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Final Notice of Matters to Be Voted on
at the 2010 Annual Business Meeting of the
World Service Organization of Recovering Couples Anonymous

Wording of the Proposed Motions

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**2010 Annual Business Meeting
Friday, July 23, 2010 in Niagara Falls, Canada
at the 2010 RCA Convention**

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Introduction

1. Notice is hereby provided to the RCA Fellowship of the matters that will be considered at the RCA WSO annual business meeting on July 23, 2010. **This notice of the specific wording of each proposal to be considered is provided in order to comply with the notice requirements of the applicable Missouri law; that is, notice after May 24, 2010 but on or before June 23, 2010.**

2. In a document dated April 22, 2010, notice of the topics to be considered was provided by e-mail to the Group Contact Couples and was posted on the RCA website to meet the 90-day notice requirement of the bylaws so that by-mail voting would be permitted as to these topics. **Unlike the notice of wording sent out in the last three years, this year's notice of wording will include only the wording of each proposal.** This year's April 22, 2010, notice of topics included the final wording of each proposal as well as the rationale for each proposal along with the Structure Committee's comments and recommendation on each proposal. Thus, this year's notice of wording contains just the wording of each proposal and is being submitted to the Fellowship to comply with the notice requirement of Missouri law (the RCA-WSO is chartered as a non-profit corporation in Missouri, thus the requirement to comply with the applicable provisions of Missouri law).

3. Please note that the Board of Trustees has established a discussion forum so that RCA members may exchange comments on each of the four proposals. To join this discussion forum, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/search?query=RCA+delegate> Please note that you will be required to sign-up for a free yahoo.com e-mail account in order to participate in the forum.

4. Ballots will be provided to those RCA member groups whose delegate couples cannot attend the business meeting and who wish to submit by-mail votes on the matters to be considered. The ballot will be sent by e-mail to the Group Contact Couples and will be posted on the website along with all the items related to the annual business meeting.

5. Each member group is asked to review the topics that are listed in this notice and to complete the process of determining the position, if any, that your group may wish to take on these matters. As part of your considerations, you may wish to refer to the April 22, 2010, notice which is posted on the website: www.recovering-couples.org. The April 22 notice includes the rationale supporting each proposal as well as the comments and recommendations of the Structure Committee.

6. We hope that as many RCA Groups as possible will participate in voting on the matters to be considered at the 2010 annual business meeting. The primary purpose of the bylaw amendments adopted at the 2006 convention in Boston was to ensure that decisions made at the annual business meeting would be more reflective of the collective group conscience of the entire Fellowship, and not just be based on the views of those RCA members in attendance at the business meeting.

7. While we recognize that there are many demands on the time of RCA members and that priority must be given to continued individual and couple recovery, each member group is requested, if you are at all able, to review these matters and to determine the position your group

wishes to take with respect to each matter listed in this notice. **Thereby you will help ensure that actions taken at the annual business meeting will truly reflect the collective group conscience of the Fellowship.**

8. We also recognize that some of these matters involve technical organization details that may be of little interest to many, if not most, RCA members and groups whose primary focus is appropriately on individual and couple recovery. But unfortunately details like these are important to the efficient and effective operation of the RCA WSO as it attempts to provide necessary support to the Fellowship and to the member groups. If your group is uncertain as to the meaning and significance of any of the matters listed in this notice and if your group wishes, you might want to seek advice from longtime and trusted members of RCA as to their views on the merits of the various topics listed in this notice or e-mail the Structure Committee at structure@recovering-couples.org.

Category I: Proposed Changes to the Bylaws

Topic 1: Authorizing Participation at the RCA Convention By Teleconference or Equivalent Method.

This proposed amendment involves the addition of a new provision to the bylaws. If adopted, this provision would be in effect for the RCA convention in 2011. This proposal was submitted by the Board of Trustees.

Motion:

Move to amend the bylaws to add the following new section:

3.6.1.4 Meetings by Teleconference or Equivalent Method. The Delegate Couples are authorized to meet by teleconference or video-conference or by any other technical means that allows the Delegate Couples in attendance at the R.C.A.C..to hear each other at the same time.

The vote required for passage is 75% of the total of the yes and no votes.

Topic 2: Proposal to Eliminate the Use of By-Mail Voting at the Annual Business Meeting.

This proposed amendment involves modification to existing provisions of the bylaws. If adopted, this provision would be in effect for the RCA convention in 2011. This proposal was submitted by the Board of Trustees.

