

STRUCTURE OF THE WORLD JEWELLERY CONFEDERATION

The World Jewellery Confederation is organized according to sectors, or areas of interest. They are: Sector A (Gem Materials, Trade and Laboratories), Sector B (Jewellery Distribution) and Sector C (Jewellery Manufacturing/Technology/Precious Metals).

The official bodies of CIBJO are the General Assembly of Delegates; the 30-person Board of Directors; the Executive Committee, which is made up of 15 members of the Board, the President's Council; the Internal Finance and Audit Committee and the External Auditor. The CIBJO Secretariat represents CIBJO for all routine matters of internal business.

The powers and duties of the General Assembly are to elect the Officers, who are President, Vice Presidents and the Treasurer; to elect the Board of Directors; elect the External Auditor; and to approve any proposed changes to the Statutes and the By-Laws.

The governance of World Jewellery Confederation is vested in its Board of Directors, which meets regularly several times a year.

The Officers and five other member representatives make up the President's Council, each of whom is appointed by the President.

Commissions are formed to focus on specific topics of interest, and they may cover issues falling under the purview of one or multiple sectors. Active commissions currently include the Diamond Commission, the Coloured Stone Commission, the Pearl Commission, the Gemmological Commission, the Marketing and Education Commission, the Precious Metals Commission, the Ethics Commission, the Coral Commission, and the Responsible Sourcing Commission.

There are additionally committees focusing on subjects specific to different sectors of the industry. Currently, these include the Technology Committee and the Laboratory-Grown Diamond Committee and the Responsible Sourcing Nomenclature Committee.

While the various Confederation bodies meet regularly, all gather at the CIBJO Congress. It typically is held each year in a different country, with one or more of the member associations acting as hosts.

