

World DipCon charter

WDC Charter

Adopted in 2000 at WDC in Baltimore, MD

The World DipCon Society is an organization whose purpose is the selecting, support and preparation for the hosting the World Diplomacy Convention (WDC) site starting from August 2000.

I. Participation:

A. There are two levels of participation:

- a. Attendees of the Society's annual meeting at the WDC site.
- b. Members of the Society also called the Leadership Committee

B. Attendees

- a. Attendees are people who attend the Society's Annual Meeting at the WDC site who played or are registered to play in any WDC Diplomacy event concurrent with the WDC at the site.
- b. The roles of Attendees are to
 - i. vote on the selection of the WDC sites
 - ii. vote on amendments of the Charter
 - iii. propose future amendments to members
 - iv. propose projects for the Members to work on

C. Members/Leadership Committee

a. Members are:

- i. any prior Tournament Director of a WDC or his/her designate
- ii. the next two designated Tournament Directors of WDC's
- iii. the designated representative from Diplomacy Organizations, See Appendix: Membership
- iv. Committee chairpersons where those committee are set up by the WDS as work projects in support of the WDS.

b. The roles of the Membership is:

- i. run the Society Annual Meeting
- ii. provide for support of the WDC event
- iii. act to make a change in venue of the WDC in the event of default of the designated WDC site. See Appendix Default
- iv. work on projects between Society meetings
- v. write amendments and related documents to this Charter as may be needed from time to time
- vi. Maintain timely communication with other members

II. Selection Process for WDC

1. Parties interested in hosting a WDC will prepare their proposals(Bids) to the Society meeting.

2. Bidders will be aided by the Society members in preparation of their bids by
 - a. The maintenance of a suggested format for a bid
 - b. The maintenance of a list of qualifications for a bid. See Appendix: Bid Structures
3. Bidders are encouraged to submit their bids to the Members prior to the Society meeting.
4. At the Society meeting the bid should be presented to the Attendees by an individual that will be involved in the hosting of the WDC event or a designated Deputy.
5. The Attendees will vote to select a WDC site two years from the year of the current WDC.
6. The method of the voting shall be detailed at the time of the WDC by the Members. See Appendix: Voting for various possible methods

III. Regions and the WDC

The world is divided into regions for purposes of aiding in the reasonable rotation of the WDC around the world. There are currently three regular regions of the WDC:

1. Europe/Mediterranean: All countries of Europe.
2. North America: Canada, United States, Mexico and all countries of the Caribbean and Central America from Panama to Mexico inclusive.
3. Australia/New Zealand: Australia and New Zealand.
4. Middle East: The only active hobby in that area is currently Israel.

Regions may be added or amended as needed from time to time.

IV. Regions and the WDC Selection

No region may normally be selected to host a WDC 2 years in row

Exceptions:

1. In the case of a default of the successful bidder for the current WDC, the Members may assign the emergency replacement WDC independent of regional restrictions.
2. In the event there is no bid for the WDC in a different region then two consecutive years may be in the same region.

V. Amendments to this Charter

The method of amendment to this charter is:

1. only a Member writes the amendment and proposes it to a Annual Society Meeting. (An Attendee who is not a Member must convince at least one Member to submit an Amendment for
2. anything to happen).
3. the proposed amendment is submitted for a yes/no vote at the Annual Society Meeting
4. if passed at the Annual Society Meeting it is then held for confirmation at the next year's meeting.
5. if passed a second time at the next possible Annual Society Meeting then it is confirmed and shall become part of this Charter.

VI. Miscellaneous

1. Language: the language of the Charter is to be English and all amendments are to be maintained in English.
 2. Legal conflicts are not conceivable, jurisdiction is never to be in the country of the individual who starts such a mess.
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APPENDIX: VOTING

Voting in the Annual Society meeting is the traditional way to resolve issues as well as assign the next two sites of the WDC. The details of the method of the voting has always been left flexible to accommodate the local conditions relative to bids and their competition. The following are acceptable methods:

I. For Amendments to the WDC Charter:

- A. Each Attendee is allowed one vote.
- B. Options to vote are either : Yes, No or Abstain
- C. To pass an amendment proposal requires more Yes votes than No votes
- D. An amendment that is passed becomes part of the charter if it is confirmed at the following year's WDC using the same voting system again.

II. For Selection of a WDC host site

All votes are done by region with a maximum of 10 votes (if that number is reached) for each region present. Any votes within a region that are in excess of ten are prorated for the ten regional votes.

