Restated and Amended Bylaws of SCWS of AFG, Inc.

SCWS Special Assembly July 25, 2026
Presented by the Area Delegate

HISTORY

- Southern California World Service of AFG, Inc. was incorporated as a 501 (c)(3) in 1993.
- The first Bylaws were very skeletal and consisted of only 3 pages.
- Original Purpose:
  - To save money on postage when the Bulletin was mailed at the USPS.

HISTORY, Continued

Amendments from 1993 through 2024 included adding:

- The legacies, as was deemed fitting at the time. (These do not belong in a legal document.)
- Motions, which we now know as policy, typically updated/amended every three years. (Policy does not belong in Bylaws and is not meant to be part of a legal document.)

The Process to Get to Where We Are Today:

- In 2025 a Bylaws Task Force was formed.
- They reviewed several sample Bylaws, including AFG Headquarters, Inc. and other Areas.
- An attorney was hired and provided a sample public document that included California legal requirements.
- The Task Force reviewed the sample public document.
- Many discussions ensued, resulting in the rough draft of the new Bylaws

The Process to Get to Where We Are Today (Continued):

- The rough draft was reviewed and edited by the officers over many discussions.
- Throughout the officer review, the attorney was consulted.
- The World Service Office (WSO) Executive Director reviewed the draft and met with the officers and made some suggestions.
- The attorney approved the final draft.
- This final draft is being presented to the Assembly.

The Major Sections We Clarified

- Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Directors
- 2/3 consensus for all decisions
- Board Committees
- Corporate records and reports

Responsibilities of Board of Directors

- To maintain a record of the Area policies
- To administer and manage the finances of the Area
- To authorize expenditures
- To elect the next Board of Directors of the Corporation
- To take such measures as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Corporation

Who Votes to Adopt the Bylaws?

The Board of Directors of the Corporation (the legal entity) amend and vote on the Corporation Bylaws.

The members of the Assembly (the traditional fellowship) are not members of the Corporation and do not vote on the Bylaws.

What About Future Bylaws Amendments?

All Bylaw amendments adopted by the Board of Directors will be presented to the first Assembly to be held after their adoption by the Board of Directors.

What About Area Policies?

All policies in the prior Bylaws remain as previously voted on by the Assembly Group Representatives.

All future policies voted on by the Area Assembly will be included in the Policies and Procedures Handbook.

What is the Relationship Between the Elected Officers of the Assembly and the Board of Directors of SCWS of AFG, Inc.?

Group Representatives (GRs) vote for officers of the Assembly of Southern California World Service (SCWS) Area. These votes affirm these officers as the Board of Directors of SCWS of AFG, Inc.

The Board may then elect the designated Directors at its annual meeting.

Questions?