Standing Rules

07 – WorldPride

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WorldPride Applications and Licensure

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Purpose
To establish the procedures by which applications for the WorldPride title are handled and the requirements for licensing. The WorldPride title is granted by the Membership.

Section 1 – Establishment of WorldPride Title
Pursuant to Resolution 97-01, the Organization established the title “WorldPride”, which it may license, from time to time, to a Full Member Organization. WorldPride shall be a semi regular activity of InterPride. The event is intended to be awarded every two (2) calendar years, beginning in 2019. The Membership may opt to grant the title at different intervals. The title should be granted in the spirit of geographic diversity – it is preferred, but shall not be required, that each WorldPride not be held on the same continent as the previous one.

Section 2 – Requirements for Applicant Organizations
In order to be eligible to apply for the WorldPride title, an applicant organization must meet the following requirements:

A. The applicant organization must be a current, Full Member Organization of InterPride and have been in good standing for at least four (4) consecutive calendar years prior to submitting an application.

B. The applicant organization must have organized at least three (3) Pride Events (physical, virtual or hybrid) within the previous four (4) calendar years.

C. The applicant organization must have attended three (3) of the previous four (4) World Conferences. Consideration may be given to Member organizations that have not fulfilled this obligation but have been actively involved in any of the associated Pride Platforms over this period.

D. The applicant organization must be a fiscally-stable organization with no operating deficit exceeding ten percent (10%) of revenues in a four (4) calendar year period.

E. The applicant organization must propose to hold the WorldPride event at least three (3) calendar years after the World Conference at which their application would be considered.

F. The applicant organization must be present at the World Conference at which their application would be considered.

G. Organizations from ODA-eligible countries applying to host a WorldPride event may request a waiver of part or all of the licensing fee. The organization must demonstrate a compelling reason for this request. The request should be submitted to the WorldPride Committee as part of their bid.

Section 3 – Application Content
Any application for the WorldPride title must include the following:

A. Name, full postal address, telephone and fax numbers; and email address of the applicant organization and contact person(s) for that organization.

B. A full description of the history and legal status of the applicant organization and its structure.

C. The proposed date and geographic location of the event(s).

D. Details of the proposed program, including:
   a. an opening ceremony;
   b. a march, parade or similar demonstration;
   c. conference(s) and/or workshop(s) on various aspects/issues of LGBTI+ life; and
   d. a
closing ceremony.

E. A full description of the political context of the program, its projected impact on a global scale and how the program will meet the mission statement and provide measurable outcomes to InterPride and its member organizations.

F. A proposed business plan for the event that includes the following:
   a. a proposed budget;
   b. organizational structure; and
   c. key personnel.

G. A proposed marketing plan for the event, including:
   a. a timeline;
   b. format(s) of marketing;
   c. projected costs of marketing; and
   d. key points that will be emphasized in marketing efforts.

H. General information about the host city/region/country, including:
   a. international airport location;
   b. transportation to/from the event(s);
   c. relevant health and safety/security issues; and
   d. accommodation availability and cost(s).

I. A brief description of LGBTI+ life in the host city/region/country.

J. A signed intent-to-bid agreement

The application must clearly specify the global dimension of the event and evidence the desire to embrace and respect the participation of the international LGBTI+ community. The application must also fully comply with this standing rule, along with the Bylaws, other standing rules and other governing documents of InterPride.

Section 4 – Supporting Documents
Applications must be accompanied by as many of the following documents as possible. If any of these documents cannot be obtained, a reason must be given as to why the document(s) is unavailable.

A. Letters of support from:
   1. organizations within the city/region/country where the event(s) will take place exhibiting their support;
   2. government officials (mayor, city council, governor, president, prime minister, etc.);
   3. LGBTI+ businesses in the city/region/country of the event(s);
   4. local media;
   5. prospective sponsors;
   6. local tourism authorities;
   7. travel partners (airlines, hotels, travel agents, car rental agencies, etc.) and other event partners; and
   8. human rights organizations.

B. Documentation regarding the background of the application, describing the special political, cultural or social reasons for hosting the event(s).

C. Biographical information on the key personnel who will be involved in the planning and execution of the event (at the time of application).

Section 5 – Application Submission
Applications for WorldPride will only be formally considered at the World Conference no less than three (3) calendar years in advance of when it is scheduled to take place.

