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GUIDE TO THE FORMATION OF A TERRITORIAL CUISINE



The W.F.R.G is made up of people who promote togetherness and a love of cooking by valuing foods from all countries. Membership in the circle is open to any interested individual

The guide explains the recommended procedure for creating a new "Cuisine" as a means of recruiting and attracting new members.

Membership development is an internal Rotary priority, and every member can make a difference. With effective membership, cuisines are better able to serve.

To ensure the dynamism and vitality of the Cuisines, it is important that all members can actively participate in the implementation of the plan.

Cuisines around the world have different ways of approaching membership.

To motivate and attract new members, it is necessary to respect the needs, habits and changes in the area. Creating a membership plan is one way to document a Cuisine's vision, goals and strategies for membership expansion to keep members involved.

Getting input from all members promotes enthusiasm helps ensure the plan is implemented. Once created, the plan serves as a guide for setting membership goals and monitoring the progress of the "Cuisine."

WHO ARE THE POTENTIAL MEMBERS?

They may be recruited from among the friends, neighbors, and professional acquaintances of Rotarians, but there are also other people who may be in tune with the values and structure of "Cuisine": for example, volunteers who have participated in projects, individuals interested in the association, or even former members who would like to return to Rotary.

Many members who have left the association for a short period of time would be interested in rejoining if invited to do so.

Equally important is the involvement of young professionals who have participated in Rotary programs in the past (Group Study Exchange, vocational training teams, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Rotary Peace Fellowships, Rotaract); parents or grandparents of Interactors and RYLA and Youth Exchange participants; or even host families of Youth Exchange students.

NEW MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

Members' participation in Fellowship initiatives helps strengthen their bond and commitment to other Members.

Find out what projects or activities new members are interested in and get them involved in the Cuisine early on so they feel a sense of belonging from the beginning. Do not assume that a member is only interested in attending the banquet. Instead, "Cuisine" could be seen as an opportunity to gain new experiences, learn to cook and appreciate good wine.

Connect for Good shows members various ways to get involved and connect through Rotary.

INITIATING A TERRITORIAL "CUISINE" OF THE WFRG

1. Inform the WFRG president of your intentions.
2. Decide on an appropriate name for the territorial cuisine, usually covering a Rotary district or a good number of clubs.
3. Contact all known WFRG members in the designated area. A list can be obtained by sending an email to: info@wfrg.org - wfrg2021@gmail.com.
4. Organize a food event, perhaps a dinner or food tour, and invite all WFRG members and any food-loving Rotarians you can contact from all the clubs in your area to attend. Have an interesting format or program that most attendees will enjoy and have fun.
5. Ask all participants to become members of the WFRG and at the same time, the territorial "Cuisine".
6. The territorial 'Cuisines' constituted by their own statutes charge life membership fees through the member's registration on the W.F.R.G. website, 50% of the life membership fee remains with the territorial 'Cuisine' for ordinary expenses.
7. Members of the territorial "Cuisine" must be members of the WFRG.
8. Prospective members become life members. The current Board approved dues are 50 EUR, and they are entitled to the pin and apron



9. Plan at least events during the year and work to get good attendance and get new members signed up. Local events can be advertised on our website www.wfrg.org and on our Facebook page The World Fellowship of Rotarian Gourmets. Send information before and after the event to our Secretariat. Organize one or more fundraising events for World Hunger or help local charities.
10. Operate a booth at all district meetings to publicize the WFRG and your territorial "Cuisine".
11. Inform the District President of Professional Circles about WFRG and your territorial "Cuisine" and ask for help in promoting it.
12. Inform the district governor of the WFRG and your territorial "Cuisine" and ask for his help in promoting it.
13. When the territorial "Cuisine" reaches 10 members, organise an election of officers, elect a Board of Directors adopt a statute on the attached "Territorial Cuisine" model, deposit the statute with the competent authorities obtain a tax code and open a bank account for the management of expenses and the 25% refund.
14. Encourage members to attend the RI Convention and WFRG activities and events.

Territorial Cuisines

Any person who applies and is eligible becomes part of the Fellowship through enrollment in a Cuisine.

