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Rules and Regulations of the Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux

It seemed appropriate, considering the experience we have acquired, to set out precisely the methods of organisation and functioning of the GCVB.

As a result, the present list of Rules and Regulations was approved at the last General Meeting held on 18th December 2018 and appended to the Articles of Association.

At the suggestion of the Conseil Privé, this list of Rules and Regulations will be able to be subject to all modifications as part of the statutory rules of the GCVB.

1. INTERNAL ORGANISATION

Under the administrative supervision of the Conseil Privé, in particular of the Grand Maître, the Chancelier and the Trésorier, the administrative organisation can be entrusted to a permanent member of staff and employee who deals with:

- Follow-up of decisions made by the Conseil Privé
- Preparation of meetings
- Management and administration of office duties and accounting
- Communication between the Conseil Privé, Wine Brotherhoods and Commanderies.
- Organisation of trips and receptions decided upon by the Grand Conseil
- And more generally, all assignments entrusted by the Grand Maître or the Conseil Privé.

2. CONSEIL PRIVE

The members of the Conseil Privé must be members of a Wine Brotherhood, which is part of the Grand Conseil, and be nominally appointed by it.

They have to attend and take part in meetings scheduled and any absence must be justified. They also take part in various committees formed.

3. RELATIONS WITH THE WINE BROTHERHOODS

Being at the origin of the Wine Brotherhoods, the Grand Conseil will keep them informed of activities it is engaged in and will see with them the participation that each Wine Brotherhood is able to contribute to each project developed.

4. RELATIONS WITH THE COMMANDERIES

The Grand Conseil has established Commanderies de Bordeaux all around the world, and certain obligations stem from this:

- Creation: The creation of a new Commanderie must receive unanimous approval from the Grand Maître and the Conseil Privé. Presentation of the Charter will be done in presence of the Grand Maître of the Grand Conseil or one of its representatives, during an official event and in accordance with a specific protocol.
- Subscription: The Commanderies pay an annual subscription in proportion to their number of Commandeurs. The amount of the subscription per Commandeur is set annually by the Conseil Privé and approved at the General Meeting.
- Activities: At the occasion of events they organise, the Commanderies generally like to have the presence of Bordeaux at their festivities.

This presence can be ensured, either by the Grand Conseil itself who will delegate at its own cost one or several members wearing the ceremonial cloak of the Grand Conseil, or by one of the Wine Brotherhoods who will receive the delegation and will take responsibility for this presence.

- Receiving Commanderies in Bordeaux: Following preliminary agreement, a schedule of visits can be organised by the office of the Grand Conseil:
 - Visits to various appellations
 - Receptions organised by the Wine Brotherhoods,
 - Tasting sessions,
 - Various events.

5. VARIOUS EVENTS

One of the roles of the Grand Conseil being to promote the renown and prestige, appreciation and culture of Bordeaux wine, it can create events and take part in activities held occasionally in the Bordeaux region.

During these events, the Grand Conseil can carry out inductions of VIPs present on behalf of Commanderies de Bordeaux established abroad and award to these leading figures the title of “Conseiller d’Honneur des Vins de Bordeaux” “Ambassadeur d’Honneur des Vins de Bordeaux”, depending on whether the person’s activity has a direct or indirect link to the wine sector.

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Conseil Privé will set annually the amount of the subscriptions that the Wine Brotherhoods and Commanderies must pay, for approval at the General Meeting.

The Wine Brotherhoods must be up to date with payment of their subscription at the latest at 31st December of the year that precedes the date of the General Meeting.

Members who are not up to date with the payment of their subscription cannot take part in votes during the General Meetings.

If the situation is not rectified, the Conseil Privé will pronounce that it will strike off this member of the Grand Conseil for non-payment of the subscription.

The Conseil Privé is also able to pronounce that it will strike off a member for serious reasons. The member concerned, having been previously asked to provide a written explanation to the Conseil Privé sent by registered letter, is invited to present himself before the said Council.

7. Voting rights

The Wine Brotherhoods have deliberative votes according to the number of members per Wine Brotherhood, up to date with their subscription, namely:

- Wine Brotherhoods with less than 20 members: one vote; so $7 \times 1 = 7$ votes
 - Wine Brotherhoods with 20 to 100 membres: three votes; so $3 \times 3 = 9$ votes
 - Wine Brotherhoods with more than 100 members: ten votes; so $2 \times 10 = 20$ votes
- Total = 36 votes**

The C.I.V.B. (Bordeaux Wine Trade Council) has 15 deliberative votes.

Representatives of the Commanderies have 15 deliberative votes divided in the following way: **North America: 3, Europe: 3, Japan: 3, China: 3**, rest of the world, being named “**World**”: 3 They are named on proposal by the Conseil Privé, after written approval from the people called upon. Mandates are governed according to the rules of the Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux.

The total number of votes is therefore 66.