

## 2019 FA World Service Business Convention

**MOTION** – to add credible body size to the criteria for WSC member  
Short name: **Credible Body Size Motion**

**Motion:** The World Service Board moves to amend article III section 2(b) by adding credible body size to the criteria for a World Service Conference member.

**If this motion proposes a change in an already established bylaw, policy, or continuing effect motion, please indicate the *current* wording.**

Article III. Section 2. Voting Members

(b) In order to serve as a WSC member, a member of the fellowship must have at least five years of continuous abstinence in FA and have completed one AWOL, as defined in Article II, Section 3, within the current term of abstinence.

**Please indicate your proposal for the *changed* wording. New language is bold-faced.**

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(b) In order to serve as a WSC member, a member of the fellowship must have at least five years of continuous abstinence in FA; must have completed one AWOL, as defined in Article II, Section 3, within the current term of abstinence; **and must maintain a credible body size.**

**What is the purpose of this motion, and how will it strengthen the effectiveness of WSI/FA service?**

This motion proposes adding the final phrase shown above. This requirement was added to the bylaws in 2008 for World Service Board members (see Article V[3][a]). With this proposed motion, we can now achieve consistency in the criteria for all voting members at our business conventions.

The maintenance of a credible body size is part of being in recovery in FA. Everyone who holds a service position in FA, either on the World Service Board or as a World Service Conference member, is expected to maintain a credible body size in order to demonstrate the potential for recovery in FA to newcomers and to the public.

Previously, World Service Conference members were required to have only two years of abstinence. For some, this was insufficient time to achieve a credible body size. Now that a Conference member must have five years of abstinence, the expectation of their having achieved a credible body size is a reasonable one.