

Proposal 2022 – 7

Submitted by: The Member Services Committee's Regions Subcommittee

Issue: We propose that the ACA Meetings' suggested 7th Tradition donation percentages of excess funds be, Intergroups 45%, Regions 30%, and ACA WSO 25%.

Background: More than thirty years ago ACA WSO suggested to the ACA Group Meetings and membership a 7th Tradition donation of their excess funds to their service entities as follows: Intergroups 60%, Regions 30%. WSO 10%. That suggested percentage has never been adequate. In the 1980s and early 1990s, the Regions struggled to serve the membership and faded out of existence. At that time, the Regions and WSO were collaborating with the same few people and few donations. In 2017 WSO registered Region 2 and we now have Region 5, and more are developing or are being considered.

The ACA program has grown from its infancy and now reaches around the globe. We realize that we must rethink the funding for our service structure and correct our literature. We also believe that the Regions must still retain 30% of the excess 7th Traditions funds from their areas of geography or focus, because 30% is a minimum they need to function properly. WSO will get 25% from the membership, in addition to excess funds from the Intergroups and Regions from around the world. This will bring WSO on par with other 12 Step organizations and still leave the Intergroups with a healthy 45% of their membership's 7th Tradition contributions.

Resources/Implementation: To implement this proposal, the current Regions will send an email regarding the suggested changes to their meetings and Intergroups. We will author articles for the Traveler and the ComLine regarding the changes in the suggested percentages. The current Where Does the Money Go? flyer can be rewritten in collaboration with the Finance Committee to include these new percentages and to help the Fellowship understand the financial needs of each level of our service structure. In the future, as WSO publishes new editions of current outdated literature, they will correct the suggested percentages. Meanwhile, they may archive or update any trifolds that contain the old percentages and/or are no longer useful for the membership.

WSO Analysis: This ballot measure is one of two similar ideas that the ACA World Service board is aware of. The Finance Committee recommends a formula by which groups send 50% of excess funds to Intergroups, 25% to Regions, and 25% to ACA WSO. The committee's rationale is that the 50-25-25 formula is easier for group treasurers to calculate and suggests slightly more money for intergroups. The board is taking no action on this issue until the ballot measure process is completed.