

## **WSC ELECTION PROCEDURE**

1991

### **Nominations**

Nominations may be made and seconded by any WSC participant: RSRs, Trustees, WSC Officers, WSC Committee Chairpersons, WSO BOD Chairperson. A nomination form and a service resume must be completed for each candidate. Both of these forms should be given to the designated WSO staff member. Service resumes and nominations forms may also be mailed to the WSO prior to the conference.

Nominations and service resumes will be accepted beginning on Sunday afternoon, and will close at the dinner break on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday morning, the WSO staff will distribute a complete list of nominees and their service resumes.

### **Introduction of Nominees (Questions and Answer Session)**

At the appropriate time in the agenda, the list of nominees for each position will be read. As each nominee is called, conference participants may question the nominee concerning matters relevant to their possible election. It is important to consider all pertinent information including questions not answered on service resumes, in order to choose trusted servants. This may include asking difficult questions. Conference participants are asked to accept all the information provided in a loving, caring manner--maintaining the spirit of our 12th Tradition. At past conferences, nominees have sometimes accepted nominations for more than one position. To assist conference participants, nominees on the ballot for more than one position will be asked to state their preference. Their nominations, however, will remain on all ballots to which they were nominated.

### **Elections**

Elections will be held at the appropriate point in the agenda. When the chairperson calls for elections, the WSO staff will distribute ballots to all voting participants as a standing roll call is taken. Reasonable time will be given to mark the ballot. WSO staff will collect the ballots as a roll call is again held. Votes will be tallied with the results given to the chairperson to be announced. All elected positions require a majority (more than 50%) except for the Board of Trustees positions which requires a 2/3 majority. The number of votes needed for election is calculated based on the number of ballots distributed. Run-off elections may be necessary if a position is not filled on the first ballot, or if a nominee is elected to more than one position. In that event, nominees must choose their desired position, and a run-off election will be held for the other position.

Elections for the following will be conducted according to these guidelines.

1. **Board of Trustees:** Trustee elections will be held first, separate from other positions. Nominees must have eight years clean time. Vote for as many nominees as you wish. Nominees receiving a 2/3 majority on the first ballot are elected to a seat on the Board. If more nominees receive a 2/3 majority than there are seats open, those nominees receiving the highest number of votes fill the available seats. However, if there are seats vacant after the first ballot, a second ballot is prepared which includes those who received at least a majority (51%), but less than a 2/3 majority on the first ballot. On the second ballot, vote for as many nominees as you wish. If more nominees receive a 2/3 majority than there are seats open, those nominees receiving the highest number of votes fill the available seats. If vacancies remain after a second ballot, the vacant seats will remain open. Any nominee who is elected a Trustee who has also been nominated to another position must decide whether to accept or decline their seat on the board. On accepting a seat on the Board, their name will then be removed from other ballots.

For 1991, there are six seats available.

2. **WSC Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Second Vice Chairperson, WSC Treasurer, WSC Committee Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons:** Term of office is one year. Vote for only one nominee for each position. In the event that one nominee for each position does not receive a majority vote, subsequent elections will be held, eliminating those nominees who receive less than 20% of the vote.

Clean time requirements are as follows: WSC Chair, Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair and Treasurer--8 years; Literature Chair--7 years; Literature Vice Chair--6 years; H&I and P.I. Chair--5 years; H&I and P.I. Vice Chair--4 years. There is currently no clean time requirement for Policy Committee Chair or Vice Chair.

3. **WSO Board of Directors:** Nominees must have seven years clean time at the 1991 WSC. Nominations may be made to one year terms or the Board pool.

(a) One year terms: Vote for Three nominees. Those nominees receiving a majority of votes fill the three available seats. If more nominees receive a majority than there are seats open, those three nominees receiving the highest number of votes are elected. However, if there are seats vacant after the first ballot, a second ballot will be prepared which includes those nominees that received 21% or more on the first ballot. Vote for the number of nominees which corresponds to the remaining seats. Balloting will continue in this manner until three nominees are selected.

(b) Pool: All one year nominees receiving a majority vote will be added to the pool. The Board of Directors will choose members from the pool to serve 3-year terms, as those seats become open.

4. WCC: Nominees must have five years clean time. Vote for one nominee, whose term of office is three years.
5. N.A. Way Associate Editor: Nominees must have five years clean time. In even-numbered years, vote for one candidate who must be elected by a majority. Term of office is two years.
6. Policy Committee members: Vote for eight nominees. Those eight nominees receiving the highest number of votes above a majority are elected. Subsequent ballots may be necessary if all positions are not filled on the first ballot.

The exceptions from the requirement for nominees to be present are for those candidates nominated for the following positions:

7. WSC Literature Committee members to serve two years: Must have five years clean time, and three years literature service experience or three years world service experience, with at least one of those years participating with the WSC Literature Committee. For 1991, there are five positions open. The nominees receiving the highest number of votes above a majority are elected. Subsequent ballots may be necessary if all positions are not filled on the first ballot. Service resumes and nomination forms must be submitted to WSO 30 days prior to the conference.
8. WSC Tape Review Committee to serve one year: Must have five years clean time. No vote necessary. Volunteers and nominees are put in a pool. Not less than 15 are selected randomly to serve for one year. Service resumes are not necessary.
9. N.A. Way Review Panel: Two year terms, must have five years clean. No vote necessary. All nominees are put into the pool. The Editorial Board will send out questionnaires to all nominees, and then will choose members.