

Amendment and Seating Motion Handout for WSC 2023

This handout is intended to help conference participants understand the processes related to making amendments and seating motions for WSC 2023. Regional delegates, zonal delegates, and board members may submit amendments to any *CAR* or *CAT* motion.

What

GWSNA says that an amendment is “a change or addition designed to improve the motion.” But what does *improve* mean in this context?

The point of an amendment is to *refine* a motion, not *completely overhaul it* or *replace it*. Ideally, an amendment stays true to the main direction or main purpose of a motion. An amendment might intend to clarify a motion to make it more suitable or acceptable or to add something bearing on or closely related to the subject of the motion. No new subject can be introduced under the pretext of being an amendment

For example:

Motion X: Fund RCM travel by train to the January RSC.

Intent: To increase accessibility of the RSC for members who are required to attend.

Acceptable Amendment to Motion X: Change *train* to *train or car*. Motion X, if amended, would read: Fund RCM travel by train or car to the January RSC.

Intent: To allow RCMs another option for travel that would be no more expensive than the train.

Acceptable Amendment to Motion X: Add *and regional trusted servant* after *RCM*.

Motion X, if amended, would read: Fund RCM and regional trusted servant travel by train to the January RSC.

Intent: To allow trusted servants elected by the region the same opportunity as those elected by the member areas.

Not an Acceptable Amendment to Motion X: Change *January RSC* to *World Convention*.

Motion X, if amended, would read: Fund RCM travel by train to the World Convention.

Motion Y: Develop a project plan for consideration at WSC 2024 to create an IP targeted to Martians.

Intent: To target a piece of literature to addicts on another planet.

Acceptable Amendment to Motion Y: Change *Martians* to *space aliens*. Motion Y, if amended, would read: To develop a project plan for consideration at WSC 2024 to create a booklet targeted to space aliens.

Intent: To expand the scope of the proposed project to include all non-Earthlings.

Acceptable Amendment to Motion Y: Change *booklet* to *pamphlet*. Motion Y, if amended, would read: To develop a project plan for consideration at WSC 2024 to

create a pamphlet targeted to Martians.

Intent: To change the proposed project outcome to produce a pamphlet rather than booklet.

Not an Acceptable Amendment to Motion Y: Change *create an IP targeted to Martians* to *revise the Basic Text*.

Like a main motion, an amendment should easily lend itself to a yes or no vote. The WSC Cofacilitators will work with the amendment makers to ensure that an amendment seeks to refine a motion and that it lends itself to a yes or no vote.

If a participant submits an amendment that is similar to an amendment submitted by another participant, the Cofacilitators will encourage the makers to communicate with each other and come up with a combined amendment. The Cofacilitators can meet with them together if they wish.

from *A Guide to World Services*:

An amendment to a motion is a change or addition designed to improve the motion. Amendments to CAR and CAT motions are subject to a vetting process. The WSC Cofacilitators will ensure that the amendments are clear and lend themselves to a yes/no vote. Once arriving at the conference, the body is usually ready to make a decision.

When

1 April 2023: The WSC Cofacilitators are asking that delegates who intend to offer an amendment or seating motion notify worldboard@na.org no later than a month before the WSC, in order to allow time to make sure the amendment is WSC-ready.

15 April 2023: Amendments and seating motions must be in final form. This is 15 days before the WSC. That allows time to translate the amendments and seating motions and include them in the initial straw poll that is taken before the WSC begins.

How

Delegates should email the World Board to let them know that they intent to offer an amendment or seating motion no later than 1 April. (Earlier would be great!) Daniel and Mario, the WSC Cofacilitators, will respond via email and let the delegate know if the amendment needs changes to be WSC-ready and whether any other regions or zones are offering similar amendments.

The process of getting an amendment WSC-ready may take several emails or phone calls or Zoom meetings between the amendment maker and the WSC Cofacilitator. When an amendment reaches its final form, it will be assigned a number, uploaded to the conference participant Dropbox, and included in the in the initial straw poll conducted electronically prior to the WSC meeting.

DIRECTIONS: Use this form to amend a motion from the *CAR* or *CAT*, or to offer a motion to seat a region. The deadline for amendments and seating motions to be in **final form** is **15 April 2023**, as per WSC policy. The WSC Cofacilitators request delegates who intend to make amendments or seating motions fill out this form or email the board no later than **1 April 2023** to allow time for any conversations or adjustments that may need to happen to get the amendment or motion in final form. You can complete this form online at www.na.org/conference or download this form, complete it, and email it to wb@na.org.

WSC 2023 Motion and Amendment Form

Name: _____

Email address: _____

I am a... Regional or Zonal Delegate World Board Member

If you're an RD or ZD, what region or zone are you from?

I want to...

Amend motion number _____ from the Conference Agenda Report (*CAR*) or

Amend motion number _____ from the Conference Approval Track (*CAT*) or

Please describe as specifically as possible how you wish to amend this motion?

What is your **RATIONALE** for amending the motion as you've proposed?

I want to...

Offer a seating motion

What is your motion for seating?

What is your RATIONALE for the motion?
