

## Agenda Questionnaire Summary

World Service Business Conference 2020

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Proposal	Submitted By	Motion	Intent/Rationale	Bring to WSBC? Yes/No
<b>A</b>	<p>MetroWest IG, R6 Steve M.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>WSBC Policy 1988b The following policy statement was adopted:</p> <p>The WSBC 2019 accepts the following definitions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Abstinence: The act of refraining from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors while working towards or maintaining a healthy body weight.</li> <li>2) Recovery: Removal of the need to engage in compulsive eating behaviors.</li> </ol> <p>Spiritual, emotional, and physical recovery is achieved through working and living the Overeaters Anonymous Twelve Step program.</p> <p><u>This policy shall be subject to change only in years ending in zero.</u></p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To provide stability, certainty, and substantial unanimity in the understanding around these key OA definitions by permitting changes only once every ten years.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> This change only affects WSBC Policy 1988b. WSBC Policy 1988b has been amended four times in the last twenty years (2002, 2009, 2011, 2019), including the addition of the definition of recovery in 2019. It does the Fellowship no service to change these definitions frequently. These are key definitions that take time to settle into our Fellowship. Let them take that time by subjecting them to change only once a decade.</p>	
<b>B</b>	<p>Board of Trustees Dora P.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move that WSBC 2020 adopt the following policy statement:</p> <p>The term hybrid will be used to describe a group composed of members attending a single meeting where all can hear and share but may be present either in the same physical location (face-to-face) or through some form of electronic device (virtual). This type of meeting is assigned one group number but appears in both a face-to-face and a virtual listing on oa.org.</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To define a hybrid group, which has become a part of the OA language as this type of meeting has become available to our members.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> To clarify the way this meeting platform fits into the OA service structure and how it is managed in the Find a Meeting database.</p>	

<p><b>C</b></p>	<p>Israel NSB, R9 Esti O.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to define the month of July as the month of OA Service.</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To raise awareness to the importance of the service Tool. Just like OA has other important dates to raise awareness to abstinence, unity, and sponsorship, it is critical to encourage the Fellowship to do service. This can be accomplished by discussing service at meetings, conducting special workshops and events, and emphasizing the Tool of service in any possible way.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Although we have to use the Tool of service every day to reach and maintain our recovery, its importance cannot be stressed enough. Since the month of July does not have any special OA events, it is suggested to dedicate it to celebrate service.</p>	
<p><b>D</b></p>	<p>San Francisco IG, R2 Allison W.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>WSBC Policy 1988b The following policy statement was adopted:</p> <p><del>The WSBC 2019 accepts the following definitions:</del></p> <p><del>1) Abstinence: The act of refraining from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors while working towards or maintaining a healthy body weight.</del></p> <p><del>2) Recovery: Removal of the need to engage in compulsive eating behaviors.</del></p> <p><u>Statement on Abstinence and Recovery</u></p> <p><u>Abstinence in Overeaters Anonymous is the action of refraining from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors while working towards or maintaining a healthy body weight.</u></p> <p>Spiritual, emotional, and physical recovery is achieved through working and living the Overeaters Anonymous Twelve Step program.</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To revert to the earlier version of the Statement on Abstinence and Recovery.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Our concerns are twofold. Firstly, the impact on and damage to Tradition One, "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on OA unity." Secondly, our concern is that the cunning, powerful destructive compulsion we have labored so to defeat is also now reclassified as "the need to engage in compulsive eating behaviors."</p>	

