**AREA 1 BYLAWS - EXCERPTS**

**ARTICLE 2 – AREA ASSEMBLIES**

**SECTION 1. REPRESENTATIVES**

Each Intergroup registered with WSO shall be entitled to send to the annual Area Assembly meeting one voting representative (hereinafter “Area Representative of A.R.) for up to the first seven Groups it represents and one A.R. for each additional 10 Groups or any fraction thereof. Each unaffiliated Group registered with the WSO shall be entitled to send one A.R to the annual Area Assembly. “Unaffiliated” is herein defined as a functioning CEA-HOW Group that is not registered with, or part of, and intergroup, but has registered with WSO and has not yet been assigned and Area number.

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE**

The Representatives shall elect delegates to the CEA-HOW World Service Business Conference (hereinafter “Delegates”) at the Annual Meeting of the Area Assembly (see Article 5) and conduct other business as may be placed on the agenda.

**ARTICLE 3 – AREA REPRESENTATIVES**

**SECTION 1. QUALIFICATIONS**

Qualifications for Area Representative shall be two years in the fellowship and one year of continuous recovery as evidenced by one year of continuous abstinence. Area Representatives must also have completed one year of service above the group level. Area Representatives should reflect the ideals of CEA-HOW by their conduct and action in order to serve as role models to others. Area Representatives must have given away a Fourth Step inventory; must share an active relationship with their sponsor, and must have declared themselves as practicing the Twelve Steps, CEA-HOW Concept, and Seven Tools to the best of their ability, and as committed to the Twelve Traditions and Concepts of Service of CEA-HOW. Upon election to the Area they must affirm their Assembly, Area Representatives must affirm their declaration by signing a statement agreeing to make a commitment to adhere to the Twelve Steps Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, CEA-HOW Concept, Seven Tools, and continual recovery including abstinence, and to comply with and be bound by all the terms and conditions of the prevailing Area 1 Bylaws.

**SECTION 2. TERM OF OFFICE**

Area Representatives shall be elected by the Intergroups or registered, unaffiliated Groups, which they represent for a two-year term. Area Representatives may be elected at any time to fill the remaining term created by a vacancy except as specified in Article 5, Section 2. Area Representatives shall serve no more than eight consecutive years. A person may be reelected as an Area Representative after a two year absence from such office.

**ARTICLE 5 - DELEGATES**

**SECTION 1. ELECTION**

a) The Area Assembly shall regularly elect its Delegates to the World Service Business Conference every two years, with the exception of its first year of organization.

b) The Delegates shall be selected from among the Area’s current representatives. One half of the Area’s Delegates to the World Service Business Conference shall be elected each year, except for the first year. Additionally, Delegates shall be elected to complete the existing terms of Delegates who have resigned. In the first year, all of the Area’s representatives will participate in elections. Half of the Delegates will serve three year terms, and half of the Delegates will serve two year terms, thereby establishing a staggered pattern of terms. The Area’s Officers shall determine the initial staggering terms.

c) **To be eligible for election, each nominee must be qualified as put forth in the current CEAHOW, Inc. Bylaws and must appear before the Representatives. The Assembly may request that CEA-HOW, Inc seat Delegates who do not meet the all criteria via the exception procedure outlined in the CEA-HOW, Inc. Bylaws. “Qualified” is defined in Article 3, Section 1 of the Area One Bylaws. (Below)**

d) To be elected, each nominee must receive a majority vote of the Representatives present at the time of the election.

e) If more than one ballot is necessary for any position, any candidate receiving less than one fifth of the total vote will be withdrawn automatically on subsequent ballots, except that the two top candidates must remain. If no candidate has less than one-fifth of the votes, the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from each successive ballot until all vacancies are filled.

f) The newly elected Delegates to the World Service Business Conference shall take office immediately at the conclusion of the meeting at which they were elected.

g) CEA-HOW, Inc’s power to realign area boundaries may not be used to prevent Area One’s Assembly from participating in elections for over three consecutive years. If the boundaries of Area One are re-aligned, any Delegate elected from this Area shall not have his or her term shortened, but may have it extended for one year.

**WSO BYLAWS - EXCERPTS**

**ARTICLE 23**

**SECTION 3. DELEGATES**

a) Voting Delegates shall consist of the following persons chosen in accordance with sub-section (c) below.

1. Delegates from the Area Assemblies.

2. Participating Directors.

3. Non-Participating Directors.

4. Co-Founders: Fred S. and Rae Z.

b) Delegates having a voice but no vote shall consist of officers of the Corporation and the Executive Director of the World Service Office (unless they otherwise hold a voting position).

c) Qualifications/Selection of World Service Business Conference Delegates/alternates shall be

1. Three (3) years in the Fellowship;

2. Two (2) years of service above the meeting level;

3. Attendance as an Area Representative in at least one (1) Area Assembly;

4. Two (2) years of continuous recovery in CEA-HOW as evidenced by two (2) years continuous abstinence;

5. Should visibly reflect the ideals of CEA-HOW in order to serve as a role model to others;

6. Must also , be a qualified CEA-HOW Food, Inventory & Step Sponsor;

7. Must share an active relationship with their sponsor;

8. Declared themselves as practicing the Twelve Steps, CEA-HOW Concept and Seven Tools to the best of their ability;

9. Be committed to the Twelve Traditions and Concepts of Service of CEA-HOW to be affirmed on their Delegate application forms;

10. Permission for any exception in qualifications for valid reasons, if deemed credible by the Directors, may be granted by the Board of Directors upon proper receipt of an application to the World Service Office.

d) Upon election or appointment, each Delegate shall make a commitment of adherence to the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, CEA-HOW Concept, Seven Tools and continual recovery including abstinence, completed and read to their sponsor the CEA-HOW *Twelve Tradition Study Guide* within six (6) months of becoming a delegate and that he or she agrees to comply with.