

REGION 6 SPRING ASSEMBLY
2023
BYLAWS AND MOTIONS

ITEM #1



R6 NEW BUSINESS MOTION, SPRING 2023

New business to be placed on the R6 Assembly Conference agenda can be proposed by any registered R6 Intergroup or R6 committee, and shall be submitted to the coordinator postmarked or be date and time stamped through electronic transmission 60 days before each Assembly. The R6 Board may also submit new business.

MOTION:

Move to add the procedure to elect up to two (2) Region 6 (R6) representatives* at the R6 Fall Assembly to serve on the World Service Business Conference (WSBC) reference subcommittee.

SUBMITTED BY:

Region 6 Board

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INTENT:

To ensure a written procedure exists to facilitate the election of a R6 representative* to the WSBC reference subcommittee.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Nomination:

During the R6 Fall Assembly, representatives* will self-nominate or nominate a representative* to serve on the WSBC reference subcommittee.

To be eligible to be nominated and elected as a R6 reference subcommittee member, the representative* is required to have:

- 1) 1 year of back-to-back abstinence (where each person is the sole judge of their abstinence).
- 2) 2 years of service beyond the group level.
- 3) Already be attending WSBC as a delegate.
- 4) Be willing to address the R6 Fall Assembly for 1 minute after accepting the nomination.

Voting:

R6 representatives vote for up to two (2) R6 representatives* to serve on the WSBC reference subcommittee. The R6 Assembly will also vote for alternate(s) to serve in the place of the delegate should they not be able to attend WSBC.

COST:

None

RATIONALE:

Background:

The Reference subcommittee provides a forum and additional time for open discussion of proposed new business motions or bylaw amendments that have raised questions, caused concern, or need amending during WSBC.

The primary purpose of the reference committee is to provide problem-solving opportunities before an item is brought or returned to the Conference floor.

It appears that no other policies or bylaws will be impacted by this proposal. Additionally, this procedure will help all R6 members understand the procedure for electing the reference subcommittee member(s) to serve at WSBC.

* Representative(s) or alternate(s)

ITEM #2

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED R6 POLICY & PROCEDURE AMENDMENT, SPRING 2023

POLICY & PROCEDURE NUMBER: 005

CREATION OF A POLICY AND PROCEDURE OR AMENDMENT

Current Wording

MINUTES OF THE R6 MEETINGS

POLICY

The minutes of the Region 6 Assembly will be recorded only by the Secretary or Secretary Pro Tem. The minutes will be distributed within 30 days of the Assembly to the Chair and Coordinator. The minutes will be submitted, amended, if necessary, and accepted by the next Assembly.

PROCEDURE

A. RECORDING OF MINUTES

Minutes will be recorded by the R6 Secretary or Secretary Pro Tem. The R6 Secretary or Secretary Pro Tem will be the only authorized individual to tape record Regional Assemblies.

B. TRANSCRIBING OF MINUTES

Minutes will be transcribed by the Secretary.

C. DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Minutes and committee reports will be distributed to the R6 Board members and Chairs of the R6 Assembly Committees within thirty (30) days of the Assembly.

D. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

The minutes will be amended, if necessary and accepted at the next Region 6 Assembly following the Assembly to which they refer.

Proposed Wording

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Submitted by: Lynda Brown, Region 6 Coordinator

Intent: To remove mention of Committee Reports from this procedure.

Implementation: .

Cost: None

Rationale: The information contained in Policy & Procedures #005 is for the completion, processing, and distribution of the minutes for the Region 6 Assembly. The Secretary does not prepare Committee Reports these are prepared by each committee and provided to the Secretary who then passes them on to the Coordinator after the Assembly. As they are a separate item and have nothing to do with the minutes, reference to them should not be contained in the distribution R6 Assembly minutes. These reports are stored in Region 6 One Drive for future reference. Please refer to Committee Procedures document on the Region 6 website [click here](#)



ITEM #3

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED R6 BYLAW AMENDMENT, SPRING 2023

Amendments to R6 Bylaws may be proposed by any registered R6 Intergroup or R6 Committee and shall be submitted to the R6 Coordinator postmarked or to be date and time stamped through electronic transmission 60 days before each Assembly. The R6 Board may also submit proposed bylaw amendments.

ARTICLE NUMBER: III

TO AMEND: Move to amend article number III ("Meetings of Region 6 Assembly (R6A)), section A, by deleting and inserting as follows:

Current Wording

Article # - III Meetings of Region 6 Assembly
Section # - A (no title)

- A. The R6A shall meet two times a year, spring, and fall, at times and places designated by a majority of the voting members.
1. The times and places shall be voted upon at a spring R6A meeting as early as three (3) years in advance but no later than 11 months preceding at an R6A spring meeting.
 2. An R6A meeting shall be either
 - a. with all R6Rs and AR6Rs in the same physical location (land based);
 - b. through some form of electronic medium (virtual); or
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 2. An R6A meeting shall be: ~~either~~
 - a. with all R6Rs and AR6Rs in the same physical location (land based);
 - b. through some form of electronic medium (virtual); or
 - c. both
 3. If after voting, the R6 Board determines that it is in the best interest of the Region or OA (as a whole), the R6 Board may decide to change the location of the R6A meeting.

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Intent: To update the R6 bylaws to allow the R6 Board flexibility to change the location of the R6A, and to improve document readability by making grammatical changes.

Implementation: Once amended, the R6 board will have the flexibility to change the location of future R6As (land based, virtual, or both).

Cost: None.

Rationale:

The R6 Board plans R6 Assemblies years in advance, and it is challenging to predict when or if an international public health crisis or other similar event may impact the R6A. Considering this and to allow for flexibility, the R6 Board would like the ability to change the location of the R6A meeting if they determine that it is in the best interest of the Region or of OA (as a whole). We do not believe that other bylaws or policies and procedures are impacted by this bylaw amendment.