<p><b>E</b></p>	<p>WSBC Bylaws Committee Margie G. Neva S.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>WSBC Policy 2019c</p> <p>The following policy statement was adopted: The World Service Business Conference established the following annual events.</p> <p>OA Birthday: The third <u>two-day</u> weekend of January as the annual celebration of the January 19, 1960 founding of Overeaters Anonymous.</p> <p>Unity Day: The last Saturday in February in even years and the last Sunday in February in odd years at 11:30 a.m. local time.</p> <p>Sponsorship Day: The third <u>two-day</u> weekend in August.</p> <p>International Day Experiencing Abstinence (IDEA): The third <u>two-day</u> weekend in November.</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To avoid confusion when the first of the month is on Sunday.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> When the first of the month is on a Sunday, there is confusion about whether to count that as the first weekend in that month.</p>	
<p><b>F</b></p>	<p>Ocean and Bay IG, R6 Sandy M.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to add a tenth Tool: Pause.</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To practice Step Eleven, “Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God <i>as we understood Him</i>, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.”</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Pausing can be used for prayer, meditation, reflection, intentional awareness, mindfulness practices, deep breathing, and/or self-care. In recovery circles, the acronym “PAUSE” can stand for “Pray and Use Spiritual Energy” or “Pray and Use Step Eleven.”</p>	

<p><b>G</b></p>	<p>Oregon OA IG, R1 Liz S.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move that the World Service Business Conference 2020 directs the Board of Trustees to establish the support mechanisms/logistics needed to allow virtual attendance by visitors to WSBC 2021.</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To build experience and interest in virtual attendance.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Merely allowing silent virtual guests does NOT affect the bylaws or policies as guests are allowed at WSBC now. Later, as we gradually move to full virtual interactivity for remote delegates, part of that progress will involve changes to our bylaws and policies.</p>	
<p><b>H</b></p>	<p>Seaway District IG, R6 Susan P.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to add a tenth Tool: Spiritual Plan.</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To provide members with a plan to establish or improve our conscious contact with our Higher Power.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> OA is a spiritual program. In Step Two, we came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity and in Step Three, we turn our will and our lives over to the care of that power. In order to continue turning our will and our lives over to a power greater than ourselves and work the Steps, we must have a relationship with that power by maintaining daily contact.</p>	
<p><b>I</b></p>	<p>Ron P., GST</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>WSBC Policy 1992a <del>The following policy statement was adopted:</del></p> <p><b><del>“Unity with Diversity” Policy</del></b> <del>THE FELLOWSHIP encourages and promotes acceptance and inclusivity. All are welcome to join OA and are not excluded because of race, creed, nationality, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, or any other trait. We welcome all who share our compulsion.</del></p> <p><del>THE FELLOWSHIP of Overeaters Anonymous recognizes the existence of individual approaches and different structured concepts to working our Twelve Step program of recovery; that the Fellowship is united by our disease and our common purpose; and that individual differences in approach to recovery within our Fellowship need not divide us.</del></p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To put the focus back on Tradition Five in particular and the rest of the spiritual principles of the program. Traditions are not subject to anyone's interpretation; they just are.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Putting the emphasis on the Traditions will help simplify this policy.</p>	

		<p><del>THE FELLOWSHIP respects the rights of individuals, groups, and service bodies to follow a particular concept of recovery within Overeaters Anonymous and encourages each member, group, and service body to also respect those rights as they extend the embracing hand of Fellowship to those who still suffer.</del></p> <p>THE FELLOWSHIP encourages each duly registered group and service body to affirm and maintain the Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous <del>by allowing any member to share his or her experience, strength, and hope in meetings regardless of the individual approach or specific concept that member may follow.</del> Duly registered is defined as being in full compliance with Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V.</p>		
<b>J</b>	<p>Ron P., GST</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move that the WSBC 2020 adopt the following policy statement.</p> <p>When developing new and updating existing literature published by Overeaters Anonymous World Service, the literature committee will make every effort to include stories and/or quotes from members from diverse populations, especially those from groups (e.g., LGBTQ2, non-native speakers, people of color, anorexics, atheists, men, etc.) that are underrepresented in OA.</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To make our program and Fellowship more attractive to more diverse groups of compulsive eaters through our literature, and thus help OA grow.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Publications currently available can be updated to help some groups feel more included.</p>	
<b>K</b>	<p>Ron P., GST</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>WSBC Policy 1984a</p> <p><del>Upon the recommendation of the Literature Committee, a preamble for Overeaters Anonymous was adopted to read:</del></p> <p>Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength, and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating, <u>under-eating, food addiction, anorexia, bulimia, binge eating, or overexercising.</u> We welcome everyone who wants to stop <del>eating compulsively</del> <u>compulsive eating and other compulsive food behaviors.</u> There are no dues or fees for members; we are self-supporting through our own contributions, neither soliciting nor accepting outside donations. OA is not affiliated with any public or private</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To include the whole spectrum of the disease (bulimia, anorexia, overexercising, and overeating).</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Even though we need to simplify and avoid mentioning more subgroups in OA, in this specific case we think the wordings “overeaters anonymous” and “compulsive overeaters” do not reflect the whole spectrum of this disease and under-eaters, bulimics, or overexercisers may go away or not even attend an OA meeting, thinking it will not apply to them.</p>	

