

2021 PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

- A “YES” VOTE MEANS THE MAJORITY VOTE IN YOUR GROUP IS TO BRING THIS ITEM UP FOR DISCUSSION AT THE WORLD SERVICE BUSINESS CONFERENCE (WSBC)
- A “NO” VOTE MEANS THE MAJORITY VOTE IN YOUR GROUP BELIEVES THIS SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT UP AT THE WSBC
- **TRANSFER ALL VOTES TO THE TALLY SHEET AND RETURN TO STELLA VAN LEAR stellavanlaer54@gmail.com; or mail to Stella at 80 County St. Unit 12C, Norwalk, CT 06851; or call Stella at 203-434-8268. DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 11, 2021 BY 6PM**
- ABBREVIATIONS: IG = Brought up by an Intergroup; BOT = Board of Trustees; GST = General Services Trustee
- NOTE: Recommendations by the Board members/WSBC committees are usually well thought out and worthy of discussion

BYLAW AMMENDMENT	DESCRIPTION	INTENT	MADE BY
1	Change so Board of Trustees (BOT) all vote last.	So BOT votes do not influence delegate votes	IG
2	Change maximum Trustee length of service from 8 consecutive years total	To encourage new voices and new opinions	IG
3	Change the Trustee residency requirements from time-based requirement “permanent resident”	Expand the pool of eligible candidates	Reg. 1
4	Change the wording re: current 10 geographical OA regions to include an 11th virtual region	To clarify the make up of OA regions	WSBC Bylaw comm.
5	Wording change for accuracy	To remove a line that’s redundant and covered elsewhere in the Bylaws	WSBC Bylaw comm
6	BOT may authorize a virtual Annual meeting in case of emergency	To provide for situations such as a pandemic	WSBC Bylaw Comm
7	Delegate selection should give preference to underrepresented IGs and service bodies	To clarify language and be more representative	WSBC Bylaw Comm
8	Reduce the number of Trustees from 17 to 12 (with 2 from outside North America)	To increase effectiveness of BOT and reduce travel costs Note: approved for discussion last year but not addressed due to pandemic	BOT

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9	Re: Trustee qualifications - add participation at region level as requirement and remove language re: residency requirement	Restructure BOT, cost savings	BOT
10	Revise language re: Trustee nominations	To support BOT restructuring efforts to become more effective Note: This was approved for discussion last year but not addressed due to pandemic	BOT
11	Combine the 3 articles that define OA service structure into 1	Eliminates the need for multiple motions when changes proposed to each service level	BOT
12	Define groups that meet both in person and virtually as a hybrid meeting	To allow these groups to be considered one group and make them easy to locate on the meeting database	BOT
13	Change language of 12 Steps to replace Him and His (in reference to God) to Them and Their	Gender neutral terms are more inclusive	IG
14	Change language of 12 Traditions to replace He and Himself (in reference to God) to they and Themselves	Gender neutral terms are more inclusive	IG
15	Each language service board is to have one delegate only	Ensure fair representation by preventing multiple delegated from the same service body	Trus tees
16	Simplify wording re: service structure	Simplify procedures and conform to current needs	Trus tees
17	Add "Special Focus Service Boards" to definitions	To support the interests of Special Focus groups (men, atheists, etc.)	Trus tees