AGENDA

Tangent Club International
7th Half Year Meeting, on 7th November, 2020, at 3 pm CET
To be held virtually by Teams

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Lighting the Candle of Friendship
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Introduction of the participants
5. Announcement of the Minutes Secretary
6. Apologies and Greetings
7. Reports a) TCI Board
   b) TCI Councillors
   c) TCI Associate members
8. TCI finance report
9. Discussion about amendments of the Rules (those not discussed at the HYM 2019)
   a) Those proposed by the TCI Board (page2)
   b) Proposed by Tangent GB and I (page 2)
   c) Proposed by Tangent Norway (page 3)
10. Discussion topic from Tangent Israel: TCI ISP (page3)
11. Discussion topic from Tangent Denmark: 5 Club agreement (page 4)
12. Update and discussion on the Tangents.world-project, presented by Tangent Sweden and Tangent Suomi Finland (page 5)
13. Extensions
14. Any other business
15. Place and date for AGM 2021 and HYM 2021
16. Closure of the meeting
9. a) TCI BOARD RULE CHANGES:

§5. d. iv.
Nominations shall be received by the TCI secretary by 30th of November and shall be sent out by her to all Member Countries no later than 31st of December.

To be replaced with
Nominations shall be received by the TCI Secretary one month before they are due to be sent out to the member countries. The nominations are to be sent to the member countries along with the AGM agenda no later than the first date of the month, three (3) months before the month in which the AGM is to be held i.e.
Nominations received by 1st December and to be sent out by 1st January for an AGM in April.
Nominations received by 1st January and to be sent out by 1st February for an AGM in May.
Nominations received by 1st February and to be sent out by 1st March for an AGM in June.

Country Proposals

From GB&I
Eligibility for TCI board be approved by the candidates association
Tangent GB&I propose that Rule § 5 d.iii be amended as shown below:

Current rule
§ 5 d. Nominations to the TCI Board
i. Only Full Member Countries can nominate candidates for the TCI Board.
ii. All candidates must be approved and supported by their National Board.
iii. Candidates shall be active members of their Full Member Association and have been members of Ladies Circle or wife or female partner of a current or past member of Round Table.
iv. Nominations shall be received by the TCI secretary by 30th of November and shall be sent out by her to all Member Countries no later than 31st of December.
v. When there are no candidates for office, nominations from the floor can only be accepted with the consent of the candidate and the support by her own national board.
vi. In the event of an officer vacancy the Board may appoint from members of affiliated Tangent Countries.

and replaced with
§ 5. d. iii. Candidates shall be active members of their Full Member Association

Explanation
Each Tangent country has their own rules that relate to membership in the national Tangent Club. In addition, some countries have already put in place their own internal rules as to how they choose and agree nominees to go forward from their country as a candidate for the TCI board roles. We believe this amendment will allow for variations in membership rules within all member countries. We feel that it is important, that it is the elected board of the candidate’s country, that approve the nomination and make the decision as to who to put forward to represent them in the international board. Countries will put forward candidates that they think are right and capable of doing the job in the best interests of the whole of TCI. This amendment simplifies the rule and makes it the responsibility of an individual full member country to approve their nominee as a suitable candidate for the TCI board.
FROM NORWAY

Proposal to change §1, k from Tangent Norway
Existing rule
§1, k The Association is open to members of any National Tangent Association.
Proposed change:
§1, k The Association is open to members of any National Tangent Association, where members are past members of Ladies Circle and/or wife or female partner of a current or past member of Round Table. National associations decide to accept partners of current or past members of Round Table.
This rule being effective from 28th May 2021 onwards. Consequently, from this date all present members are equal members.

Explanation
The Tangent associations should focus on the genuine friendships we have experienced as members of Ladies Circle, or as companion to a Tabler/41’er, rather than growing in ways that dilutes this distinctiveness. This suggestion will allow national associations to decide themselves if they wish to only accept past circlers as members. Furthermore, this proposal is to clearly distinguish the association from other similar organisations (i.e. Rotary, Soroptimists, Agora, Maria Loge etc.) that are also attractive for former members of Ladies Circle. By not making this change retroactive, but effective from 28th May 2021, we emphasize that this is the direction we want to follow in the future.

From Israel

Proposal for a discussion topic from Tangent Israel
A discussion topic for the HYM - International service project

The proposal
TCI can lead international service project for a community under the title "Tangent Club International" alongside our organization’s support of the LCI service project. The theme of the project can be proposed by any of the TCI Board members or by a full member country.

Explanation
We believe that volunteering for a community by the members of the organization will strengthen the bond between the members in every country and also at the international level. Volunteering for a community will provide an opportunity to work side by side with the local RT family and strengthen the bonds of friendship between them. A project under the title of "Tangent Club International" will bring us great publicity and exposure and will increase the organization and desire of more countries
From Denmark

Dear President Nina, Dear TCI board
The members of Tangent Denmark had this past weekend their AGM (Aug. 22nd)
We voted for the 5-club-agreement, and hereby signaling, that Tangent Denmark will support,
have no arguments against nor take any offence towards an international cooperation between
the 5 organizations.
The Danish board has been given the mandate to vote on the 5 club agreement on the AGM in
Verona 2021.
At our AGM the current wording of the agreement raised a lot of questions, to what this
agreement entails. Some have already been answered by the TCI board but one clause in the
agreement still raises some concern. We would therefore appreciate a discussion with the TCI
member countries on HYM about this.
The point for discussion is listed below. The highlighted text in cursive is taken from the
originally signed agreement.

