

Responsibilities of WCPA Chapter Presidents

World Constitution and Parliament Association (WCPA)

Becoming President of a WCPA Chapter is a very special privilege that carries important responsibilities. First and foremost, it requires honesty, integrity, and transparency with respect to both chapter members and our Global WCPA organization. It requires that you be in communication with others and support the primary purposes of WCPA and ECI (the Earth Constitution Institute). It requires embracing the ten values of “world citizens” affirmed by these joint organizations as posted on our website at:

<https://earthconstitution.world/ten-principles-of-global-ethics-and-world-citizenship/>

In particular, WCPA Chapter Presidents must foster the respect for equitable and just administration of democratically legislated law at all levels of world society, from local towns, villages, and communities to regional administrations, the level of nations, and the world level. War and violence are unacceptable ways of resolving disputes. At all levels we must promote the rule of democratic lawfulness.

Article 10.4.4 of the *Earth Constitution* states that:

A basic condition for preventing outbreaks of violence which the enforcement system shall facilitate in every way possible, shall be to assure a fair hearing under non-violent circumstances for any person or group having a grievance, and likewise to assure a fair opportunity for a just settlement of any grievance with due respect for the rights and welfare of all concerned.

Fundamental responsibilities of WCPA Chapter Presidents, therefore, include promoting the understanding of the concept of law and the meaning of good law. This can be itemized in the five following principles:

1. *Promoting the Earth Constitution.* The first duty is to promote education about and ratification of the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth*.
2. *Promoting the rule of law.* We promote, honor, and respect the rule of democratically legislated law everywhere on Earth. This means helping people understand the meaning and significance of living under the rule of law.
3. *Promoting ethics.* This includes promoting the ethical values of justice, personal and public responsibility, truth, and transparency as widely as possible.
4. *Promoting Justice.* *Distributive justice* examines the meaning of equality before the law and the equal rights of all citizens to benefit from the law. *Criminal justice* means holding individuals accountable for their actions in relation to the law in a fair and equitable manner. *Civil justice* means that disputes between civil parties are settled in a just and impartial manner without violence or intimidation.
5. *Promoting human rights.* Human rights have been delineated in some detail in several 20th and 21st century documents such as the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1947 and the *Earth Constitution* of 1991, Articles 12 and 13. Under the rule of law not only are individual rights protected but citizens are simultaneously *responsible* to promote equal rights of others and to cultivate responsibilities toward the law. Rights and responsibilities are reciprocal and mutually reinforcing within a framework of good law. WCPA Chapter Presidents represent these values.

Presidents of WCPA Chapters (as well as all other officers of WCPA and ECI) must promote these values *holistically* from local to regional to national to world levels. We promote the *Earth Constitution* because it stands for quality democratically legislated laws at all of these levels within the human community.