Motion:

Move that the bylaws be amended to not allow by-mail voting at the RCA convention.

1. The current bylaw wording of those sections to be amended is as follows:

3.6 Collective Group Conscience of the Membership. To ensure that the services provided by the W.S.O. are guided by the collective group conscience of the entire membership, the Delegate Couple for each Member Group shall have one vote on each matter considered at the annual R.C.A. convention (R.C.A.C.). (This provision adopted August 4, 2006 to take effect as of the R.C.A.C. 2007.)

3.6.1 Delegate Couple. Each Member Group shall select from the member couples of the group, a Delegate Couple, to represent the group at the R.C.A.C. and to vote for the group on all matters considered at the R.C.A.C. (This provision adopted August 4, 2006 to take effect as of the R.C.A.C. 2007.)

3.6.1.1 Member-Group Voting-by-Mail. The Delegate Couple for each Member Group may vote by mail for those matters (as decided by R.C.A.C. or by the board) for which adequate prior notice (minimum of 90 days) and information is provided to the Member Groups. (This provision adopted August 4, 2006 to take effect as of the R.C.A.C. 2007.)

3.6.1.2 Member-Group Voting-by-Proxy. If a Member Group will not have a Delegate Couple attending the R.C.A.C., that Member Group may vote by proxy at the R.C.A.C. by designating a Delegate Couple from another Member Group to represent it at the R.C.A.C. A proxy designation may be for all of the matters considered at the convention or it may be limited to specific matters to be considered at the convention. If a Member Group will not have a Delegate Couple attending the R.C.A.C., that Member Group may vote both by mail, on those matters for which by mail voting is permitted, and by proxy, on those matters for which voting by mail is not available. No delegate couple shall hold more than one proxy. (This provision adopted August 4, 2006 to take effect as of the R.C.A.C. 2007.)

3.6.1.3 Procedures for Voting by Member Groups. It shall be the responsibility of the Group Contact Couple (GCC) of each Member Group to notify the Board of Trustees of the Delegate Couple representing the Member Group or, in the alternative, of the designation of the Delegate Couple representing the group by proxy if the group chooses that option. The delegate couple shall also be responsible for the group's submission of any votes by mail when the group elects to vote by that means when voting-by-mail is available. The Board of Trustees shall establish the deadlines for initial and modified designations by each Member Group and shall establish necessary procedures and forms required to implement delegate voting, by-mail voting, and proxy voting. Since the fundamental objective is to seek the collective group conscience of the entire membership, the Board of Trustees shall provide for voting-by-mail to the extent feasible and insure adequate time for an informed group conscience and full discussion. (This provision adopted August 4, 2006 to take effect as of the R.C.A.C. 2007.)

2. The bylaws as amended by this proposal would read as follows with additions shown in bold italics and deletions shown by cross-out. These are no changes proposed to sections 3.6 and 3.61 which are included here for completeness.

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The vote required for passage is 75% of the total of the yes and no votes.

Category II: Topics for Approval of Fellowship That Do Not Involve Changes to the Bylaws.

Topic 3: The 1996 Version of the Third Edition of the Blue Book Should Be Maintained and Made Available to All Who Request It.

This proposal was submitted by an RCA member from Manitoba.

Motion:

That the current 3rd edition be maintained and made available to all who request it.

The vote required for passage is a majority of the total of the yes and no votes.

Topic 4: Request that the Board of Trustees Include in the Policies and Procedures Manual Certain Provisions Related to Committees and Committee Service.

This proposal was submitted by an RCA member from Manitoba.

Motion:

Move that the Board of Trustees be requested to include the following provisions in the Board's Policies and Procedures Manual:

1. All board members must serve on a W.S.O. committee while serving on the Board of Trustees.
2. The Chair of the Board of Trustees shall maintain contact with the all W.S.O. service providers on a regular basis and shall maintain discretionary communications with the various W.S.O. committees.
3. The Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees shall maintain communications with all W.S.O. committees on a regular basis.
4. The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees shall work with a W.S.O. finance or budget committee and shall maintain some level of ongoing participation with this committee. The treasurer shall serve on the 7th traditions committee.

Separate Voting on Each of the Four Parts of This Motion:

Since each of the four parts of the motion are independent and separable, each part will be voted on separately, both on the by-mail ballot and at the business meeting.

The vote required for passage of each of the four parts is a majority of the total of the yes and no votes on each part.