The application for membership is made through the Fellowship website, regardless of the applicant's place of residence, usual domicile, place of work or citizenship.

The Cuisines can be activated when at least 3 members ask to be admitted as members.

- Cuisines with up to 9 members are part of the W.F.R.G. Fellowship;

- The Cuisines with members equal to or superior to 10 can request to constitute themselves in territorial Cuisines and provide themselves with their own Statute in the following States:

1. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Sikkim, Pakistan, Sri Lanka.
2. Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia
3. Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Comoros, Ivory Coast, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Central African Republic, South African Republic, Republic of the Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Réunion, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
4. Antigua and Barbuda, Netherlands Antilles, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Jamaica, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Honduras, Haiti, Martinique, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos
5. Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, North Yemen, South Yemen
6. Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, French Guiana, Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the Sandwich Islands, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, and Venezuela
7. Armenia and Georgia
8. Australia, Fiji, Guam, Norfolk Island, Cook Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Marshall Islands, Midway Islands, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, French Polynesia, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna
9. Austria and Germany
16. Azerbaijan, Belarus, Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
10. Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands

11. Brunei, Cambodia, Philippines, Indonesia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, East Timor, Vietnam
12. Bulgaria, Moldova, Poland, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary
13. Canada and USA
14. Cyprus and Greece
15. North Korea, Mongolia and People's Republic of China
16. South Korea and Japan
17. Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden
18. France and Monaco
19. Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria
20. Ireland
21. Iran
22. Italy 1 - Piedmont, Aosta Valley and Liguria
23. Italy 2 - Lombardy
24. Italy 3 - Trentino Alto Adige - Veneto - Friuli Venezia Giulia
25. Italy 4 - Emilia-Romagna, Republic of San Marino
26. Italy 5 - Tuscany, Umbria, Marche
27. Italy 6 - Latium, Abruzzo, Molise and Vatican City
28. Italy 7 - Campania, Calabria
29. Italy 8 - Apulia, Lucania
30. Italy 9 - Sardinia
31. Italy 10 - Sicily, Malta and Sovereign Military Order of Malta
32. Portugal and Spain
33. United Kingdom
34. Switzerland and Liechtenstein
35. Turkey
36. **Spanish-speaking countries are already part of Cuisine No. 6 "CANAL COCINA ROTARIO EN ESPANOL".**

The Board of Directors may proceed, at its sole discretion, to modify the Cuisines on the basis of organizational and operational needs.

Each Cuisine has its legal and operative headquarters in the place deemed appropriate by the members, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Fellowship: the legal and operative headquarters may be located in different places if deemed appropriate and necessary. The structure of its social organs and the operating procedures will be similar to those provided for the Fellowship.

If so decided by the Board of Directors of Cuisine, several subsidiary operating offices may be set up in addition to the main one: these subsidiary operating offices shall be known as Territorial Delegations.

Attachment A - TYPE STATUTE OF THE TERRITORIAL CUISINE

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ANNEX A

STANDARD STATUTE OF TERRITORIAL CUISINE

STATUTE OF THE TERRITORIAL CUISINE (NAME OF THE CUISINE)

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TYPE STATUTE

Article 1 - Constitution and purpose of the Territorial Cuisine

1.1 The Territorial Cuisine (name of the Cuisine), hereinafter referred to as "La Cuisine" of the W.F.R.G. - THE WOLRD FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIAN GOURMETS - (International Association of Rotarian Gourmets), hereinafter referred to as "the Fellowship", is an apolitical and non-political association promoted by Rotarians, is non-profit-making, is governed by the rules of these Statutes, has unlimited duration and is subject to the law (indicate the specific national law).

1.2 La Cuisine has its registered office in (location)

(1.3 La Cuisine has operational office(s) in (location))

Article 2 - Purpose

2.1 The Team has the same purpose as set forth in the W.F.R.G. Statute (Annex A to this Statute) and can carry out the same activities.

Article 3 - Characteristics and Constraints

3.1 The Cuisine is constituted and regulated by a Statute, deliberated by the Assembly of the Cuisine, after approval of the text by the Board of Directors of the Fellowship.