Final written and/or electronic applications shall be provided to the WorldPride Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the World Conference at which the application would be
considered. The WorldPride Committee will submit recommendations for approval or denial to the InterPride Board for each application to advance to a Membership vote. The qualifying application(s) shall then be referred to the Membership at the World Conference where they shall vote on whether to grant the provisional WorldPride license. A non-refundable fee of US$500, submitted to the Treasurer of InterPride, must accompany applications.

At a minimum of 120 days prior to the World Conference the applicant(s) will send their draft bid document(s) and/or presentation(s) to the WorldPride Committee Co-Chair(s) for review. This review is to verify that the minimum requirements, as established in the Standing Rules and bylaws for a bid to be accepted and valid have been met. The co-chairs will only evaluate if the requirements have been met, and not the caliber or quantity or quality of the information provided. The WorldPride committee chairs will provide confirmation that an application and bid meets all requirements for submission and approval.

At 100 days prior to the World Conference, the revised draft proposal(s) will be sent to the WorldPride Committee Co-Chair(s) and distributed to the WorldPride Committee to preview prior to the aforementioned vote at 90 days. This distribution of the proposal(s) shall be confined to the committee and are not to be made public until such time as deemed by the CSIC committee, InterPride Co-Presidents, and the World Conference host organizing committee.

Section 6 – Application Presentation
Each applicant organization shall be provided an opportunity to make a presentation regarding their application for the WorldPride license during a World Conference. The applicant organization is responsible to coordinate any technical needs they might have for this presentation with the World Conference's Host Committee.

The presentation(s) shall be followed by a question and answer period.

All time periods available for presentations and question & answer sessions will be defined in the intent-to-bid agreement.

Section 7 – Application Selection

A. An application for the WorldPride title shall be provisionally granted to an applicant organization should two-thirds (2/3) of the Full Member Organizations present and voting at the General Meeting and World Conference at which their application is presented vote in favor of its acceptance. The vote shall take place using the process outlined in the Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 3, Subsection A. This vote will take place by ballot during a plenary session of any given General Meeting and World Conference. The choices to be provided shall be: voting in favor of an applicant organization's bid, voting to not award the license to any applicant organization, and abstention.

B. Should only one application be considered and the bid not receive a two-thirds majority vote, no provisional license shall be granted.

C. When there shall be two (2) or more applications and should no option receive a majority vote, additional votes shall be taken with the application with the lowest vote total being removed from each subsequent round of voting until a majority vote for an option is achieved. The application achieving a majority vote shall be awarded the provisional license. The definition of a majority vote is defined in the bylaws.

Section 8 – Requirement Suspension
The WorldPride Committee, upon the request of a bidding organization and through a majority vote of those members of the committee, may present a recommendation to the InterPride Board to conduct a two-thirds majority vote to grant a bidding organization a suspension of one or more provisions of Sections 2 and/or 10 of this Standing Rule, excluding membership requirements.
Section 9 – Licensure – General
The provisional license of the WorldPride title is contingent on the host organization (successful applicant) and InterPride Co-Presidents entering into a signed licensure agreement containing the terms and conditions upon which the usage of the WorldPride title is authorized by the Organization.

Section 10 – Licensure – Specifics of Agreement

The following terms should be incorporated into the licensure agreement:

A. The ability for InterPride to withdraw the WorldPride title and revoke licensure should the host organization be found to be in violation of the licensure agreement.

B. A program of accountability between the host organization and InterPride.

C. Regular reporting of the progress of the event(s) to the WorldPride Committee.

D. In-person reporting of the progress of the event(s) to the Membership at the World Conferences leading up to the event(s);

E. A post-WorldPride presentation at a World Conference following their event(s), including detailed written report.

F. A requirement that host organizations maintain Full Member status with the Organization for a period following the events.

G. Payment of a non-refundable licensure fee, with a detailed explanation of any agreed upon installment plan.

H. A percentage of profits from the event(s) that will be paid to InterPride.

I. A percentage of profits from all WorldPride merchandise paid to InterPride.

J. An agreement that the licensee will not disparage InterPride; and,

K. A statement clarifying the length and scope of the license.

Section 11 – Enactment and Precedence

This standing rule shall take effect immediately upon passage and replace all other standing rules, motions, resolutions and other policies enacted by the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Membership dealing with the subject matter contained herein.

Resolutions
97-01, 97-02