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To: Overeaters Anonymous Service Bodies and WSBC Delegates
From: Bonnie L., Chair, Board of Trustees
Re: World Service Business Conference 2020

Welcome to all delegates, members of the Board of Trustees, World Service Office staff, and volunteers planning to attend the 59th Annual World Service Business Conference (WSBC) of Overeaters Anonymous. The Conference will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the Embassy Suites Albuquerque Hotel from April 20-25, 2020.

Keep in mind that we have made a change to the overall schedule and are starting the workshops a day later (Tuesday rather than Monday) for this Conference. This can save one day of expenses as we plan for our travels.

Your commitment to abstinence and recovery, as well as your dedication to service brings the heart of OA together to share in the group conscience of our Fellowship. This year the theme is "OA Celebrates 60 Years! Looking to the Future!" The Board of Trustees' meetings begin on Monday, April 20. Tuesday afternoon offers an opportunity to attend the formal Board of Trustees' meeting. The workshop, "All About Conference," will be on Wednesday evening. This is recommended for all first-time delegates, along with their Mentors, but everyone will benefit by attending this. This is where we learn how the business meetings are conducted and get comfortable with the parliamentary procedures that are involved. Also Wednesday, you will have an opportunity to meet the maker of all motions, where you can ask any questions you may have. Our Conference committees begin work Wednesday morning and through the afternoon. Every delegate is a part of the WSBC commitment to support the vital work of OA in carrying our message of recovery. While the committees only meet one day, the commitment continues until WSBC 2021. Select the best committee that allows you to share your enthusiasm and talents. On Thursday, the business sessions begin, ending at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday. Saturday afternoon includes the first BOT meeting for the 2020 trustees, and elections for BOT officer positions are held. All delegates are welcome to observe. Saturday evening includes a banquet dinner, speaker, and a dance. It's such a great way to celebrate the end of a busy productive week.

If you are a first-time delegate (Green Dot) ask for a Mentor on your registration form. Mentors are returning delegates who know their way around the Conference. You will be matched with a mentor once you register. Mentors and the Green Dots will be informed of your assignments before you arrive. I also encourage you to review the All About Conference slide presentations on oa.org/documents under "World Service Business Conference All About Conference Workshop." These break down the information that is important to understand when attending Conference, and by reviewing in advance, you will be better prepared to participate fully.

This is our ninth Conference at this all-suite hotel. The rate includes a daily breakfast buffet, refrigerator, microwave, and internet in the guestrooms. There is a restaurant for lunch and dinners, with a convenient luncheon buffet at a set price. We even have a managers' reception each night with complimentary finger foods and beverages. Shuttles are available at set times to transport delegates to the grocery store and offsite for dinner. All of this and more is explained in greater detail in the tentative Conference agenda.

Conference is where the business of Overeaters Anonymous is decided. It belongs to the members, groups, and service bodies who share in the future of the organization. The workshops, committee meetings, and all the business that is transacted, are necessary to determine the direction OA will grow. It is also the place where the delegates, who represent the group conscience of OA as a whole, bring forward their ideas and desires and shape the future of our Fellowship. I look forward to working with all of you next April as we continue to meet our primary purpose and reach out our hands and hearts to all who share our compulsion.

In service to OA,
Bonnie L., Chair, Board of Trustees