3.2. In the event of subsequent changes, the text of the latter must be submitted in advance to the Board of Directors of the Fellowship for approval and must in any case comply with the rules of the Fellowship Statute, the Code of Ethics and the Rules of the Fellowship and the Statute and Rules of Rotary International.

3.3 La Cuisine may not in any way act in the name of and on behalf of the Fellowship, except for initiatives and activities that have been expressly delegated to it.

3.4 La Cuisine does not act in the name of RI and this authority is not implied: official recognition of La Cuisine by the Fellowship does not imply any obligation on the part of Rotary International, the Districts and the Rotary Clubs.

3.5 Cuisine shall use the Fellowship mark with the addition of the name (denomination), subject to the rules established for the use of Rotary marks (the Rotary emblem and other registered marks of Rotary International).

3.6 La Cuisine may have, in compliance with the WFRG Constitution and the rules dictated by Rotary International, a website, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

3.7 La Cuisine has a neutral position with respect to politics or religion.

3.8 Cuisine is organized to respond in a timely manner to all communications, particularly those from the Fellowship's Central Coordination Structure.

3.9 La Cuisine supports its members by publishing a periodic bulletin (at least annually), periodically updates its assigned pages on the Fellowship website and organizes events which allow members to meet and interact with one another.

3.10 La Cuisine sends an annual report of activities, including an Annual Report, to its members. A copy of these documents shall be sent to the Fellowship's Central Coordination Structure no later than August 15 of each year.

3.11 If the Fellowship intends to contact other organizations for fundraising in excess of \$25,000 or to establish new collaborative relationships with third parties, it shall notify the Central Coordination Structure in advance of its intention and shall not proceed until it has received consent to do so.

Article 4 - Organizational Structure

4.1 Each Cuisine shall have its legal and operational headquarters in the place deemed appropriate by the members, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Fellowship: the legal and operational headquarters may be located in different places if deemed appropriate and necessary.

4.2 If so decided by the Board of Directors of Cuisine, more than one subsidiary operating office may be set up in addition to the main one: these subsidiary operating offices shall be known as Territorial Delegations.

4.3 The activity of Cuisine is financially and administratively self-sufficient and is independent of that of the Fellowship.

4.4 Relations between Cuisine and the Fellowship will be conducted in Italian and/or English.

4.5 The working language(s) of Cuisine is/are (name of language(s)).

4.6 The bodies of Cuisine are

- a) the Assembly
- b) the Board of Directors
- c) the President
- d) the Vice President
- e) the Secretary
- f) the Treasurer
- g) a Councilor

Article 5 - Membership

5.1 Any person who shares an interest in cooking may join Cuisine as a member.

5.2 Application for membership may be freely submitted on the Fellowship's website, regardless of the applicant's place of residence, usual domicile, place of employment, or citizenship.

5.3 The Board of Directors of the Fellowship, having received the application, verifies the regularity, and enrolls the new member in the world registry of members and transmits to the new member the Pin and the Apron. He then pays the Cuisine fee established by the Board of Directors, and Cuisine in turn enrolls the member in its register of members.

5.4 The member accepts the contents of the Statutes of the Cuisine and of the Fellowship and any other deliberation taken in conformity with them. The member has the right to take part in all the activities of the Cuisine he belongs to and of the Fellowship according to the rules and conditions of each, and takes part in the Assembly of the Fellowship. The member carries out his activity in a personal and free way without any profit, in the respect of the associative relationship. The behaviour towards others is animated by a spirit of solidarity and carried out with correctness, honesty and good faith.

5.5 Forfeiture shall be pronounced by the Board of Directors of the Cuisine to which the member belongs. Exclusion occurs when the member does not observe the provisions of the present Statute or the deliberations of the statutory bodies of the Fellowship or the Cuisine to which he belongs.

5.6 The following categories of Members are envisaged:

- a. ordinary
- c. honorary

d. supporters

5.7 All Rotarians, family members of Rotarians, Rotaractors and Alumni in good standing in accordance with the rules of Rotary International and friends of Rotarians who share an interest in cookery may be enrolled in the Fellowship as Ordinary Members, through enrolment in the Cuisine.