Example

8 Europeans= 8 votes
6 N. Americans= 6 votes
20 Australians=10 votes

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APPENDIX: MEMBERS

I. Member Organizations

Supporting of the WDC is often best done in the backdrop of a network of regional and local organizations that can cooperate in a loose federation to promote the Diplomacy Hobby in

general and focus on the WDC as may be needed.

A. To be a Member Organization the Organization must qualify by having the following aspects:

1. have an obvious main focus on the game of Diplomacy
2. have a hobby presence either on the Internet in the form of a Web Site, or an Internationally recognized convention format such as the European DipCon
3. have a recognizable structure with an individual leader and a method to appoint a representative to the WDC
4. have functioned (hosted an event, completed hobby projects) for at least one year.
5. have at least 10 members

B. No organization shall be reasonably denied representation.

C. An organizational member shall forfeit its membership if it:

1. does not appoint a representative to the WDS by notification to the Society at its designated contact site, or
2. neither :
 - (a) participates in a Diplomacy event for a complete calendar year, nor
 - (b) updates its Internet presence for a period of 120 days.

Initial Prequalified Organizations:

Diplomatic Corps (www.DiplomaticCorps.Org)

European Diplomacy Association (annual meeting at the European DipCon)

DAANZ (Australia, New Zealand)

II. Prior WDC Tournament Directors prequalified

Jean Louis Delattre (Namur, Belgium 1999)

David Hood (Chapel Hill, USA 1998, 1990)

Leif Bergmen (Gothenburg, Sweden 1997)

Dan Mathias (Columbus, USA 1996)

Francois Rivasseau (Paris, France 1995)

Iaian Bowen (UK 1994)

John Cain (Australia 1992)

Nick Kinzett (Birmingham, UK 1988)

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APPENDIX: BID STRUCTURES

The purpose of the bid structure is to provide a minimum of standards to assist bidders in forming their bid to host a World DipCon. As part of the reason for the Society's interim meeting organization is to assist in the success of bids, these requirements are what are considered to be necessary for the Bidders to host a successful World Diplomacy Convention.

1. People:

There must be an individual who is responsible for the entire bid.

There must be a 'contact point' with email access for public information and publicity.

There should be a Tournament Director who is responsible for the administration of the tournament. He need not be specified at the time of bid, but that there will be an individual responsible for appointing a Tournament Director.

These roles may be combined, but success indicates that separate responsibilities are preferred.

A bid must indicate the individuals involved and their contact addresses.

2. Place

There must be a commitment from a place to make the facility available able to hold at least as many players as attended the last WDC held in the same region.

There must be a designated accommodation location and the rates to that should be known in advance.

3. Tournament System

The hobby is very tolerant with experiments in tournament systems and it is not the role of the WDS to dictate one system over another. However the following universal features should be part of the tournament system:

a. The System must be intended to generate a single individual Standard Diplomacy Champion.

b. The system must be known and written down available for all participants prior to the start of the tournament. Preferably several months in advance.

c. In any case where there is to be a forced removal of a player to accommodate the 7 player nature of the standard Diplomacy game, that removal is not to be forced upon any non local players. A local player is a player from same country as the host and resident within 100km of the site.

d. Tournament systems may incorporate a team round as part of the computation for the resolution of a tournament champion. However, all component rounds/aspects must be from the play of Diplomacy or a recognized variant of it.

e. There is to be at least a single round of Team Play of Standard Diplomacy to determine the Team Championship.

The bidder must make a commitment that the system will be known and give at least a summary

of the methods to be employed. We understand the flexibility needed to adjust the tournament systems between bid and actual event, but the basic theory and flavor of the tournament should be known in advance with all details to be disclosed before play.

4. House Rules

There is to be a set of House Rules made available to the players by the Tournament Director.

These must be written down and may be simply the Rule Book to be used or more detailed. Tournament Directors are encouraged to use more detailed House Rules which cover some of the various aspects of face to face tournament play.

5. After Report

The bidders must undertake to make the results of the WDC available world wide through the Internet.

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1. In case of the resignation of the World DipCon host at least 2 months prior to the General Meeting of the immediate prior WDC, the decision of the new site will be decided at the General Meeting.
2. In the case of the resignation of the World DipCon Host within 2 months before the prior WDC up to the time of the intended WDC, the decision of the new site will be decided by the Membership Committee.
 - (1) In the case of their being more than one possible alternative, the location will be decided by a simple vote.
 - (2) Only those people who were members at the start of the WDC at which the defaulted site was selected, and who are still members at the time of the vote, may vote.
 - (3) The responsibility for collecting and counting the vote will be given to the TD of the most recent WDC.

The additional possibilities for the resolution of the default are:

- a. to have no WDC in that year
- b. to have a WDC outside of the normal rotation.