		organization, political movement, ideology, or religious doctrine; we take no position on outside issues. Our primary purpose is to abstain from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors and to carry the message of recovery through the Twelve Steps of OA to those who still suffer.		
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1	Board of Trustees Karen B.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 1 – Composition by striking and inserting the following:  Article IX – Board of Trustees Section 1 – Composition  The Board of Trustees shall consist of <del>eleven “regional trustees,” each representing one of the eleven regions and six “general service trustees.”</del> <u>twelve trustees. Whenever possible, a minimum of two trustees shall come from outside of North America.*</u>  <u>*Proviso: Until 2020, the board consisted of seventeen members. No member of the board shall be removed by virtue of this change. The reduction of the board shall be done when terms of office come to an end. The schedule to reduce the board to a membership of twelve is as follows:</u> a) <u>2021: 6 terms end; elect 5 (16 members)</u> b) <u>2022: 6 terms end; elect 4 (14 members)</u> c) <u>2023: 5 terms end; elect 4 (13 members)</u> d) <u>2024: 5 terms end; elect 4 (12 members)</u>  <u>Should there be insufficient applicants to fill positions, the board may accelerate this schedule.</u>	<b>Intent:</b> To restructure the Board of Trustees.  <b>Rationale:</b> A full presentation of the restructuring plan was presented at WSBC 2019. These amendments support the plan as presented.	
2	Board of Trustees Karen B.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 4 – Qualifications by striking and inserting the following:  Article IX – Board of Trustees Section 4 – Qualifications  a) Qualifications for trustee shall be: 1) Seven years in the Fellowship; 2) Five years of service beyond the meeting level; 3) Attendance as a delegate to at least two World Service Business Conferences; <del>and</del>	<b>Intent:</b> As part of the board restructuring package of amendments, this motion adds region participation (as defined by each region) to a trustee nominee’s service experience.  <b>Rationale:</b> Since most trustees will, in theory, be assigned as region liaisons, experience at the region level becomes more of a requirement than in the past. It will be up to each region to determine for themselves how to define what level of	

