Financial Assistance for Attendance at the World Service Business Convention
Proposed SRO Side-by-Side Revisions and Rationale

Proposed by: WAI Bylaws Committee

Rationale:

This proposed update includes language edits to improve clarity and align the SRO with current governing documents and terminology. Substantive changes are described below.

Committee Chair Eligibility
Updates the eligibility requirements for the Convention Resource Committee Chair from four years of abstinence to five years and from one completed AWOL to at least two completed AWOLs. This aligns the SRO with the current WAI Bylaws. It also ensures the Chair meets WSI Bylaws' five-year abstinence requirement to serve as a WSC voting member.

Eligibility for Financial Assistance
Removes outdated references to voting and non-voting delegates and aligns the SRO with the current WSI Bylaws' use of the term "voting members."

Limits financial assistance to WSC voting members. Because WAI has limited funds, financial assistance is available for voting members at the World Service Business Convention.

Prior Convention Attendance
Removes the requirement that Convention Resource Committee members must have previously attended a World Service Business Convention. This broadens the pool of eligible members who may serve on the committee while maintaining all other eligibility requirements.

Financial Assistance Eligibility for Committee Members
Removes the requirement that Convention Resource Committee members may not apply for financial assistance to attend the World Service Business Convention. Instead, any committee member applying for financial assistance must recuse themselves from the review and approval process for their own application. This expands opportunities for service while maintaining an impartial decision-making process.

See side-by-side revisions below:

Side-by-Side Comparison of Substantive Changes

Financial Assistance to the World Service Business Convention

CURRENT – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	PROPOSED – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
The Conference Resource Committee shall be authorized to make decisions in conjunction with the FA/WAI Treasurer, regarding providing moderate financial assistance from IG funds to assist FA members from this IG in attending the yearly FA Business Conference. Written applications would be received from such members. Applications shall be evaluated on a first come-first serve, case-by-case basis each year, with guidance from the FA/WAI executive board (the officers) regarding the amount of financial assistance for each applicant, and the total funds available. Decisions to offer financial assistance would be based on: a. the member is interested in participating at the Conference and can pay some of their own way; a. the member has a clear financial need for assistance in order to attend; and, the member either would be a meeting delegate (including both voting and non-voting delegates) or else would be a voting attendee at the Conference (as defined by the FA World Service requirements)."	The Convention Resource Committee, in conjunction with the WAI Treasurer, is authorized to provide moderate financial assistance from Intergroup funds to help WAI members serving as WSC voting members to attend the yearly World Service Business Convention (WSBC). The total amount of funds available for financial assistance shall be determined through the WAI budget process, with guidance from the WAI Executive Board. Applications shall be evaluated on a first-come, first-served, case-by-case basis each year. Financial assistance may be granted when the WSC voting member plans to attend the business convention, can pay some of their own way, and has a clear financial need for assistance in order to attend.
The requirements to be Chair of this Committee are to have four years continuous abstinence in FA and have completed an FA-AWOL. The requirements to be a Member of this Committee are to have two years continuous abstinence in FA, and have completed an FA-AWOL. Both Chair and Members of this Committee must have attended one Conference previously, be active with Intergroup and not need financial assistance themselves to go to the Conference.	The Chair of the Convention Resource Committee must have at least five years of continuous abstinence in FA, have completed at least two AWOLs (as defined in WAI Bylaws Article VII(b)(2)), and regularly attend WAI meetings. Members of the committee must have at least two years of continuous abstinence in FA, have completed an FA AWOL, and regularly attend WAI meetings. Any Conference Resource Committee member who applies for financial assistance

	must recuse themselves from the approval process for their application.