Proposed SRO Revisions – Side-by-Side Comparison

This document provides a side-by-side comparison of the substantive rule changes included in the proposed update to the WAI Standing Rules of Order (SRO). It is intended as a supplemental reference to the Summary of Changes, which provides an overview of the proposed revisions.

In addition to the substantive rule changes identified in the Summary of Changes, this comparison also reflects grammatical revisions, terminology updates, and language clarifications. Members who wish to review the complete proposed document, including organizational changes, please refer to the Proposed WAI Standing Rules of Order.

Substantive Rule Changes Side-by-Side Comparison of Proposed Changes **Standing Rule of Order: Main Motion Process**	
CURRENT SRO – MAIN MOTION PROCESS	**PROPOSED SRO** – MAIN MOTION PROCESS
1. Main motions are motions concerning FA as a whole. A main motion may be submitted to WAI by any meeting group registered with WAI. The WAI board may, on its own initiative, also propose main motions. Main motions that are adopted by WAI are passed along to the FA World Service Board for consideration by the World Service Conference members.	1. Main motions concern FA as a whole. A main motion may be submitted to WAI by any meeting group registered with WAI or may be proposed by the WAI Board. Main motions adopted by substantial unanimity in WAI are forwarded to the FA World Service Board for consideration by the World Service Conference (WSC) members.
2. A proposed main motion will not be considered by WAI if, in the opinion of the WAI board, it is not in keeping with the Twelve Traditions of FA or the WAI bylaws or if it duplicates issues or motions already decided upon by WSI.	2. A proposed main motion will not be considered if, in the opinion of the WAI Board, it does not align with the Twelve Traditions of FA or the WAI Bylaws. A motion addressing issues previously decided by WSI may not be raised until at least two years have passed since the prior vote.
3. Main motions submitted to WAI, either by a meeting registered with WAI or by the WAI board, will be subject to the following procedures: a. Proposed main motions must be submitted to the WAI bylaws chair no later than one week prior to the December WAI meeting. The WAI bylaws committee will partner with	3. Main motions submitted to WAI are subject to the following process: a. **Submission**. Proposed main motions must be submitted to the WAI Board and Bylaws Chair by December 1. The Bylaws Committee will consult with the motion

the motion makers as needed to (i) clarify the intent and language of a motion, (ii) designate the proper format for motions, and (iii) explain the next procedural steps. b. Proposed main motions will be presented and discussed at the January WAI meeting. A representative from the meeting or board submitting the motion must attend this meeting to present the motion to the intergroup members. c. Intergroup members who are present at the January WAI meeting and who have two years or more of current continuous abstinence in FA may suggest amendments or edits to proposed main motions during the January WAI meeting. The WAI board may also do so. Any such amendments or edits must be consistent with the intent of the motion makers. d. At the February WAI meeting all WAI members with two years or more of current continuous abstinence in FA who are present that day will be eligible to vote on whether to send a proposed main motion to the World Service Board for consideration by the World Service Conference members. A 2/3 majority vote is required to pass a proposed main motion. 4. The WAI executive board must submit all proposed main motions receiving a 2/3 majority vote as defined above to the World Service Board by the Wednesday following the February WAI meeting.	makers as needed to clarify intent and language, ensure proper format, and explain procedural steps. b. **January Discussion**. Proposed main motions are presented and discussed at the January WAI meeting. The motion maker(s) must attend to present the motion. c. **Amendments**. WAI Board and Intergroup members present at the January meeting who have at least two years of continuous abstinence in FA may suggest amendments or edits, provided any changes remain consistent with the motion makers' intent. d. **February Vote.** At the February WAI meeting, all present WAI members with at least two years of continuous abstinence in FA are eligible to vote on whether to forward the motion to the World Service Board. Substantial unanimity is required for passage. 4. The WAI Executive Board submits any main motion approved by substantial unanimity to the World Service Board by the Wednesday following the February WAI meeting. The Executive Board may also independently submit a main motion to WSI.

Substantive Rule Changes Side-by-Side Comparison
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, a. 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 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	The Conference 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 need for assistance in order to attend. The Chair of the Conference Resource Committee must have at least five (5) years of continuous abstinence in FA, have completed at least two (2) AWOLs (as defined in WAI Bylaws Article VII(b)(2)), and be active in Intergroup. Members must have at least two (2) years of continuous abstinence in FA, have completed an FA AWOL, and be active in Intergroup. Any Conference Resource Committee member who applies for financial assistance must recuse themselves from the approval process.

assistance themselves to go to the Conference.	