

**SEVENTH AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS
OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S
INSOLVENCY & RESTRUCTURING CONFEDERATION
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ARTICLE I. NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE.

- Section 1. *Name.* The name of the Corporation will be International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Corporation d/b/a International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (hereinafter referred to as "IWIRC" or the "Corporation").
- Section 2. *Principal Office.* The registered office of the Corporation will be in the State of New York. The principal office will be fixed and located at such place as the Board of Directors shall determine.

ARTICLE II. NON-PROFIT STATUS, GOALS, AND PURPOSES.

- Section 1. *Nonprofit Status and Organization.* The Corporation is a non-profit Corporation exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. §§101 et seq., as amended from time to time), and is organized under the laws of the State of New York.
- Section 2. *Goals and Purposes.* The goals and purposes of the Corporation shall be to: (a) promote women in restructuring-related professions; and (b) provide opportunities for education, business development, leadership, advancement and mentoring to women in restructuring-related professions.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERS.

- Section 1. *At-Large.* The Corporation shall have individual members who shall have ultimate authority over the affairs of the Corporation. However, the Board of Directors (as described in Article V) shall have authority to operate the Corporation within a structure sanctioned by the members.
- Section 2. *Eligibility.* Eligibility for individual membership in the Corporation shall extend to persons of any gender employed in restructuring-related professions including, without limitation, lawyers, accountants, workout officers, turnaround management professionals, judges, financial advisers, professors, legislators, consultants and students.

- Section 3. *Other Classes of Members.* The Corporation may establish other classes of individual, corporate, and/or organizational members whose authorities, benefits and eligibility shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
- Section 4. *Individual Membership Dues and Good Standing.* The Board of Directors, by a minimum of two-thirds affirmative vote of the whole number of the Board of Directors, shall determine the structure and amount of individual membership dues. A member-in-good-standing is an individual who is certified by the Corporation as having paid their dues for the current membership year.

ARTICLE IV. NETWORKS.

- Section 1. *Authority and Organization.* The Executive Committee shall have the sole authority to establish and charter the formation of individual Networks to further the purposes of the Corporation, and to determine the terms of Network affiliation, membership and operating guidelines. Except as otherwise provided by applicable law, the Networks are separately chartered entities that operate as authorized divisions of the Corporation. (Rules of Operation covering the operation and governance of the Network are annexed as *Exhibit A*).
- Section 2. *Rules of Operation.* The Executive Board shall establish Rules of Operation for the formation and governance of individual Networks, which shall be reviewed and updated periodically at the sole discretion of the Executive Board and approved by the Board of Directors. To the extent necessary to maintain the goals and purpose of the Corporation, a Network may request a waiver of certain provisions of the Rules of Operation from the Board of Directors of the Corporation, which waiver may be granted in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3. *Network Governance.* Members of a Network have the authority to elect officers and directors of their primary affiliated Network, and through them, subject to the Rules of Operation, to agree how the Network will be governed and operated to serve the goals and purposes of its affiliated members. Duly elected Network leadership has the responsibility to hold events or activities for the benefit of members and to recruit new members; to maintain regular contact with affiliated members; to maintain regular contact with the Board of Directors of the Corporation and participate in IWIRC's business.
- Section 4. *Other Affiliations.* The Corporation may enter into affiliations with other organizations or entities to help carry out the purposes of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall have the sole authority to determine terms and conditions of such affiliations.

Section 5. *Affiliation with a Network.* Members of the Corporation may be affiliated with more than one Network without an additional membership charge. However, dues rebates will only be payable to the Member's primary affiliated Network. The Executive Committee shall establish rules and procedures governing any rebate of the membership fee to any network from time to time.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Section 1. *At-Large Powers.* The property, affairs and business of the Corporation will be managed by a Board of Directors (hereafter, the "Board" or the "Directors") under a structure and terms determined by the members.

Section 2. *Property.* No Director will have any right, title or interest in any property or asset of the Corporation.

