

Summary of submission of Bylaws Changes

It is the SSC recommendation that the summary below go out to the fellowship for proposed changes to the Bylaws that will be explained at the Business meeting on Sat at the conference. The following information is a summary that would be discussed in detail at the workshops Saturday afternoon and voted for approval on Sunday at the business meeting.

Goal of changes

- Giving more representation to groups
- Eliminating the 1 delegate per 3 group concept
- De-emphasizing but not eliminating Intergroups
- Clarifying Roles/Responsibility of delegates

Summary of Major Changes

- 1 Delegate for each Intergroup that is registered with NAWSO
- 1 Delegate for each group that is registered with NAWSO
 - (Group = Meeting are the same thing)
- Each officer of the board will be a delegate to the conference
- Add a new section to discuss Roles/Responsibility of Delegate

Recommended Changes by Article – GREEN identifies major concept changes.

GROUPS – (Current Article IV)

- **Added Sections** - for Definition, Registration, Intergroup Representation, Functioning, and Conference Delegates and updated numbering
- **Gave every group a delegate**

Intergroups (Current Article V)

- Add Section – Definition and updated numbering
- **Change Delegate from 1 for every 3 groups to only 1 delegate for a registered Intergroup**

World Services Conference (Current Article VI)

- **Clarified how delegates are chosen: 1 for each registered group, 1 for each registered Intergroup**, each Officer
- **Added Section 3 – Roles and Responsibilities**

NAWSO (Current Article VII)

- Removed “and coordinators of committees” – since they are not actually elected positions
- **Revised Section – Replacement of Officer - to clarify that an Active officer vacancy is replace by a current board member**

Meetings of Delegates (Current Article VIII)

- Clarified that meetings could be a “place” or a “platform”

Other changes:

- Change Chairman to Chairperson
- Making all references to World Service Conference to be consistent as World SERVICES Conference (with s)
- Capitalized “D” in Delegate throughout document
- Changed must and *should to* “suggestions, shall, ought”
- Made sure phrases included not just intergroups but groups.

How to read Bylaws Document Changes for Specific Changes to Each Article

1. Previously approved Bylaws changes as well as wording that we are not recommending changing are in **BLACK** lettering.
2. Bylaws additions/changed wording is in **GREEN** lettering.
3. Bylaws deletions or removal are in ~~RED~~ lettering