

**Motion 1: Change to the Numbering of Articles of the World Service Conference Charter**

18<sup>th</sup> Annual S-Anon World Service Conference, July 24, 2021

**A. MOTION:** Move that the following change be made to the World Service Conference (WSC) Charter, Sections IX thru XII.

| Current WSC Charter – July 2017  | Proposed Change  |
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| <p><b>IX. General Warranties of the Conference</b></p> <p>A. In all proceedings the World Service Conference of S-Anon shall observe the spirit of the Traditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That only sufficient operating funds, including an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle;</li> <li>2. That no Conference member shall be placed in unqualified authority over other members;</li> <li>3. That all decisions be reached by discussion, vote and, whenever possible, by unanimity;</li> <li>4. That no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy;</li> <li>5. That though the Conference serves S-Anon it shall never perform any act of government; and that like the fellowship of S-Anon which it serves, it shall always remain democratic in thought and action.</li> </ol> | <p>IX. To Be Added as Necessary</p> <p>X. To be Added as Necessary</p> <p>XI. To be Added as Necessary</p> <p><b>XII. General Warranties of the Conference</b></p> <p>A. In all proceedings the World Service Conference of S-Anon shall observe the spirit of the Traditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That only sufficient operating funds, including an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle;</li> <li>2. That no Conference member shall be placed in unqualified authority over other members;</li> <li>3. That all decisions be reached by discussion, vote and, whenever possible, by unanimity;</li> <li>4. That no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy;</li> <li>5. That though the Conference serves S-Anon it shall never perform any act of government; and that like the fellowship of S-Anon which it serves, it shall always remain democratic in thought and action.</li> </ol> |

**B. BACKGROUND AND INTENT:** This change to the WSC Charter is administrative in nature, intended to bring the numbering of the Articles of the World Service Conference Charter into agreement with S-Anon’s Twelfth Concept of Service. When the Twelve Concepts of Service were adapted and approved by S-Anon, they were brought over directly from AI-Anon. The Twelfth Concept says: “The spiritual foundation for S-Anon’s World Services is contained in the General Warranties of the Conference, Article 12 of the Charter.” The S-Anon WSC Charter did not actually have twelve Articles; there were only nine, which resulted in a disconnect between our Concepts and our WSC Charter. Any change to S-Anon’s Twelve Concepts of Service requires a fellowship-wide group conscience, an arduous undertaking. A change to the WSC Charter, however, can be made by the WSC itself. Therefore, it was decided to move to make a simple change to the WSC Charter. An added benefit is that additional Articles can be added to the WSC Charter without making corrections to the numbering of the Articles.

**C. SUPPORTING PRINCIPLES:**

- Concept Two: “The S-Anon Family Groups have delegated complete administrative and operational authority to their Conference and its service arms.”
- S-Anon World Service Conference Charter, Article III, Section F: “The Charter may be changed... by the vote of three quarters of the Conference members.”

**D. FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Minimal financial impact. It will take a little bit of time to update this in the decision database and to update the S-Anon/S-Ateen Service Manual. Staff and paid special worker time that may be needed is already covered by our yearly budget.

**E. ARGUMENT PRO:** In order to assure consistency in our published service materials, the WSC Committee believes that minor errors such as the one described above should be corrected so that members will not waste time wondering why, for example, Concept Twelve refers to “Article 12 of the Charter” if there is no Article 12. Passage of this motion would correct that error.

**F. ARGUMENT CON:** Possibly we should not add Articles to the WSC Charter unless we actually have particular changes in mind that will become Article IX, X, and XI.

**G. DOCUMENTATION:** If this motion passes, it will change the WSC Charter by adding three placeholders for additional Articles, and the current Article IX will move to the Article XII spot. The change will also be updated in the S-Anon/S-Ateen Service Manual, WSC section, and recorded in the decision database maintained by the World Service Office.

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