



Report from the NSR IR Committee 22 November 2023

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Appendix:

1. Table 5A from the NSR By-laws.
2. Proposal from Finland (with clarifications)
3. Proposal from Sweden (with clarifications)

This report caters for the assessment process regarding the NSR IR Project 2025-27, funding of NSR IR projects and the proposal from Finland to postpone the decision of new IR project with one Year.

Topics:

1. Presence at NSR January 2024
2. Suggestion for BY-Laws
3. Proposal from Finland of postpone decision of new IR project
4. Assessment of proposals for new NSR IR project

1. Presence at NSR January 2024

The CC group has confirmed that the MD IR committee are invited for NSR, and that we should plan a meeting accordingly to the NSR program

2. Suggestion for BY-laws

The MD IR committee have following suggestion (and comments). Change the BY-Laws

- **From:** The NSR part of the expenses per year is calculated as follows: Total number of members as per the latest June 30th multiplied by an amount (at present 1.60 Euros) per member decided by the NSR Council Meeting.
- **To:** The NSR part of the expenses per year is calculated as follows: Total number of members the 30th June in the fiscal year the project is decided upon multiplied by an amount (at present 1.60 Euros) per member decided by the NSR Council Meeting.
- In plain English: When the NSR Council Meeting decide upon a project it should at the same time decide upon the specific amounts that can be collected 2 and 3 years later.
- The specific legal wording and other consequence corrections in the By-laws shouldn't be made by **this** Committee.



3. Postpone the IR-project

We fully support the proposal from Finland to postpone decision of new NSR IR project (this proposal are withdrawl)

4. Assessment of proposals for new NSR IR-project

Those two projects has been up for assessment:

- MD101 Sweden: Water means Life.
- MD107 Finland: Solar Cookers and Tree Seedling Care in Africa.

We are not able to reach a unanimous decision on witch of those to recommend for the CC committee. There are 3 votes for “Solar Cookers and tree Seedling Care in Africa, 1 vote for “Water Means Life” and 1 vote for dismissal of both proposals. Short statements from each committee member as following:

Two good projects, and in a perfect world we would move forward with both. With the information provided at the moment, my decision will be as follows: Finances are not in place for Swedish proposal. Finland’s proposal does not need to be an NSR project to go on. Easy to scale up/down and to “sell” as club projects. Dismissal of both.

Having to choose between two great projects is hard and after much consideration I recommend the project from MD 107, Finland. The reason is it beeing easy to implement and the cost is not high pr. unit. The project from MD 101 is also a great project but costly and the financing supposed to come from others than NSR has not been shown.

We have two good projects, but the financing of the Swedish project is not quite clear yet. I recommend the project from Finland. It can be scaled after fundings and it also supports the UN's sustainable environment protection.

Despite two good projects my recommendation is the project from MD 101 as the NSR-project for 2025 – 2027. The project responds to man’s most basic need – access to clean water. The project manager has very good knowledge of the areas where the drilling will take place and he has excellent contacts with the relevant villages and local and regional authorities. And not least with the Lions clubs in the area

Both projects supports to my opinion vital issues in regards to humanitarian needs in line with our Lions values and priorities. Both projects have already previously been completed and thereby proven their feasibility. Based upon provided material and facts at the given dead-line of the assessment, my recommendation regarding the NSR IR 2025-27 project is to support the “Solar Cooker and Forestry project in Africa” proposed by MD107 Finland as it is ready to implement and can be carried-out within the present NSR IR funding set-up. The “Water Means Life-Somalia” project proposed by MD101 Sweden is depending on financing from a LCIF grant covering half of the total budget, however not in place before the NSR IR Committee assessment dead-line. A suggestion could be, if found appropriate and prudent by the CC-group, to promote the Swedish project towards Nordic Lions Clubs/Districts and ask for support outside the present NSR IR Project funding framework



Appendix

Table 5 A: NSR calendar for new IR projects

Time (latest to fulfil)	Activity	Responsibility of the activity	To whom is it sent
Two years before start	Start planning in MD's	MD IRC	MD CC
15 September or any time before	Motion new projects (project proposals)	MD IRC	IR Committee + NSR OC
20 November	Motion IR projects recommended by IR Committee	Chairperson IR Committee	CC Board, NSR OC
November	Review of proposals and recommendation of next IR project	CC Board	IR Committee, NSR OC
January	Orientation on all proposals, and Voting for the next IR project	NSR Council Meeting	
01 July (1½ years after decision at NSR)	Project starts	Project country	
01 November (4 months after project start)	Collection of payment	Project country	Nordic MD offices/secretaries
As deemed necessary through the Lions year	Tele-Meetings	Chairperson IR Committee	