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Motion: Update Bylaws Article III, Members

Motion: Amend Bylaws Article III, by adding Sections 4 & 5 and renumbering the rest with the responsibilities of Reginal Representative(s) and World Service Delegate(s)

CURRENT WORDING

Section 3 – Intergroup Representatives (IR) A. Intergroup Representatives shall be selected by the group conscience of the group they shall represent. An individual may represent more than one group but only vote once. Each IR shall be selected by any method deemed appropriate by their group. These IRs shall serve for a period designated by their group, always subject to recall by the group they represent. Each group shall be free to designate an alternate delegate when the necessity arises.

- B. IRs should be selected for their willingness to serve and commitment to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA.
- C. The Primary responsibility of the IR, or alternate, is to represent his/her group at meetings of PI, to act as a liaison between PI and their group, to see that all communications pertaining to PI are made available, and, where requested, read aloud to the group.

Section 4 – Membership with voice and no vote may be:

- A. Any employee.
- B. Any member of the Fellowship who is not a duly elected representative or alternate.

PROPOSED WORDING

Section 3 – Intergroup Representatives (IR) A. Intergroup Representatives shall be selected by the group conscience of the group they shall represent. An individual may represent more than one group but only vote once. Each IR shall be selected by any method deemed appropriate by their group. These IRs shall serve for a period designated by their group, always subject to recall by the group they represent. Each group shall be free to designate an alternate delegate when the necessity arises.

- B. IRs should be selected for their willingness to serve and commitment to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA.C. The Primary responsibility of the IR, or
- alternate, is to represent his/her group at meetings of PI, to act as a liaison between PI and their group, to see that all communications pertaining to PI are made available, and, where requested, read aloud to the group.

Section 4 . Regional Representative(s)

- 1. Shall attend all regional assembly meetings as finances permit.
- 2. In all areas the RR shall meet all qualifications and requirements as outlined in the Region 8 By-laws.
- 3. Shall be willing to report, both orally and in writing as designated by the PI, the actions of the regional assembly to all groups they represent; to keep the PI and represented groups aware of regional information; to communicate important information to the area.
- 4. May attend all standing committee meetings.

5. May be removed after two (2) consecutive and unexcused absences from meetings of PI. (See Article IV, Section 7) 6 The Regional Representative(s)/Alternate shall meet qualifications and requirements as outlined and defined in the Region 8 Bylaws, Article 3, Section 3 B: Region 8 Representatives should be selected for sound judgment, experience, stability, willingness to serve and for faithful adherence to the program of the Twelve Steps of Overeaters Anonymous and the Twelve Traditions. A Region 8 Representative should have a minimum of 6 month's current continuous abstinence as defined by OA, while practicing the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of OA.

Section 5 World Service (WS) Conference Delegate(s)

7 , RR(s) may be elected for a two (2) year

term. Newly elected RR(s) shall begin service at the PI meeting following their

election

- 1. Shall attend the WS Conference of Overeaters Anonymous as finances permit.
- 2. In all areas the WSBC Delegate shall meet all qualifications and requirements as outlined in the OA, Inc. By-laws.
- 3. Shall be willing to report, both orally and in writing as designated by the PI, the actions of the Conference to all groups the PI represents; to keep the PI and represented groups aware of WSO information; to communicate important information to the area.
- 4. May attend all standing committee meetings.
- 5. May be removed after two (2)
 consecutive and unexcused absences from meetings of PI. (See Article IV, Section 7)
 6. The World Service Business Conference Delegate(s)/Alternate shall meet qualifications and requirements as outlined

and defined in the Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, Section

3c 1: Qualifications for selection of World Service delegates/alternates shall be set by each intergroup, region (in the case of region delegates) or service board provided that each delegate/alternate shall have at least one year of current abstinence and at least two years of service beyond the group level. (Permission for any exception in qualifications for valid reason, if deemed credible by the trustees, may be received by application to the World Service Office.)

7 , WSO conference delegates may be elected for a two (2) year term. Newly elected delegates shall begin service at the PI meeting following their election

Section $\underline{6}$ – Membership with voice and no vote may be:

A. Any employee.

B. Any member of the Fellowship who is not a duly elected representative or alternate.

SUBMITTED BY:

Insert Committee or Intergroup

Contact Person Phone Number

Email address

INTENT:

Add WS Delegates and Regional Reps responsibilities to the Members Section

IMPLEMENTATION:

Announce to meetings

COST:

None

RATIONALE:

We currently have the delegates and reps as board positions and if we pass amendments to remove them from the board, their responsibilities, qualifications and terms of service also need to be added to members.