

Please review the following items for proposed guideline changes to be sent for motion in December 2026. Please vote on these changes as a homegroup.

Topic 1: Following and documenting Region Guidelines

UWANA is concerned that Region Guidelines are not always followed. There is often a good reason, but it isn't clear to Areas and Groups what we are doing, why, and how it affects the Region. We'd like to discuss this and offer one option: a Guidelines change.

What

1. Amend Article XVI, Amendment of Guidelines. Keep the current language as Section 1 with one grammar correction: "All motions that make or change guidelines shall be sent back to the Areas and require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of quorum vote to pass."
2. Add Section 2: Some urgent motions can't wait for a Guideline change. In those cases, the RSC may waive a specific Guideline for up to six months. All waivers are temporary and will need to be formally changed in guidelines as written in Section 1, if a permanent change is required. A waiver may be renewed only by a new RSC decision that restates the Section 3 explanation.
3. Add Section 3: Any RSC decision to waive a Guideline will include an explanation of (a) what the waiver is for, (b) which Guideline(s) are waived, (c) why the waiver is necessary, and (d) when, or whether, a permanent change will go back to the Areas.
4. Add Section 4: A permanent Addendum to the Guidelines will be maintained by the Secretary to record all decisions to waive, change, or amend Guidelines.
5. Amend Article XIV – Duties and Qualification of Members; Secretary "Section J. Will maintain an Addendum to the Guidelines."

Why

1. There is currently no process for waiving a Guideline.
2. It makes the RSC's decisions transparent to Areas and Groups.
3. It acknowledges Group conscience and gives reasons for needed changes.
4. It creates an easy-to-follow audit trail. For example, the Guidelines dated 02/2025 do not reflect the current URICNA and URCNA prudent reserve.

How

1. Voting on Waivers would follow standard process as defined in Article VII-Decision Making and Quorum
2. It creates a single point of accountability for the Addendum. However, we may want to discuss who should manage this and if a matching change to Article XIV is needed.

Topic 2: RD/AD term length

UWANA is concerned that the current RD/RDA term doesn't match the WSC cycle. We'd like to discuss this and offer one option.

What: Change Article XIV, Duties and Qualification of Members, Section A, for both RD and RDA, from a two-year commitment to a three-year commitment.

Why

1. It coincides with the current three-year WSC cycle.
2. It uses resources prudently. It doesn't make sense to send the ARD to the WSC if they won't attend the next one as RD.
3. It allows adequate ARD training.
4. It gives us an RD with the experience and knowledge to carry the Region's voice.

Topic 3: Decision-making process in the Guidelines

UWANA is concerned that the Guidelines don't reflect how we actually make decisions. We don't use Robert's Rules of Order in practice. We'd like to discuss this and offer one option.

What: Change Article V, Spiritual Guidance, Section 5, from "The rules contained in the current edition of 'Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised' (loosely enforced at the discretion of the facilitator)" to "NA Local Service Resources, including CBDM Basics (Consensus-Based Decision Making)."

Why

1. Robert's Rules do not reflect how the Region currently makes decisions.
2. They are inconsistent with Article VII, Decision Making and Quorum.
3. CBDM provides guidance on how to harmoniously facilitate a discussion so that everyone is heard and leads to a decision that can be supported by all.