Summary of Changes
Proposed Update to WAI Standing Rules of Order

Purpose

This summary identifies the specific organizational improvements and substantive rule changes included in the proposed update to the WAI Standing Rules of Order (SRO). It is intended to help voting members quickly understand what has changed before reviewing the full document.

The proposal reorganizes the Standing Rules of Order to make them easier to locate and maintain. Specific amendments to certain rules are included and identified in this summary and in the redlined documents.

Organizational Improvements

- Current and archived provisions are now separated into distinct sections.
- Rules have been reorganized by topic to improve navigation and maintenance.
- Adoption and amendment history have been added where appropriate.
- Terminology has been updated to reflect current FA usage.

These organizational changes improve readability and maintenance of the document and do not alter the meaning of the rules.

Substantive Rule Changes

Main Motion Process SRO

- Clarifies submission deadline for proposed main motions, replacing the motion deadline of “one week prior to the December WAI meeting” with “December 1”.
- Updates the voting requirement of “substantial unanimity” from “2/3 majority vote” for forwarding motions to World Service. Update to match current bylaws.
- Adds language noting that issues previously decided by WSI may not be reconsidered until at least two years have passed since the prior vote.
- Adds language that the WAI Executive Board may also independently submit a main motion to WSI.

Financial Assistance to the World Service Business Convention SRO

- Updates committee eligibility requirements for the Conference Resource Committee chair from four years of abstinence to five and from one completed AWOL to at least two completed AWOLS.

- Limits financial assistance to WSC voting members.
- Removes the requirement that committee members must have previously attended a business convention.
- Removes the requirement that committee members may not apply for financial assistance to attend a business convention.
- Adds that any conference resource committee member must recuse themselves from the approval process if applying for WSBC financial assistance.

Rules Moved to the Archive

- Prior versions of amended SROs are preserved in the archive section.
- The former Nomination and Election SRO has been archived because those provisions are now incorporated into the WAI Bylaws.
- Temporary provisions adopted for specific circumstances are preserved in the archive for historical reference.

Key Principle

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