Section 3. *Composition.* Each member of the Board shall be a Director of the Corporation. The Board shall be composed of the Officers (as described in Article VI), the Management Committee (as described in Article VII), and the At-Large Directors (as described in (as described in Article VIII). All Directors or Vice Directors, whether elected or appointed, must be members-in-good-standing of the Corporation.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to appoint up to two (2) additional At-Large Directors for a one-year term to the Board in order to advance the mission of the Corporation.

Section 5. *Election.* The Board shall be elected as described in Article XI.

Section 6. *Place of Meetings.* The Board may hold its meetings at any location it chooses (and may choose to do so via electronic means as provided in Section 9 of this Article).

Section 7. *Regular Meetings.* Regular meetings of the Board will be held at least quarterly and may be conducted telephonically or through video conferencing and at a time and place determined by the Board. Verbal or written notice of regular meetings will be given at least ten (10) days prior to any regular meeting.

Section 8. *Special Meetings and Notice.* Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the whole number of Directors. Notice of special meetings will be mailed by electronic means to each Director's last known email address at least five (5) days before the day of the meeting, or delivered personally or by telephone or other electronic means, no later than two (2) days before the meeting. The notice must include the time and place of the meeting, but need not state the purpose except as provided in Section 9 of this Article and Section 4 of Article VI.

Any meeting of the Board will be a legal meeting, without any notice having been given, if all of the Directors then in office are present at the meeting or waive such notice in writing before, at or after the meeting.

Section 9. *Electronic Communications.* Directors may participate in meetings of the Board through telephone, video or other such electronic communication means, provided that all participating Directors can hear one another and that applicable law allows for such meetings.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS.

Section 1. *Identity.* The Officers will be the Chair, Vice Chair, the Secretary, the Finance Director, the Vice Finance Director, and the Immediate Past Chair; and these Officers shall comprise the “Executive Committee.”

Section 2. *Election, Term of Office and Qualifications.* All Officers will be elected by the Board from the slate of nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee. Except in the case of Officers installed under the provisions of Section 5 of this Article, each Officer will hold office for one year with terms commencing January 1 and until a successor is duly elected and qualified, or until death, or resignation, or removal in the manner herein provided. Only members in good standing who have previously served as a Voting Member of the Management Committee may be Officers absent a majority vote of the existing Board not to enforce this requirement in a particular year. Further, Officers shall serve no more than six consecutive terms as an Officer of the Board, (not including any term as an At-Large Director or member of the Management Committee other than as an Officer) absent a majority vote of the existing Board not to enforce these limitations.

Section 3. *Resignations.* Any Officer may resign office by giving written notice to the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Finance Director or Vice Finance Director. Any resignation will take effect at the time specified and the acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 4. *Removal.* Any Officer may be removed, with cause, at any time. Removal requires a vote supporting removal by majority of the whole number of the Board present at a special meeting called for that purpose. Proper notice must be given in writing ten (10) days prior to the special meeting. Any resulting vacancy will be filled in the manner specified in Section 5 of this Article.

Section 5. *Vacancies.* A vacancy in any office will be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by election of the Board.

Section 6. *Chair.* The Chair conducts the meetings of the Corporation and has primary responsibility for the at-large welfare of the Corporation. The Chair is responsible for the administration of IWIRC, policy development and

public media relations. The Chair coordinates and oversees the programs, projects and initiatives of IWIRC. The Chair also coordinates the relationships of IWIRC with other insolvency organizations. The Chair serves on the Executive Committee.