5.8 Individuals who have acquired special merits for their work in favour of Cuisine and Fellowship and the attainment of their objectives may be appointed as honorary members: honorary members shall not be required to pay any dues.

5.9 Those who wish to contribute to the aims of the Cuisine and the Fellowship through contributions in cash or in kind may be admitted as supporting members.

5.10 The number of members is unlimited.

5.11 The social offices, elected by the Assembly of the partners and by the Directive Council, don't give right to any remuneration.

5.12 Only the ordinary members in good standing with the payment of the associative fee enjoy the active and passive electoral rights.

5.13 The associative quota are not revaluable, neither refundable neither transmissible. The prohibition of transmissibility also applies towards the heirs in case of death of the member.

5.14 The members do not have any right neither on the patrimony of the Fellowship nor on that of the Cuisine to which they belong and eventual services of the associates towards the Fellowship must be intended free of charge, except for the reimbursement of the expenses authorized by the Board of Directors and effectively sustained and documented.

Article 6 - Financial Year / Social Year

6.1 The financial year of Cuisine, which coincides with the fiscal year, begins on July 1 and ends on June 30.

6.2 The economic management of Cuisine is ensured by the contributions returned by the Fellowship equal to 50% of the registration fee, a lifetime fee which is deliberated by the Board of Directors of the Fellowship, and is in any case completely separate from that of the Fellowship.

6.3 Within and not later than 90 (ninety) days before the fiscal year, the Board of Directors prepares and submits for approval to the Assembly a draft budget of income and expenses for the following fiscal year accompanied by the guidelines of the annual program of activities and sends it to the President of the Fellowship for approval by the Board of Directors.

6.4 Within 30 (thirty) days from the close of the fiscal year (July 1-June 30), the final statement of accounts prepared by the Board of Directors is submitted to the approval of the Assembly and then forwarded to the President of the Fellowship for ratification by the Board of Directors.

6.5 Once notification of ratification has been received, the final statement of account shall remain deposited in the official records of Cuisine, at the disposal of all members.

Article 7 - Membership Fee

7.1 The membership fee is paid by the members at the time of registration on the website by payment by credit card or by bank transfer directly to the account of the Fellowship. The lifetime membership fee of the Fellowship includes, the support fee of the Fellowship equal to 50% of the registration fee and the support fee of the Cuisine equal to 50% of the registration fee for current expenses for its activities.

7.2 The amount of the membership fee is decided annually by the Board of Directors of the Fellowship.

Article 8 - Policies of action

8.1 The Cuisine shall act autonomously, but in constant contact and coordination with the Fellowship, following the principles of Rotary International in conformity with the Constitution of the Fellowship (Annex A),

Article 9 - Operating Surplus and Capital

9.1 The operating surplus and reserves or capital may not be distributed, even indirectly, to members.

Article 10 - Dissolution of the Cuisine

10.1 It is forbidden to distribute, even indirectly, profits or operating surpluses as well as funds, reserves or capital during the life of Cuisine, unless the destination or distribution is required by the law in force.

10.2 Cuisine shall be dissolved when requested by the competent organs of Rotary International or the Fellowship and/or decided by the Assembly or when required by law.

Article 11 - Transitional and Final Rules

11.1 For all matters not provided for in this constitution, the provisions of the constitution of the Fellowship and the constitution and by-laws of Rotary International shall apply.

11.2 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this constitution and the provisions of the Fellowship Constitution or the Constitution and By-Laws of Rotary International, the latter shall prevail and apply.

11.3 The members of the first Board of Directors of the Cuisine shall be elected by the participants in the Assembly of the Cuisine, without prior presentation of candidacies, called by the oldest member among those registered in the membership book of the Cuisine by the Board of Directors of the Fellowship at the time of the constitution of the Cuisine, not later than 60 (sixty) days after the date of the constitution of the Cuisine by the Board of Directors of the Fellowship itself.