

SMALL CHAPTER SUPPORT

Objective.

This initiative aims to provide support to smaller chapters in order that they can have demonstrators from outside their area without it being a financial burden on them. It is accepted that a variety of demonstrators is an essential factor in maintaining interest in chapter meetings and in developing skills amongst its members.

Target Chapters.

This initiative is aimed at smaller chapters where meeting fees from members (or average number of attendees) would not cover the costs involved in getting an outside demonstrator.

For this pilot scheme, smaller chapters are being defined as follows:

- Group 1 - Membership of 15 or less, or, average attendance of 10 or less.
- Group 2 - Membership of 16 to 20, or, average attendance 11 to 20.

Support

The Executive of the Guild will pay the costs of the demonstrator up to a maximum of €150 plus reasonable travel costs at a rate of 30 cents per kilometer.

For chapters that fall into Group 1 above this support will be available a maximum of twice per year, and for chapters in Group 2 above it will be available once per year.

Procedures

This scheme is for a pilot period of 2 years with an initial budget of 1000 euro per year.

Chapter committees must seek approval for this support in advance.

Applications to the Secretary of the IWG must be made by December for support in the following year, and at least 3 months in advance of the demonstration seeking support.

Applications should include the date of the demonstration, the demonstrator proposed, the agreed cost, and copies of the previous 3 months sign in sheets.

Once approved, the chapter can proceed with booking the demonstrator.

When the booking is confirmed, the chapter must inform the executive.

The executive will then make payment directly to the demonstrator, after the demonstration occurs.

If the number of applications exceeds the budget of the pilot scheme, the IWG Executive's decision on successful applications will be final and not subject to appeal.

Chapters are encouraged to perhaps invite neighboring chapters to attend.

At the end of the pilot period the interest in the scheme, and the procedures around the scheme will be reviewed by the executive, and a decision made on its continuance.