

WORLD SERVICE BUSINESS CONFERENCE 2024

May 6 – 11, 2024

Some interesting facts:

There were 188 total eligible voters.

There were 49 green dots.

There were 21 countries represented including Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Cost Rica, Denmark, England, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United States, & Wales.

There were 14 languages represented: Danish, English Farsi, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish, Ukrainian, & Welsh.

New Business Motions – in order of presentation:

1. **B – Motion is to remove announcements in Lifeline and a Step Ahead. *was on consent agenda & approved.* Consent agenda = routine or non controversial matters. *Struck* “through announcements in Lifeline and a Step Ahead”, the fellowship be invited to attend and observe the open Board of Trustees meeting...**
2. **C – Motion to amend the years of delegate service. *approved.*** WSBC delegate service is limited to no more than six consecutive years before requiring a minimum of one year rotation out of service.
3. **D – Motion to amend the dates the WSBC will be held. *adopted.*** Amended to read Board of Trustees will make every effort not to arrange such meetings during major holidays.
4. **E – Motion to revise the meeting registration process. *Sent to reference committee, then sent to Board of Trustees, no decision made yet.*** Motion was to revise the registration process in the Find a Meeting section to indicate if the meetings meet multiple times a week should they be registered under one meeting number.
5. **A – Motion to remove the word weight from the meaning of abstinence. *Defeated.*** Abstinence definition – not striking the word “weight”. Still reads Abstinence is the action of refraining from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors while working towards or maintaining a healthy body weight.

Bylaw Amendment Proposals

- . ***Adopted – Time and location of the World Service Business Conference.*** The Conference shall be held – *struck – during the month of May* – changed to on such dates as the Board of Trustees may determine. The conference shall be held on a two a two year rotation as follows: 1) In person in Albuquerque, NM area 2) Via video conference platform with the Board of Trustees determining any hybrid elements at their discretion,
- . ***Adopted – Qualification of trustee*** – Five years of service beyond meeting level including at least two years of service as a region representative, region committee chair, region board member, region trustee liaison, or *having served as a board member of the National Service Board. (per Reference Committee)*

- . ***Defeated – Motion Bylaws may only be adopted if they are ratified by three-fourths of the registered OA groups responding within six months of notification. Wanting to strike “provided at least 55 percent of the registered groups have responded.” Wording was not struck.***
- . ***Motion to change the gender wording of God in the 12 Steps. Withdrawn by maker of motion.***
- . ***Motion to change the gender wording of God in the 12 Traditions. Withdrawn by maker of motion.***
- . ***On consent agenda – adopted – Service Bodies Registration – a – section iv) specific focus service boards – each participating group (added) and intergroup.***
- . ***On consent agenda – adopted – Under Board of Trustees, Duties and Responsibilities – in reference to Article VIII, Section 1 – to designate a – struck – place within the United States - manner or method for holding – struck - of any meeting -meetings of the delegates or any other meeting as required.***
- . ***Adopted – Board of Trustees, Nomination of Trustees – deleted paragraph b.***
- . ***Defeated – State as original - Trustees shall serve no more than eight consecutive years. Nine consecutive years defeated.***
- . ***Adopted – Meetings of Delegates.*** Those who may address the World Service Business Conference are: Delegates, Nondelegates and interpreters – *struck – for individual non English speaking delegates and those with special needs.*
- . ***Consent Agenda – Adopted – Delegates qualification/selection – Delegates and alternates should be selected fifty days before the annual conference instead of seventy days.***
- . ***Consent agenda – Adopted -Notice of the regular annual conference....shall be given to each service body...by electronic transmission.***
- . ***Adopted – Subpart B of these bylaws may be proposed by any registered service body – struck - Region Chairs Committee, or the – any standing or ad hoc conference bylaws committee,, struck – The Board of Trustees may also submit amendments to the Bylaws.***
- . ***Same as Number 1.***
- . ***Adopted – Meeting of Delegates WSBC – Change Emergency to Virtual Attendance – The Board of Trustees may call the conference, or any part of it, by virtual method(s),***
- . ***Adopted – Assignment of trustee liaison instead of vacancies.*** Added - a)after election or appointment of a new trustee, the Board of Trustees will give first consideration for liaison assignment to the region that affirmed the new trustee. b) Should the region affirm multiple candidates, the Board of Trustees will select the liaison from those the region affirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Region 3 Delegate to WSBC 2024