		<p>4) <u>Participation at the region level (the extent of participation to be determined by each region); and</u></p> <p>5) <u>Five years of continuous recovery in Overeaters Anonymous as evidenced by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) five years of current continuous abstinence;</li> <li>(ii) current maintenance of a healthy body weight for at least two years; and</li> <li>(iii) emotional and spiritual growth as a result of incorporating into their lives the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions as a new way of living.</li> </ul> <p>b) Qualifications for trustee must be met at the time the application for trustee is submitted to the WSO. Specifically, such trustee nominees must also have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Worked through all Twelve Steps;</li> <li>2) Declared themselves as practicing the Twelve Steps to the best of their ability;</li> <li>3) Declared themselves as committed to the Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous; and</li> <li>4) Affirmed these additional qualifications on their trustee application forms.</li> </ul> <p>c) Upon election, each trustee shall make a commitment of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Adherence to the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.</li> <li>2) Continual recovery including abstinence and maintenance of a healthy body weight throughout the entire term(s) of office. Each person shall be the judge of his or her own recovery, including abstinence and maintenance of a healthy body weight.</li> <li>3) Compliance with all the terms and provisions of the prevailing Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws.</li> </ul> <p>d) <del>In addition, regional trustees:</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>1) Are to physically reside in the region represented no less than the six months immediately prior to election.</del></li> <li><del>2) Elected regional trustees will maintain physical residency in the regions represented for two thirds of each year of their terms, excluding OA related business travel.</del></li> </ul>	<p>participation they feel is appropriate for affirmation of a board application as part of their bylaws and policies.</p>	
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3	<p>Board of Trustees Karen B.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 5 – Nomination of Trustees by striking and inserting the following:</p> <p>Article IX – Board of Trustees Section 5 – Nomination of Trustees</p> <p><del>a) Regional Trustees</del></p> <p>1) <u>a) At least one-hundred twenty days prior to the scheduled opening of the annual Conference of Overeaters Anonymous, all groups within a region eligible to submit trustee nominees shall be notified by the regional officers of the forthcoming Conference, with a request to all qualified members of the Fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous from the region to submit nominations to the region.</u></p> <p><u>b) An incumbent trustee serving as liaison to a region different from the one from which they were originally nominated may submit an application for re-election through either the region in which they regularly attend meetings, or the region they serve as a trustee liaison.</u></p> <p><del>2)c) At least ninety days prior to the annual Conference of Overeaters Anonymous, the regional representatives of each region shall choose from the nominees submitted to it no more than three qualified nominees from that region. Resumes of these nominees must be sent to the Board of Trustees within one week of their selection. Copies of these resumes must be sent to all delegates at</del></p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To revise the process for nomination of trustees to support restructuring.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Since most trustees will, in theory, be assigned as region liaisons, experience at the region level becomes more of a requirement than in the past. It will be up to each region to determine for themselves how to define what level of participation they feel is appropriate for affirmation of a board application as part of their bylaws and policies.</p>	

		<p>least forty five days prior to its annual meeting. (See exception, Section 7.)</p> <p>3) <del>d)</del> The (no more than three) nominees for regional trustees chosen by the regional assembly or affirmed by the currently registered region representatives shall be submitted to the Conference for election.</p> <p><u>e) Copies of resumes must be sent to all Conference delegates at least forty-five days prior to the annual Conference (see exception, Section 7).</u></p> <p><del>b) Regional Trustees for Newly Appointed Regions</del></p> <p><del>1) Appointment</del></p> <p><del>(i) The board shall appoint the first regional trustee for the region.</del></p> <p><del>(ii) Each region may submit one nominee for the new regional trustee appointment in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, a) and b) with the exception of the new region who may submit three nominees.</del></p> <p><del>2) Elections</del></p> <p><del>(i) The first election of the regional trustee shall occur at the World Service Business Conference the year following approval of the new region.</del></p> <p><del>(ii) Applicants for the first elected regional trustee who live within the new region shall submit their resume to the Board of Trustees ninety days prior to the annual Conference.</del></p> <p><del>(iii) If there are at least three qualified nominees from the new region, nominees from other regions shall not be accepted. One nominee for the elected regional trustee position may also be submitted from each other region in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 a) and b) except as otherwise provided in Section 5 b) 2) (ii).</del></p> <p><del>3) Copies of resumes must be sent out to all Conference delegates at least forty five days prior to the annual Conference.</del></p> <p><del>e) General Service Trustees</del></p>		
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		<p><del>1) All applicants for open position(s) of general service trustee must submit their resume to the Board of Trustees ninety days prior to the annual Conference. Such resumes must be affirmed by a majority vote of the applicant's intergroup/service board or a region in which the applicant has recently served, or a majority vote of the Board of Trustees if the applicant is a sitting trustee.</del></p> <p><del>2) The Board of Trustees, acting as a nominating committee, shall submit a list of nominees for the open position(s), with copies of the nominees' resumes, to all Conference delegates at least forty-five days prior to the Conference.</del></p>		
4	<p>MetroWest IG, R6 Steve M.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 3 – Term of Office by striking and inserting the following:</p> <p>Article IX – Board of Trustees Section 3 – Term of Office</p> <p>Trustees shall be elected at the annual World Service Business Conference for a period of three years. Regional and general service trustees may be elected at any annual Conference in order to fill the remaining term created by a vacancy except as specified in Section 7.</p> <p>Trustees shall serve no more than eight <del>consecutive</del> years. A candidate may not run for election at WSBC if serving the full term of the proposed office would result in that candidate serving on the Board of Trustees for more than eight <del>consecutive</del> years <u>total service as a trustee</u>.</p> <p>Terms of office for regional trustees shall be staggered according to the following rotation: Regions One, Four, and Seven Regions Three, Six, Nine, and Virtual Regions Two, Five, Eight, and Ten</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To encourage new voices and new points of view through rotation of trustee service.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Rotation of service is an essential element for the well being of any OA group or service body, and OA's Board of Trustees is certainly no exception. New trustees bring new experience, strength, hope, and new energy to the board.</p>	

