

WSBC 2012 / OFFICER'S NOTES

World Service Business Conference (WSBC 2012)

IMPORTANT: We have an IG meeting on **Saturday 18th February 2012**, from 2-5pm at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital to discuss the WSBC 2012 motions. It is important that each group send a rep to this meeting to report the group conscience of their meeting.

Please read Patrick's (our WSBC Rep) notes below and the WSBC 2012 Motion documents (also attached)

This information is also now on our webpage, in the IG documents section.

Anyone with comments or questions please direct these to:
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Dear Reps,

It is that time of year when we consider the proposed business for WSBC 2012. This year there are 10 New Business Motions and 18 Bylaw Amendments. Most of them are fairly dry, so I have (in consultation with other members of the IG Board) listed the 4 that I think are of most interest to groups.

This does not mean you should focus only on these 4 and not look at the others at all – we will be debating and voting on all of the Motions and Amendments at the IG meeting and your input is vital to helping me represent the IG accurately at WSBC.

These are the motions that (as a minimum) you should present and debate with your groups. If you want to present any of the others to your groups for discussion, that would be great.

Instructions

You will need to vote twice on each proposal.

The first vote is whether this motion merits debating at WSBC. Those agenda items discussed and voted on by the 2012 Conference delegates will affect OA as a whole for years to come; therefore they should be important to the Fellowship as a whole.

The second vote is taken assuming that the motion does make the floor - would you vote Yes or No.

The WSO also supply a summary of the motions. This can be used as a handy reference but please try to work from the original motions whenever possible.

The summary document also has a column where you can record the votes and any comments your group would like to make about the intent of the Motions.

Here are the 4 Motions that you should debate with your groups:

- Motion B: Specifies that AA Books (not flyers, leaflets or magazines) with an original Copyright date prior to 2010 should be the only AA literature given OA Conference Approval for use within OA

- Motion J: Limiting an individual's WSBC service to 6 years and then requiring a year's break before serving again
- Motion I: Removing an existing specific fund for Translations, and making it part of General funds
- Bylaw Amendment 12: Creating a Trustee position to support Virtual Service Boards and Groups

Of course, please also debate any other of the Motions that you think may be of interest to your group.

Thank you for the time you will take to debate these motions.

It is immensely helpful to me as your rep to hear the feedback from groups.

I look forward to seeing you on **Sat 18th Feb at 2pm** in the Boardroom of the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and hearing your comments.

Patrick