention**



## **Other International Meetings and Fellowship**



## Other International Meetings and Fellowship



**An International Task  
Force**

## Other International Meetings and Fellowship



International  
Fellowship



## **Part 2**

# **CONSTITUTION**

(As primarily related to Club and its operations)



# CONSTITUTION AT VARIOUS LEVELS

- As per our constitution, the organisation is known as "The International Association of Y's Men's Clubs". The names "Y's Men International" and "Y Service Clubs International" may also be used.
- Clubs are bound by the constitutional Motto "To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right".
- The membership of this Association shall consist of affiliated local clubs known as Y's Men's Clubs, Y's Women's Clubs, Y's Men and Women's Clubs or Y Service Clubs, hereinafter referred to as affiliated clubs.

# STATUS OF OUR CONSTITUTIONS

We do have written down and approved constitutions at the following levels:

- International Constitution
- Area Constitution
- Regional Constitution and
- Club By-laws/Constitution

# STATUS OF OUR CONSTITUTIONS - CONTN

- Area, Regional and Club By-laws/Constitution have to be in line with International constitution and never in conflict with it. In case of any conflict, International constitution will be binding and supreme.
- Only those constitutions and amendments which are duly approved by designated authorities are valid. Constitution of the respective levels specifies procedures for amendments of the constitution at that level.



# STATUS OF OUR CONSTITUTIONS - CONTN

Every member is expected to go through the constitutions at all levels and make oneself clearly aware of the positive frame work in which the clubs are operating, as also their constitutional rights, privileges and duties. Kindly refer to the following:

Level	Available from Source	Remark
International	Our website <a href="http://www.ysmen.org">www.ysmen.org</a>	Look for the latest approved version
Area	Area President/ Area office/ Area website/IHQ	Look for the latest approved version
Region	Regional Director/ Regional Office/ website/ IHQ	Look for the latest approved version
Club	Club President/Secretary	To be passed on to officers of successive years

# THE CLUB AND THE CONSTITUTION

- As already put in, Clubs are the members of the international organization.
- The membership of each local club may consist of men or women or both.
- No one will be denied membership status because of race, creed, colour or national origin.

# THE CLUB AND THE CONSTITUTION - contrn

## PURPOSE:

- The purpose of a Club is stated in the International Constitution and in the Club's Constitution.
- It is: "As a member, the Club and its members acknowledge that the International Association of Y's Men's Clubs is a worldwide fellowship of persons of all faiths working together in mutual respect and affection, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, and with a common loyalty to the Young Men's Christian Association, striving through active service to develop, encourage and provide leadership to build a better world for all mankind."

# THE CLUB AND THE CONSTITUTION - contn

## OBJECTIVES:

Objectives of the Clubs are stated in the International Constitution and in the Club's Constitution.

They are:

- To function primarily as a service club for the YMCA.
- To support other worthy organisations.
- To encourage justice in civic and international affairs, abstaining always from party politics.
- To keep members informed on and actively involved in religious, civic, economic, social and international matters.
- To cultivate good fellowship.
- To support club, District, Regional, Area and International projects



# THE CLUB AND THE CONSTITUTION - contn

## DUTIES OF CLUBS AS DERIVED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION:

- The Club's obligation to report its membership as of 1 February and 1 August in each year.
- The Club's obligation to pay Regional, Area and International Dues as requested for 100% of its reported members.

# THE CLUB AND THE CONSTITUTION - contn

## RIGHTS OF CLUBS AS DERIVED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION:

- The Club has the right to nominate and elect International Council members from their Area.
- The Club has the right to vote for election of IPE and ITE
- Generally, this privilege is available if the Club is good standing and paid all their dues for at least 15 members. If membership is less of 15 but over 4, the Club has the right to request an exemption from that minimum, subject to conditions of Guideline 411)
- *Regarding the above voting rights, kindly refer to Guidelines 409 to 411 of International Constitution.*
- The Club right to receive information about ICM and MYM via its Regional Director

# THE CLUB AND THE CONSTITUTION - contn

## BESIDES DUTIES AND RIGHTS, THE CLUB HAS RESPONSIBILITIES:

- First and foremost it is the Club's responsibility towards its constitutional objectives to support the Club, the District, the Region, the Area and the International activities and Projects.
- As part of it, Clubs need to be aware of and support our International projects, both financial or non financial. (financial support is needed for Projects like TOF- EF- RBM-ASF-BHF-YES- etc and non-financial support for Projects like IBC, Membership increase, etc.)
- Full form of the above abbreviations are already given in Module 1 – Part 1. Details and Guidelines of all these Projects are available in our website [www.ysmen.org](http://www.ysmen.org). Kindly refer to them for further details. This presentation will become very lengthy, if we go on explaining the details in this Module and hence this request.

# **THE CLUB AND THE CONSTITUTION - contn**

## **IMPORTANCE OF CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Clubs have joined the international organization for greater accomplishments. The Clubs have to perform their best and accomplish the objectives through service to the humanity, to make this world a better place to live.
- The smooth operation of this International Movement rests on the Clubs, its members, with support & coordination from District/Region/Area/International.

**THE FUTURE OF THE MOVEMENT  
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DO YOUR BEST TO MAKE THIS WORLD  
A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.**



We do hope that sufficient information has been  
given to the new comers.  
Let us work together to make the world a better  
place to live.

**Thank you**

End of Training Module 1, Part 1 & 2  
An orientation for new members 'Welcome to Y'sdom'