<p>5</p>	<p>Board of Trustees Cyndy L.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to combine OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI – Intergroups, Article VII – Regions, and Article VIII – Service Boards into Article VI. Subsequent sections will be renumbered as necessary.</p> <p><del>Article VI – Intergroups</del> <del>Article VII – Regions</del> <del>Article VIII – Serviced Boards</del></p> <p><u>Article VI – Service Bodies</u> <u>There shall be four types of service bodies to provide services beyond the group level. Service bodies also provide representation of the groups and intergroups of which they are composed and act as guardians of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.</u></p> <p><u>Service Bodies</u> a) <u>Intergroups</u> b) <u>National Service Boards</u> c) <u>Language Service Boards</u> d) <u>Regions</u></p> <p><u>Section 1 – Composition</u> a) <u>Intergroup: Two more groups may form an intergroup for the purpose of supporting and representing the groups affiliated with it. The member groups are generally within a geographic area, or, in the case of virtual groups, fulfill a common need. Each state/province/country may have at least one intergroup. In a state/province/country having only one group, that group may function as an intergroup.</u> b) <u>National service boards are composed of groups and intergroups who share a common purpose; to deal with issues that require a combination of membership and financial resources of intergroups and groups established within a single country.</u> c) <u>Language service boards are composed of groups, intergroups, and national service boards to serve the common needs of a language group, regardless of geographic proximity. Subject to regional and BOT</u></p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To replace the existing three articles that define the service structure with a single consolidated section that covers all levels of service. It shows the relationship of each service level to one another and clarifies how these service bodies operate, where they are similar, and where they differ. The change allows for all of OA to experience each level of service as it works best for their area and needs. This new section eliminates the need for multiple motions when making a change that impacts each service level.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> With the establishment of the Virtual Region and the Spanish Language Service Board, it has become clear that the actual relationships of service bodies are different in practice than the current bylaws reflect.</p> <p>The desire to ensure relationships between service levels can be determined by the service bodies involved. By allowing each service entity the right to make their own decisions on participation at their meetings and assemblies, the cooperation brings more service opportunities and support to those who want it. Within the records maintained by the WSO, only one affiliation per level is allowed, thus ensuring that each group, intergroup, service board, and region continues to have equitable representation at the Conference.</p>	
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approval, language service boards that span more than one region may choose to affiliate with one of the regions that it spans or choose not to be affiliated with any region. Should a language service board choose to not affiliate with any specific region, the BOT chair shall assign a trustee to serve as liaison to that language service board.

d) Regions

There shall be ten regions composed of intergroups, groups within each region, service boards that fall within regional boundaries, and one virtual region. The regions shall be as follows:

- 1) Region No. 1 shall be the Pacific Northwest Region composed of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and Yukon.
- 2) Region No. 2 shall be the Pacific Southwest Region composed of California, Hawaii, Reno/Tahoe area of Nevada, and Mexico.
- 3) Region No. 3 shall be the Southwest Region composed of Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah.
- 4) Region No. 4 shall be the West Central Region composed of Illinois (except the Greater Chicago area and Central Illinois Intergroup), Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Manitoba, Northwestern Ontario, and the territory of Nunavut.
- 5) Region No. 5 shall be the Central Region composed of the Greater Chicago area and Central Illinois Intergroup, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Southwestern Ontario.
- 6) Region No. 6 shall be the Northeast Region composed of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, and Bermuda.
- 7) Region No. 7 shall be the Eastern Region composed of Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