- Section 7. *Vice Chair.* In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall preside over meetings of the Corporation. The Vice Chair assists the Chair in overseeing the current programs, projects and initiatives of IWIRC. In addition, the Vice Chair develops new projects and coordinates with the Board or as otherwise directed by the Chair. The Vice Chair is also a member of the Executive Committee.
- Section 8. *Secretary.* The Secretary is responsible for the reporting of IWIRC. The Secretary maintains the minutes and records of the Board and Executive Committee meetings. The Secretary is a member of the Executive Committee. The Secretary, with the assistance of the applicable Officers or committees, shall assume the responsibility for ongoing governance, including preparing for and managing the election process, thinking about succession issues, and making sure IWIRC's bylaws, membership and marketing materials are accurate.
- Section 9. *Finance Director and Vice Finance Director.* The Finance Director and Vice Finance Director are members of the Executive Committee and shall be responsible for financial oversight, including facilitating the annual audit and the filing of the annual tax return, investments and developing, increasing and sustaining sponsors for the Corporation. The Finance Director with the assistance of the Vice Finance Director shall develop sponsorship levels and benefits for new sponsors of the Corporation, as an organization as well as for international events, and assist in the preparation and oversight of the Corporation's budget.
- Section 10. *Immediate Past-Chair.* The Immediate Past-Chair is a member of the Executive Committee, is responsible for chairing the Nominating Committee and serving as a liaison to the Advisory Counsel. The Immediate Past-Chair shall also work with and assist the Executive Committee and the Chair with directives in furtherance of the mission and affairs of the Corporation. The Immediate Past-Chair is a member of the Executive Committee.
- Section 11. *Other Officers, Agents and Employees.* The Corporation may have other officers, agents and employees as may be deemed necessary by the Board. Each shall hold office or employment at the pleasure of the Board and shall have such authority, perform such duties and receive such reasonable compensation, if any, as a majority of the Board may, from time to time, determine. To the fullest extent allowed by law, the Board may delegate to any employee or agent any powers possessed by the Board and may prescribe their respective titles, terms of office, authorities and duties.

ARTICLE VII. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

- Section 1. *Composition of Voting Members.* The voting members of the Management Committee shall consist of the Executive Committee, the Asia Networks Director, Europe Networks Director, U.S. Networks Co-Directors, Asia Regional Director, Canada Regional Director, Caribbean Regional Director, Europe Regional Director, Latin America Regional Director, Global Networks Director, Communications Co-Directors, Member Services Co-Directors, U.S. Program Committee Co-Directors, International Programs Director, New Network and Regional Development Co-Directors Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging Co-Directors, and the Strategic Director.
- Section 2. *Composition of Non-Voting Members.* The following positions will be included in the Management Committee as non-voting members: UNCITRAL Committee Co-Directors, Vice Director of Budget and Analytics, Vice Director of Fall Programs, Vice Director of Spring Programs, Vice Director of Regional Programming, Vice Director of International Programming, Vice Director of Member Services, Vice Director of Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging, Vice Director of Leadership Programming, Asia Regional Vice Director of Programming, Asia Regional Vice Director Membership, Vice Director of Communications and News, Vice Director of Social Media, and the Rising Star Award winner from the previous year.
- Section 3. *Election, Term of Office and Qualifications.* All Management Committee Directors that are not Officers (excluding Advisory Council Members) shall be elected and serve a one year term and be elected in accordance with Article XI. Qualifications for consideration shall be as established and approved by the Executive Committee.
- Section 4. *Resignations.* Any Management Committee member may resign their office by giving written notice to any member of the Executive Committee. Any resignation will take effect at the time specified and the acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
- Section 5. *Removal.* Any Management Committee member may be removed, with cause, at any time. Removal requires a vote supporting removal by majority of the whole number of the Board present at a special meeting called for that purpose. Proper notice must be given in writing ten (10) days prior to the meeting.
- Section 6. *Vacancies.* The Executive Committee shall fill any vacancy in the Management Committee positions. A Management Committee member selected to fill such vacancy shall serve the unexpired term of that position.

ARTICLE VIII. AT-LARGE DIRECTORS.

- Section 1. *Election and Appointment.* The At Large Directors ("At Large Directors") shall consist of twelve (12) members of the Corporation elected by the Members pursuant to Article XI, plus up to two (2) members appointed by the

Executive Committee. The At Large Directors elected by the Members, shall serve two-year terms.

