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# Compulsive Eaters Anonymous-HOW

## World Service Business Conference 2023 SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

### Motions – One Policy Motion Considered

- One Policy Motion passed in its original form

### Amendments – Three Bylaws Amendments Considered

- One Bylaws Amendment passed in its original form
- Two Bylaws Amendments passed in an amended form

### Policy Motion Passed in Original Form

- **Policy Motion #1: *The Daily Reflections Workbook II for CEA-HOW Members with Challenges***, submitted by WSO Special Needs Committee
  - Motion: ***The Daily Reflections Workbook II for CEA-HOW Members with Challenges*** is submitted for publication and distribution to the fellowship, subject to editing for spelling, grammar, and typography.

### Bylaws Amendment Passed in Original Form

- **Bylaws Amendment #3: Decommission the Policy Manual Committee**, submitted by Susan M.
  - Motion: (in Article 23. Conference Committees) Delete Policy Manual Committee and all subsequent Committee Section numbers will decrease by one.

### Bylaw Motion Passed in Amended Form

- **Bylaw Amendment #1: Amend Article 19, Section 2**, submitted by Susan M. and Suzanne E.
  - Motion: Amend Article 19, Section 2 to read  
“Groups hold meetings to practice the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, the CEA-HOW Concept and the Seven Tools of Compulsive Eaters Anonymous-HOW.”
- **Bylaws Amendment #2: Clarifying Group and Intergroup Affiliation**, submitted by David M. and Carolyn P.
  - Motion: Amend Article 19, Sections 1, 4 and 5; Article 20, Section 1; Article 21, Section 2, b), 10.; Article 22, Section 3 to read

Article 19

Section 1. Formation:

A Group may be formed by two (2) or more persons meeting together who have a desire to stop eating compulsively. A Group will hold meetings: in the same physical location (Face to Face); through some electronic means such as telephonic, video conferencing or other remote meeting technology (Virtual) or both (Hybrid)

#### Section 4. Registration

- a.) A Group must be registered with the World Service Office. Registration consists of submission of a form indicating the Group's meeting type (i.e. Face to Face, Virtual or Hybrid) and format, location (physical address and/or virtual address etc.), meeting day and time, approved Intergroup affiliation, meeting contact person (including name, phone number and e-mail address), Intergroup contact person (including name, phone number, e-mail address and intergroup position), and subscription to the CEA-HOW philosophy and by-laws, including Article 19.

#### Section 5. Operation

- b.) No official, legal, or written form of organization is required. No record of membership is allowed. Changes any of the meeting registration information as outlined in Article 19. Section 4. must be reported to the WSO within two weeks.

#### Article 20

##### Section 1. Formation

- a.) Two (2) or more Groups within a state or in geographic proximity of each other may form an Intergroup for the purpose of serving and representing the Groups of which they are composed. Intergroups comprised solely of Virtual Groups may affiliate with a Geographic or Virtual Area. All new Intergroups must be approved by the Area prior to submission of the Intergroup formation request to WSO.
- b.) Each state, country, or Area, as defined in Article 21, should have, but are not required to have, at least one (1) geographic Intergroup. In states, countries or Areas having only one Group, that Group may function as an Intergroup.
- c.) No Group may be registered with more than one CEA-HOW Intergroup. Face to Face and Hybrid Groups should register with the geographic Intergroup in its nearest geographic or state or municipal vicinity and in no event outside its Area as defined by these Bylaws upon the Intergroup's approval. Virtual Groups may register with a geographic or Virtual Intergroup upon the Intergroup's approval. Applications for exceptions can be made to the Board of Directors.
- d.) Should a Face to Face or Hybrid Group choose not to be affiliated with an Intergroup, it shall be deemed to be affiliated with the geographic Area in which it exists or if a Virtual Group with a Geographic Area or the Virtual Area upon Area approval.

#### Article 21

##### Section 2. Composition

- b.) 10. Area 10 is composed of one or more Virtual Intergroups, i.e., telephonic, video conferencing or other remote meeting technology.

#### Article 22

##### Section 3. WSBC Participants

- c.) Qualifications/Selection of World Service Business Conference Delegates/alternates shall be
  1. Three (3) years in the Fellowship;
  2. Two (2) years of service above the meeting level;
  3. Attendance as an Area Representative in at least one (1) Area Assembly;
  4. Two (2) years of continuous recovery in CEA-HOW as evidenced by two (2) years continuous abstinence;
  5. Delegates/alternates from a geographic Area must reside in that Area for at least six months prior to being voted in as a Delegate. Delegates/alternates from Area 10 serve without regard to geographic residence;
  6. Should visibly reflect the ideals of CEA-HOW in order to serve as a role model to others;
  7. Must also be a qualified CEA-HOW Food, Inventory and Step Sponsor;
  8. Must share an active relationship with their sponsor;

9. Declared themselves as practicing the Twelve Steps, CEA-HOW Concept and Seven Tools to the best of their ability;
10. Be committed to the Twelve Traditions and Concepts of Service of CEA-HOW to be affirmed on their Delegate application forms;
11. Delegates shall focus exclusively on the business presented at WSBC for their deliberation and vote as Delegates and shall not simultaneously serve in any dual or overlapping role at WSBC;
12. Permission for any exception in qualifications for valid reasons, if deemed credible by the Directors, may be granted by the Board of Directors upon proper receipt of an application to the World Service Office.