		<p>8) <u>Region No. 8 shall be the Southeast Region composed of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, the Virgin Islands, Central America, and South America.</u></p> <p>9) <u>Region No. 9 shall be composed of countries and territories in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and Western Asia.</u></p> <p>10) <u>Region No. 10 shall be composed of countries and territories in Australia, East Asia, New Zealand, South East Asia, and the Western Pacific Basin.</u></p> <p>11) <u>Virtual Region is nongeographic and is composed of virtual groups and virtual intergroups.</u></p> <p><u>Should states/provinces/territories/countries within a region, or intergroups/national/ language service boards within a state/ province/territory/country wish to transfer to a region that is more convenient, the body notifies its current region, the region it would like to join, and the Board of Trustees of its desire to transfer. The BOT then submits a motion to WSBC to amend Subpart B, Article VI, Section 1d of the bylaws.</u></p> <p><u>Section 2 – Registration</u></p> <p>a) <u>Each service body shall be duly registered with the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous by submitting:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <u>a completed registration form;</u></li> <li>2) <u>bylaws and/or a summary of its purpose and operating procedures, neither of which shall be in conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws. At a minimum, such bylaws or summary of purpose shall include a statement indicating that its primary purpose is to aid those with the problems of compulsive eating through the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service, and to serve and represent the OA groups from which it is formed; and</u></li> <li>3) <u>complete registration information on each of its affiliated groups, intergroups, and/or national service boards.</u></li> </ol>		
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		<p>b) <u>Each service body shall submit a copy of its bylaws and/or summary of purpose to the WSO whenever either is updated or revised.</u></p> <p>c) <u>Each service body shall evaluate its bylaws upon receipt of notification from the World Service Office of amendments to OA, Inc. Bylaws adopted at the World Service Business Conference to ensure that their bylaws do not conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws. Notices shall be deemed to have been given if sent by electronic transmission to the registered contact for each service body. Any updated bylaws shall be submitted to the World Service Office pursuant to OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI, Section 2a) 2 above.</u></p> <p><u>Section 3 – Affiliation</u></p> <p><u>Purpose of Affiliation: Service bodies are formed to support the groups in matters the group cannot accomplish on their own.</u></p> <p><u>For the purpose of registration and WSBC representation, an intergroup is affiliated with one national service board and one region and may participate in one language service board.</u></p> <p><u>For the purpose of registration and WSBC representation, a national service board is affiliated with one region and may participate in one or more language service boards.</u></p> <p><u>For the purpose of registration and WSBC representation, a language service board may affiliate with only one region or, where appropriate, choose not to affiliate per Article VI, Section 1c).</u></p> <p><u>Should a virtual meeting choose to affiliate with a land-based intergroup or national service board, or a land-based meeting choose to affiliate with a virtual intergroup, that meeting shall be affiliated with the region of that service body.</u></p>		
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		<p><u>Meetings that cannot affiliate with an intergroup or national service board shall be affiliated with the region where the meeting exists (either the geographic or Virtual Region).</u></p> <p><u>Any group or service body may participate in the activities (including voting) of another intergroup, national service board, and/or language service board and region with their permission.</u></p> <p><u>Section 4 – Functioning</u></p> <p>a) <u>Service bodies may conduct their business by any method they choose.</u></p> <p>b) <u>Minimal requirement for registered service bodies to participate at World Service Business Conference:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <u>Intergroups shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all affiliated member groups and for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of delegate(s) to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.</u></li> <li>2) <u>National service boards shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all affiliated member groups and intergroups for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of delegate(s) to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.</u></li> <li>3) <u>Language service boards shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all member groups and intergroups for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of one delegate to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.</u></li> <li>4) <u>Regional assemblies whose members shall be called “regional representatives” or “RRs” shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all intergroups, national/language service boards, and unaffiliated registered groups, for the election of officers and/or the selection of nominees for regional trustee for that region.</u></li> </ol> <p>c) <u>A service body must be formally registered, along with its delegate information, thirty days prior to Conference</u></p>		
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6	<p>Board of Trustees Vasiliki T.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Service Boards, Section 2 – Composition by striking and inserting the following:</p> <p>Article VIII – Service Boards Section 2 – Composition</p> <p>b) <u>A language service boards may be formed and registered to serve meet common language needs of a language group, regardless of geographic proximity. The members of the language service board will be selected by the relevant regions, national service boards, intergroups, or groups when there are no service bodies. The language service board may also perform the functions of a national service board if there is no other relevant service body.</u></p> <p><u>The language service board is entitled to one seat at the World Service Business Conference, regardless of the number of other service bodies that make up the language service board. The service bodies retain their original affiliation.</u></p> <p><u>A language service board that spans more than one region may choose not to affiliate with a region. In this case, the chair of the Board of Trustees will appoint a trustee liaison.</u></p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To clarify what a language service board is and how it fits with the current service structure.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> To carry the OA message, service was provided for years by well known service entities that faced common needs based solely on geographic proximity. The growth of the Fellowship worldwide and the development of technology in recent years have made it clear that there is an urgent need to deal with common needs that have been created by virtual and language proximity, as well as the historic geographic proximity.</p>	
7	<p>Board of Trustees Letitia M.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Article V – Overeaters Anonymous Section 2 – Composition</p> <p>a) A group may be formed, as set forth in Article V, Section 1, by two or more persons meeting together, either</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To define meetings that include both face-to-face and virtual attendance, so they are considered and registered as a single meeting.</p>	

