

Proposed changes in *The AA Structure Handbook for AA Great Britain*

In the chapter The General Service Conference, section 1.5., Delegates, point b., Rotation (page 102 in the 2018 edition), make the following changes.

First change, point 1, current text:

1. Delegates shall be elected by regions to serve for a maximum period of three consecutive years. If a delegate is unable to attend any Conference during the period of appointment, the place may be taken for that Conference by an eligible alternate delegate. A delegate may serve as an alternate once only, but the eligibility of an alternate delegate to attend later Conferences as a full delegate will not be affected by previous attendance as an alternate.

Proposed change (underlined):

Change the final sentence in the paragraph to read:

An alternate delegate may only attend Conference in the place of a delegate once, but the eligibility of an alternate delegate to attend later Conferences as a full delegate will not be affected by previous attendance as an alternate.

The full paragraph would then read:

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Second change, point 2, current text:

2. Any attendance by an alternate delegate will count as part of the three-year term of the delegate whose place is taken and may not have the effect of extending the term of the delegate originally elected.

Proposed changes (underlined):

Change the opening sentence to read:

Any attendance by an alternate delegate will normally count as part of the three-year term of the delegate whose place is taken and would not therefore usually have the effect of extending the term of the delegate originally elected.

Then add the following two sentences: *

However, this determination is ultimately up to the sponsoring region. (Please see the chapter The General Service Board, section 3, GSB Members, under Desirable Qualifications for Alcoholic Trustees: “If in exceptional circumstances a delegate is unable to complete their 3 year term the sponsoring region may, at their discretion, permit the delegate to complete their term at a later date.”)**

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NOTES:

*** In *The AA Structure Handbook for Great Britain 2018*, the section on Trustees reflecting the 2011 Conference decision (C2, Q2) is found on page 111.**

**** Based on feedback from the Fellowship after circulating these proposals, the words “at a later date” have been added to the end of the suggested new text.**