- Section 2. *Term.* Each elected At-Large Director shall serve a term of two years and until a successor is duly elected and qualified, or until death, or resignation, or removal in the manner herein provided. At-Large Directors shall serve no more than two consecutive terms as an At-Large Director of the Board absent a majority vote of the existing Board not to enforce this limitation. The terms of one half of the elected At-Large Directors shall be staggered to begin and end in alternate years.
- Section 3. *Resignation.* Any At-Large Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chair or to the Secretary. The resignation takes effect at the time specified by the At-Large Director and the acceptance of the resignation is not necessary to make it effective.
- Section 4. *Vacancies.* The Executive Committee shall fill any vacancy in At-Large Director positions. An At-Large Director selected to fill such vacancy shall serve the unexpired term of that position.
- Section 5. *Removal.* Any At-Large Director may be removed, with or without cause, at any time by majority of the membership. The Board may remove an At-Large Director for cause by a vote supporting removal by majority of the whole number of the Board present at a special meeting called for that purpose. Proper notice must be given in writing ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Any resulting vacancy will be filled in the manner specified in Section 8 of this Article.
- Section 6. *Duties.* The At Large Directors shall volunteer or be assigned by the Executive Committee to such tasks or responsibilities as may be identified or determined from time to time. Each At Large Directors shall serve on at least one Standing Committee.

ARTICLE IX. BOARD COMMITTEES.

- Section 1. *Executive Committee.* The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Officers of the Corporation and is authorized to conduct the affairs of the Corporation between meetings of the Board. Any action taken by the Executive Committee is subject to review and change by the Board.
- Section 2. *Standing Committees.* The Standing Committees of the Corporation shall be one or more Program Committees, one or more Network Committees, a Communications and News Committee, a Member Services Committee, a Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging Committee and a Finance Committee. Other standing committees may be established by majority vote of the Board. The Committees shall be chaired by the respective Management Committee Director.

- Section 3. *Program Committee.* The Program Committee(s) will recommend to the Executive Committee substantive IWIRC programs and projects, as well as topics and agenda items for IWIRC events. The Program Committee develops, on an annual basis, the IWIRC Fall Conference, the IWIRC Spring Meeting. The Program Committee may perform additional duties and functions as designated from time to time by the Board or the Executive Committee.
- Section 4. *Member Services.* The Member Services Committee builds member recruiting and retention programs, assumes responsibility for the mentoring program, surveys members to develop additional benefits, and develops the IWIRC speakers bureau and other professional development strategies for members.
- Section 5. *Communications and News Committee.* The Communications and News Committee is responsible for executing a proactive media relations strategy, including preparing and distributing press releases, seeking opportunities for Officers of IWIRC to speak to the media or to relevant organizations or meetings, and for regular communication with members, including overseeing the preparation and publication of IWIRC e-newsletters and periodic bulletins. The Communications and News Committee will also assist in social media or other online communications/ marketing, including maintaining the IWIRC website through regular updates to content and periodic structural updates, as necessary and agreed by the Executive Committee. In addition, the Communications and News Committee shall be responsible for management of online directory and website, conducting external surveys for public relations purposes, and will be the keeper of the IWIRC brand.
- Section 6. *Network Committees.* The Network Committees promote new and assist existing Networks, provide input on network grant requests, convene network chair meetings, develop network toolkits to help new Networks with recruiting, event planning and communications and promote the benefits of IWIRC membership. The Network Committees will also identify geographic areas for new networks and stimulate interest in those areas and drive the process to completion, and provide standardized tools to assist new networks. The Network Committees will determine how to better leverage our international network structure, assist network boards in succession planning, and identify and address networks needing revitalization. The Network Directors in charge of the Europe, Asia, Latin America, and the North America regions will serve and lead the Network Committees for their respective regions.
- Section 7. *Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging Committee.* The Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging Committee will recommend initiatives to the Executive Committee and the Board to promote diversity, inclusion and belonging among IWIRC members and networks. The Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging Committee may perform additional duties and functions as designated from time to time by the Executive Committee or the Board.