To ensure that all Party’s respective Constitutions implement and maintain specific Clauses that
reflect the importance of recognizing the need for proactive, on-going close cooperation
between RTI, LCI, TCI, 41 Club International and Agora International going forward.

What does this mean in plain English? Why are we permitting the other organizations
have an impact on our constitution? Why is that even something to aspire to? We are
five different clubs, who wishes to cooperate, but why do we have to have a say on the
individual clubs’ constitutions?
It is our understanding, that any constitutional changes have to be voted upon by the
national member countries. In that case how is this going to be able to work in practice?
Do we every year have to vote on the AGM on different constitutional changes?
That would mean, that every member country would have to vote at their national AGM
giving mandate to the national board. They would have to vote on the international
AGM. This would be the case for all 5 organizations and given that all 5 clubs agree, it
would be implemented. This would be a long an ineffective process providing very little
result. It will though generate a lot of extra work for the TCI board.
The Danish board acknowledges, that this agreement has been under a lot of scrutiny
and has generated a lot of time consuming work for the TCI board. With the at most
respect for the work done in the TCI board and by President Nina, the Danish board
wishes to have a debate on this part of the 5-club agreement.

A discussion on the specific wording of the document might as well assist the TCI board in the
upcoming renegotiation and adaption of the originally signed agreement.
Information re Tangent World software from Sweden

Tangents.world

Background
.world (managed by Peepl) is a platform with a lot of useful tools to allow a full management of members, clubs, regions and an entire association. It’s a way to manage the member’s data, communicate with members in an easy and efficient way, organize events, meetings and facilitates browsing through directories both internationally and nationally.
Ladies Circle International, Round Table International and Club 41 International have all created .world platforms for their respective organizations thus making it possible for the independent countries to join if they wish. These .world platforms facilitate networking, sharing of ideas and provide excellent platforms for overviewing all the different activities and events to be attended firstly within their respective organizations but in a longer perspective also between the organizations in the Round Table Family. In the end of August 2020, Ladies Circle had 34 countries, Round Table 50 and Club 41 INTERNATIONAL, 6 countries (with more than 1/3 of their members) in their respective .world platforms. Tangent-Agora in Germany has already signed an agreement with Peepl (on behalf of ACI) and is waiting to start building a test website.

Today Peepl is working with developing an App for .world and there is constant work for improvements and updates in the platform. It’s a powerful website, suitable for our organization. We cannot remain outside, when the other members of our family are all inside the .world. In Sweden and Finland, LC, RT and 41:ers have already joined .world and we are going to join them.
Tangent Sweden and Tangent Suomi Finland, here after called “we”, want to emphasize that there is no requirement for any individual country to join the .world platform now or even later, but this is rather an opportunity for the countries who wish to join now.

How we shall do it
The plan is that Tangent Club International shall create a .world platform under the name of tangents.world in order to gain the same benefits from this, as our brothers and sisters in Round Table family, facilitating networking within our organization but also making it easier to stay in touch with the other organizations.
In order to achieve this, at least one member country has to volunteer as first country to join. We (TCS and TCSF) hereby volunteer to do that and also volunteer to manage all contacts with Peepl and to build the platform according to the wishes of Tangent Club International. We can do all the groundwork and negotiate an agreement, but Tangent Club International will be the owner of the agreement and consequently the organization who signs it.

We propose that the individual country or countries, who join tangents.world from the start, will split the cost for Tangent Club International entering tangents.world (1920 EUR + VAT). The amount will be put into a special fund managed by Tangent Club International as a loan. Tangent Club International will then use the fund to pay the start-up cost to Peepl. Every country that joins tangents.world afterwards shall pay 500 EUR (+ VAT) to the fund. Since every country that chooses to join the platform shall pay the same start-up cost, the loan from the initial country/countries should be deducted by 500 EUR (+VAT). Tangent Club International will then refund the loan to the initial countries. When the loan is fully refunded, the remaining fund should be kept and used for future development of tangents.world.

We shall make a proposal for the TCI board, that they shall pay 50% of the annual fee of 580 EUR and 50% is evenly divided between countries that have chosen to join tangents.world. This would be starting from the operational year of 2020-2021 and the sum is subject to changes in the future.

It will also be possible to join the platform as a single member (without own member country joining the platform). We propose, that the single members will be charged EUR 5 per year. Setting up single members on the platform will need some extra administration. We therefore propose, that the TCI board can decide to limit the numbers of single members per country.
Economy
Cost for TCI and the member countries to join the platform:
There is an one-time start-up cost of tangents.world of 1920 EUR (+VAT). According to our proposal, this cost will be shared between the member countries who choose to join the platform, please see above.
There is an annual fee of 580 EUR (+VAT) for managing server cluster, SSL certificate and domain name.
According to our proposal, please see above, the cost for TCI would be 50% of the annual fee, i.e EUR 290 (+VAT) the first year. All the other costs would be covered by the countries that choose to join the platform.
The costs for individual countries to join the .world platform:
One-time start-up cost: (+VAT)
0 to 50 members: € 199,00
51 to 250 members: € 249,00
250 to 500 members: € 499,00
501 to 1000 members: € 749,00
1001 to 5000 members: € 999,00
5000+ members: € 1499,00
Annual fee of EUR 1 per member (no VAT on this fee)

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