		<p>1) in the same physical location (land-based);  2) through some form of electronic device (virtual); or both <u>(hybrid)</u>.</p>	<p><b>Rationale:</b> Clarification of how this type of meeting is registered is necessary for representation at WSBC to be consistent between groups.</p>
8	<p>San Francisco IG, R2  Aishlin O.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 5 – Voting by inserting the following:</p> <p>Article X – Meetings of Delegates  Section 5 – Voting</p> <p>No delegate shall have more than one vote. Votes may be taken by notice, by show of hands, by ballot, or as called for by the presiding officer of any meeting, provided that the delegates may prescribe the method of voting desired on any question without regard to the method called for by the presiding officer. <u>In any circumstance where a vote must be counted at the Conference floor, the board shall vote last.</u></p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To have WSBC delegates vote without undue influence.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Concept Four states, “The right of participation ensures equality of opportunity for all in the decision-making process.” Visuals are very powerful. At the 2019 WSBC, there were more than forty new delegates voting. By seeing the trustees vote first from the dais, it could have the unintended consequence of setting a tone and effecting the outcome of a vote.</p>
9	<p>WSBC Bylaws Committee  Margie G.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Regions, Section 2 – Composition by striking and inserting the following:</p> <p>Article VII – Regions  Section 2 – Composition</p> <p>a) There shall be ten <u>geographic</u> regions <u>each</u> composed of intergroups, groups <del>within each region,</del> <u>and</u> service boards that fall within regional boundaries, <del>and</del> <u>plus</u> one virtual region. Subject to regional and BOT approval, language service boards that span more than one region may choose to affiliate with one of the regions that it spans or choose not to be affiliated with any region.</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To clarify the makeup of the regions.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> The Virtual Region is a region but differentiated from the other ten because they are geographic regions and the Virtual Region is not.</p>

<p><b>10</b></p>	<p>WSBC Bylaws Committee Margie G.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 3 – Delegates by striking the following:</p> <p>Article X – Meetings of Delegates Section 3 – Delegates</p> <p>c) Qualifications/Section</p> <p>2) Each intergroup or service board shall be entitled to have one qualified delegate for up to the first fifteen groups it represents and one for each additional fifteen groups or any fraction thereof, as per the January Service Body Information Report from WSO, except that the service board shall not represent the same groups as intergroups represent. <del>A group shall be recognized as registered and represented by an intergroup or service board.</del></p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To clarify this section of our bylaws.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> It makes no sense and refers to nothing. To be complete it would need another phrase describing under what conditions a group would be recognized and represented. This proposal was on the 2019 WSBC agenda but was withdrawn in the interest of time.</p>	
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