Section 8. *Finance Committee.* The Finance Committee, led by IWIRC's Finance Director and Vice Finance Director, is responsible for providing oversight and advice to IWIRC's Executive Board on financial aspects of IWIRC, including sponsor development and communications with IWIRC's annual sponsors, and works in conjunction with other standing committees to assist with sponsor planning and/or other financial aspects of the Corporation. The Finance Committee will also assist with special projects as determined by the Executive Board.

Section 9. *Ad Hoc and Special Committees.* Ad hoc and special committees may be established by the Chair or the Executive Committee who shall determine the composition, responsibilities and duties of such committees. The term of service for ad hoc and special committees shall terminate at the end of term of the Chair and/or the Executive Committee establishing such committee or committees.

ARTICLE X. VOTING.

Section 1. *Manner.* Voting may be in person, telephonic, or electronic, unless the Board determines by majority vote at a meeting that it will accept votes by proxy or those members may participate by other means.

Section 2. *Quorum and Manner of Acting.* Except as otherwise provided by statute or these bylaws, a minimum of fifty-one percent (51%) of the Directors are required to constitute a quorum to transact business at any meeting, and the act of a majority of the Directors present at such a meeting will be the act of the Board. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting. Notice of any adjourned meeting need not be given.

Section 3. *Resolutions by Members of the Corporation.* Resolutions may be proposed by five percent (5%) of the total membership as of June 1 of each year. Resolutions must be submitted to the Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual Fall Conference ("Conference") and will be voted on by the Board at that time as outlined in Section 2 above.

ARTICLE XI. ELECTIONS

Section 1. *Frequency.* Elections shall take place annually as follows: (i) the members of the Executive Committee and Management Committee shall be elected annually and (ii) the At Large Directors, shall be elected, fifty (50%) percent annually (i.e. six (6) At Large Directors each year). Elections shall take place as necessary to fill any vacancies as set forth herein.

Section 2. *Nominating Committee.* The Nominating Committee ("Nominating Committee") shall be chaired by the Immediate Past Chair and shall be

comprised of the Chair, Vice Chair, Immediate Past Chair, Secretary and three other members chosen by the Immediate Past Chair, taking into account diversity of practice, geographic diversity and racial/ethnic diversity of the Corporation.

- Section 3. *Nominating Slate.* On or before November 1 of each election year the Nominating Committee shall review, as appropriate, the existing Board members and upon recommendation of the existing Board, shall prepare a Nominating Slate consistent with the provisions of Article V, Section 3, Article VI, Section 2, and Article VII, Sections 1 and 2 and the goals and purposes of the Corporation.
- Section 4. *Voting.* On or before November 15 of each election year, the Nominating Slate shall be circulated to the Board for approval. Each Board member shall be entitled to cast: (i) one (1) vote for the purpose of approving the Nominating Slate prior to its circulation to the membership for election of the At Large Directors; and (ii) one (1) vote for the purpose of electing the members of the Management Committee.
- Section 5. *Majority Vote.* Approval of the Nominating Slate and/or the election of the members of the Management Committee shall be by majority vote of the Board. Approval of the At Large Members shall be by majority vote of those members of the Corporation who cast ballots in such election.

ARTICLE XII. ADVISORY AND HONORARY BOARDS.

- Section 1. *Advisory and Honorary Boards.* The Board may, at its discretion, establish an advisory board and/or other honorary boards to assist the Corporation in the carrying out of its purposes. The duties, responsibilities, composition, and leadership of such boards shall be designated by recommendation of the Executive Committee and resolution of the Board.
- Section 2. *Advisory Board Participation.* In the event the Board establishes an Advisory Board, the Board may invite members of such Advisory Board to participate in Board meetings as non-voting members.

ARTICLE XIII. BOOKS OF RECORD, AUDIT, ANNUAL REPORT, FISCAL YEAR AND BOND.

