

Motion 4: Rescind a motion from the July 2010 WSC that added a Delegate position to represent phone meetings

18th Annual S-Anon World Service Conference, July 24, 2021

A. MOTION: Move that the WSC rescind a motion from the July 2010 WSC that added a Delegate position to represent phone meetings.

B. BACKGROUND AND INTENT: The intent of this motion is to bring into line the voices of all S-Anon members in the North American fellowship. When the Delegate for S-Anon members that participate in phone groups was originally approved by the WSC, there was no outlet for S-Anon members outside of the U.S. and Canada to have a voice. The approval of the motion made at the 2016 WSC to allow other countries to develop their own service structure and have their own national conference gave S-Anon members worldwide the opportunity to carry their voice within their own country. S-Anon members within the North American fellowship are able to have their voices heard through the Delegate for the geographical Area they live in regardless of the type of meetings they attend.

C. SUPPORTING PRINCIPLES:

- Concept Ten: "Service responsibility is balanced by carefully defined service authority and double-headed management is avoided." A Phone Meeting Delegate would be representing S-Anon members who are already represented by an Area Delegate for the geographical Area they live in, a Regional Trustee for the Region they live in or any other WSC member. S-Anon members outside of North America would have their voice heard in the country they live in.
- Warranty Three: "That all decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by unanimity." There can be no unanimity when S-Anon members are represented by more than one Delegate, or when the Delegate has possibly hundreds of members to represent, as a Phone Meeting Delegate could.

D. FINANCIAL IMPACT: No financial impact really since the Delegate Travel Reimbursement budgeted amount is a pool of funds that are allocated based on a formula that includes number of Delegates, totals submitted for reimbursement, etc.

E. ARGUMENT PRO: The voices of all S-Anon members in North America are already represented at the WSC by the Delegate for the geographical Area that they live in. S-Anon members outside of North America have the opportunity to develop their own service structure and have their own national conference which enables them to carry their voice within their own country. In the eleven years since the Delegate for the Phone Meetings was approved by the WSC, there has never been anyone willing to fill that position. It would be very difficult for an Area Delegate to know which of the S-Anon members in their Area are already being represented by a Phone Meeting Delegate.

F. ARGUMENT CON:

- Phone meetings are currently in existence. There are currently 9 registered S-Anon groups within North America meeting on the phone, this does not include groups who are temporarily meeting on the phone or virtually. A vacant position does not indicate a change of responsibility or authority.
- This will create more work for the WSO, Delegates, and Regional Trustees to make sure they know which phone meeting members are in their Regions and represent them in the same manner that they represent the members in face-to-face meetings.
- Tradition One speaks of our common welfare and unity, and if this is not the majority decision of the current members of registered phone groups, then this motion does not support the spirit of Tradition One.
- Removing the Phone Meeting Delegate puts the focus of representation on an individual S-Anon member as opposed to S-Anon groups. Representation for individual S-Anon members is not mentioned in the S-Anon Twelve Concepts of Service.
- Concept One, where the groups hold ultimate responsibility and authority for S-Anon services, was the argument pro for the current Delegate position.
- There is no data in this motion suggesting the collected conscience of the phone groups has changed. If the phone groups were not involved in this motion, then this motion is not in the spirit of Concept One.
- There is no documentation in this motion that states this is the desire of the members of phone groups.
- Some may see rescinding motions as disruptive to the democratic process.

G. DOCUMENTATION: The decision will be documented in the WSC minutes and in the decision database maintained by the WSO. If the motion passes, the WSC Charter will be changed from:

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In addition, any reference to a Phone Meeting Delegate would be removed from any and all applicable locations such as literature, website, etc.

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