

**ASIA PACIFIC AREA**  
**Y'S EXTENSION SUPPORT "YES" PROGRAMME**  
**PROPOSAL FOR REVISION TO THE PRESENT 'YES' PRACTICE**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

YES Programme is a special fund that has been established to provide financial support for club extension, especially for the chartering of new clubs in new countries which ties in with "Extension Beyond Border Award". With effect from the term 2017-18, the Programme is administered by the Area for its extension efforts.

**2. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of YES are

- To support the Area's activities relating to cross border extension;
- To support the Area's activities relating to extension in new countries within the Area;
- To encourage extension by Region;
- To support extension by weaker Regions.

**3. ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAMME**

The Programme is administered by Area Treasurer together with Area President and Area Service Director (Extension).

**4. CONTRIBUTIONS TO YES PROGRAMME**

Contributions to YES are voluntary and clubs are encouraged to make annual contributions to YES together with payment of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Area Dues through their Region. 50% of the Fund will be kept in the Area while the remaining 50% will be retained in the Region earmarked for extension efforts.

**5. ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE FOR YES FUNDING**

Area will assist in the funding for extension efforts in new countries. Eligible items of expenditure incurred by Area and Regions that may be funded by YES are:

- i. Reasonable cost of economical airfare;
- ii. Reasonable cost of local transport;
- iii. Reasonable accommodation cost;
- iv. Initial meeting expenses;
- v. Orientation and training expenses;
- vi. Initial financial support for new club.

**6. PRESENT PRACTICE**

Presently, 50% of the YES Fund contributions received annually are distributed to Regions having new clubs proportionate to the number of charter members while the remaining 50% is retained in the Area for application as mentioned in paragraph 5 above.

**7. PROPOSED REVISION**

The AEOs, having considered the need to reduce the financial burden on sponsoring clubs, are proposing a revision to the "PRESENT PRACTICE" by:

- a) Subsidizing the charter application fees;
- b) Balance of the funds after paying for the charter application fees is then distributed to eligible Region/clubs based on the total number of charter members;
- c) Eligible clubs are defined as clubs having a membership of 15 charter members.

**8. MOTION**

The Area Council is requested to consider and approve the Motion on the Proposed Revision to the YES Fund that is to take effect for fiscal year 2021/22.

Submitted on behalf of AEOs.

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