

Summary

BOT Restructure Committee – July 2016

Purpose:

To investigate the feasibility of restructuring the Board of Trustees and bi-annual meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Board of Trustees Chair Liaison: Undetermined.

Chair of the Committee: Russell K. - Area 18

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Key points:

- Conference call held Sunday 07/17/16 8:00am US Eastern Standard Time
- Chair, Russell K (Area 18) started by stating the purpose of the committee. Russell said its objective was to seek a way whereby Trustees across the world would have equal voice on matters concerning the fellowship.
- Marco (Area 25) said he'd attended the BOT meeting on 1 or 2 occasions. He shared the view of the committee that the BOT structure in its current form does not help allow his or other voices to be heard. Marco suggested that a World Conference and BOT could be held.
- Brian (Area 18B) said 73% of Trustees reside in the USA and Canada. He felt the means to create Trustee positions based on the number of rooms in a geographic location is wrong. Some 30+ Trustees are located in California and New York alone compared to 43 across the rest of the world meaning there is a serious flaw in the methodology.
- David (Area 12) said the current BOT structure does not lend itself to being a collective and productive decision making body. Too few Trustees go to the microphone to speak.
- Martha (Area 28) is disappointed that most decisions do not relate to the fellowship worldwide. She cited the example of the hotline implementation throughout the United States and Canada. It and many other issues have no bearing on the worldwide fellowship.
- David suggested that change only comes with physical presence at a BOT meeting. Russell asked David would a collective representation of Trustees be permitted to speak to the BOT. David could see no reason why this could not happen.
- The following action was proposed. Russell will provide statements to David to read out at the BOT meetings in San Diego in the fall and Cherry Hills in the spring. The first statement will outline the issue at hand and the second statement will start to articulate a possible solution. Both statements will be for "discussion" only.
- The aim of these two (2) statements are to prepare the BOT for a delegation of International Trustees to state a case for structural change at the BOT meeting in Ontario California in the fall of 2017.
- No date was scheduled for the next conference call. We will gauge the response David receives in San Diego to determine when the next conference call should be scheduled.