- Section 1. *Books and Records.* The Board will keep:
- (a) Records of all proceedings of the Board and committees; and
 - (b) All financial statements of this Corporation; and
 - (c) Certificate of Corporation and bylaws of this Corporation and all amendments and restatements; and

- (d) Other records and books of account necessary and appropriate to the conduct of the corporate business.

Section 2. *Audit/Financial Review, Annual Report and Tax Return.* The records and books of accounts of this Corporation will be reviewed or audited at least once in each fiscal year. The Executive Committee will select the auditor with the Finance Director and Vice Finance Director to be primary contacts from the Board. A draft audit report will be circulated to the Executive Committee and subsequently to the Board for review and approval. The Board also shall make such inquiry as the Board deems necessary or advisable into the condition of all trusts and funds held by any trustee, agent, or custodian for the benefit of this Corporation, and shall retain such person or firm for such purposes as it may deem appropriate.

The Board will cause any audit report to be conveyed to each Director within one hundred eighty (180) days of the close of each fiscal year. Such audit report shall contain: a statement of all assets and liabilities; principal changes in funds; income and expense statement; status of all funds held for restricted purposes; and any other such information as may be required by law, these bylaws and/or for purposes of fulfilling the fiduciary responsibilities of the Directors.

An annual tax return shall be filed by the statutory deadline, subject to formally requesting and receiving an extension to the filing deadline.

Section 3. *Fiscal Year.* The fiscal year of the Corporation will be from January 1st to December 31st of each year.

Section 4. *Bond.* The Corporation will obtain a bond on such people and in such amounts as may from time to time be deemed necessary by the Board.

ARTICLE XIV. WAIVER OF NOTICE.

Section 1. Whenever any notice is required to be given by these bylaws or any of the corporate laws of the State of New York, such notice may be waived in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to said notice, whether before, at, or after the time stated therein, or before, at, or after the meeting.

ARTICLE XV. INDEMNIFICATION.

Section 1. The Corporation will indemnify any present or former director, officer, employee or agent of this Corporation, to the fullest extent possible against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses, actually incurred by such person relating to their conduct as trustee, director, officer, employee, member or agent of this Corporation, except that the mandatory indemnification required by this sentence shall not apply: (i) to a breach of the duty of loyalty to the Corporation; (ii) for acts or

omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or knowing violation of the law; (iii) for a transaction from which such person derived an improper personal benefit; or (iv) against judgments, penalties, fines and settlements arising from any proceeding by or in the right of the Corporation, or against expenses in any such case, where such person shall be adjudged liable to the Corporation.

Section 2. Service on the Board of the Corporation, or as an officer, employee or agent thereof, is deemed by this Corporation to have been undertaken and carried on in reliance by such persons on the full exercise by the Corporation of all powers of indemnification which are granted to it under this Article and New York law, as amended from time to time. Accordingly, the Corporation shall exercise all of its powers whenever, as often as necessary, and to the fullest extent possible, to indemnify such persons. Such indemnification shall be limited or denied only when and to the extent provided above unless New York law or other applicable legal principles limit or deny the Corporation's authority to so act. This Article and the indemnification provisions of New York law (to the extent not otherwise governed by controlling precedent) shall be construed liberally in favor of the indemnification of such persons.

ARTICLE XVI. AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. *Bylaws.* Proposals to amend these bylaws may be submitted to the Executive Committee by any member of the Board. Proposed amendments shall then be conveyed to the members of the Board at least ten (10) days prior to any meeting or special meeting and shall be approved consistent with Article X.

Section 2. *Certificate of Corporation.* The Board may amend the Certificate of Corporation to include or omit any provision which could be lawfully included or omitted. Any number of amendments, or an entire revision or restatement of the Certificate of Corporation, may be submitted and voted upon at a single meeting of the Board and be adopted at such meeting, a quorum being present, upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the whole number of Directors. Thirty (30) days written notice will be required before any amendment shall be voted upon by the Board.

ARTICLE XVII. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. *Notice.* Any written notice required by these bylaws may be given through electronic means.