Conference Policies and Procedures Report for the 2024 3rd Virtual World Service Conference to be held on January 10 &11, 17 & 18, 2025

The Conference Policies and Procedures Committee was formed after an invitation from Trustee Vickie D was given to the membership in January 2024, with the idea of taking the next step for the Conference – that it organizes and governs itself, in accordance with Article 6 of the World Service Conference Charter. It held its first meeting on January 27, 2024. Amy C was elected Chair. Donna D is the Secretary.

The function of the Conference Policies and Procedures Committee is to propose rules to govern how the Conference operates. These proposals will be brought to the Conference as motions to be voted upon. Until now, the motions for the Conference have come from the Board of Trustees committees. Now that the Conference is more firmly established, Delegates/GSRs can vote to set up a procedure for bringing motions to the Conference and other matters related to the running of the Conference.

In time, with Conference-approved policies in place, a Conference Service Manual will be created by this Policies and Procedures Committee.

The Committee meets on the first Saturday of each month. It has considered several topics to be considered and reported upon at the conference. These include and are not limited to the positions of Conference Chair and Conference Vice Chair, an update to the Community Problem-Solving Method used at the Conference, by whom and how motions are submitted and what the procedures are for them. This year the Policies and Procedures Committee has been working in cooperation with the Conference Planning Meetings and the Conference Motions and Topics Review Committee on these topics. The motions that have resulted from this process are being brought to the 2024 3rd Virtual World Service Conference on January 10, 11, 17 & 18, 2025. The plan is that more motions for consideration will be brought to future World Service Conferences as they continue to grow and evolve in service to the Fellowship as a whole.