

Motion 3: Restructure World Service Conference Regions S-Anon World Service Conference, July 2018

MOTION: Move that the World Service Conference vote to restructure the Regions by removing Canada from the current Northwest and Northeast Regions and creating two new Regions: Western Canada and Central Eastern Canada. Each new Region will have its own Trustee to serve on the S-Anon Board of Trustees (BOT).

BACKGROUND AND INTENT

Based on the yearly BOT Priorities Rankings, the Regional Trustees began the task of looking at the Regions and discussing the possibility of restructuring the Regions to make them more manageable for the Trustees. The majority of the discussion centered around making Canada its own Regions so that the Trustees do not have the additional cost of International travel and calling in order to more effectively serve their Regions. It was decided that if we restructure from six Regions to eight Regions, it may be a more manageable position for anyone who volunteers to serve as a Trustee in the future.

SUPPORTING PRINCIPLES

- Concept Nine: “Good personal leadership at all service levels is a necessity...” In the field of world service, the Board of Trustees assumes the primary leadership. Restructuring the Regions would allow for more representation of the local groups, intergroups, and Regions at the World Service Conference.
- General Warranty of the Conference Five: “That though the Conference serves S-Anon, it shall never perform any act of government; and like the fellowship of S-Anon which it serves, it shall always remain democratic in thought and action.” Adding two new Regions will allow for more Canadian participation.
- Tradition Nine: “Our groups, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.” This motion is intended to add to the service boards and committees already in place.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

If the WSC votes to expand the number of Regions to eight instead of the current six, and if those two new Canadian trustee positions are filled, the known cost to the fellowship for their travel to the annual face-to-face meeting and World Service Conference would be approximately \$1,500. Any projected travel within the Region is submitted and approved, or not, during the annual BOT budget process, and will depend on availability of funds.

ARGUMENTS PRO

- This Motion will decrease expenses incurred by the current Trustees in the Northeast and Northwest for International travel and calling as they serve their Regions.
- This will add two more voices and votes in the BOT decision-making process.
- It would be easier for Trustees to cover their Regions.
- It might encourage more members to step up into the Trustee role.

ARGUMENTS CON

- Would require two more Trustees than what we need currently.
- It could be difficult getting members to step into the Trustee role.

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- Canadian groups might become disassociated from the United States groups with country specific representation.

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