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**To
all members of the
World Association for Positive and Transcultural
Psychotherapy (WAPP)**

(by e-mail)

Wiesbaden, 6 November 2023

**INVITATION TO AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
ON 6 DECEMBER 2023 ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

Dear colleagues and members,

We invite you to an extraordinary general assembly of the World Association for Positive and Transcultural Psychotherapy (WAPP) on

Wednesday, 6 December 2023, 15:00 CET (Berlin time), online via Zoom for approx. 60 minutes

Agenda:

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting
2. Call and determination for quorum
3. Acceptance of the agenda
- 4. Vote on proposed bylaws changes**
5. Closing of member assembly

The reason for this extraordinary assembly is a general revision of our bylaws to better suit our growing Association and to get fit for the future.

As you know, for a non-profit and non-governmental organization (NGO) like WAPP, the bylaws (statutes) are our legal framework. They can be compared to the constitution of a country. As WAPP is registered in Germany, the German laws for associations are valid for us. However, it is the general assembly of the members which decide which bylaws it needs.

From time to time, it is necessary to update and to adapt bylaws to the changes and demands of time. So, bylaws are like a “living” document. As you know, we are planning to apply in Spring 2024 for a consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations Organization (ECOSOC). During this complex application process, it became clear that some of our goals have to be more specifically focused on “global mental health” – a term which hardly existed in 1996 when our bylaws were drafted. But, more importantly, we are now an association with more than 2000 members in 52 countries – in 1996 they were seven founding members from one country!

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What does our association need to be able to deal with the challenges of today? How do we keep the diversity on the Board? How do we find a balance of power between the executive functions of the Board, and the power of the members during the General Assembly? How to prevent possible conflicts? How do deal with conflicts and difficult people? Where do we need some clarifications in order to avoid misunderstandings? These and many other questions were dealt with during the past six months, and we are very happy to share with you today the proposals of the Board of Directors and let you vote on them.

In the link below you will find the proposed changes in the German original (for the German authorities) and the English translation. The column on the left shows the present bylaws, the column on the right the proposed changes (marked in *red* color). The main changes refer to membership (§3), finances (§4), election and functions of the Board (§5), and the general assembly (§6).

Proposed changes and amendments:

<https://www.positum.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/ByLaws-old-vs-new-DRAFT-VERSION-as-of-06.11.2023.pdf>

If you have any additional topics for the agenda, please send them to us until 22 November 2023 (wapp@positum.org). Thank you!

Please find the credentials to enter the Zoom conference room in the email alongside this invitation.

Thank you!

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Warm regards,

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WAPP President

Enclosures:

- 1) Proposed changes of bylaws