

Introduction to the Sample Intergroup/Service Board Bylaws

The Sample Intergroup/Service Board Bylaws are intended as a guide to help new service bodies develop bylaws or to assist existing service bodies in the revision of their bylaws.

OA, Inc. Bylaws Subpart B, Article VI, Section 3 - Registration

- a) Each intergroup shall be duly registered with the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous by submitting:
- 1) a completed intergroup registration form;
 - 2) 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
 - 3) complete registration information on each of its affiliated groups.

(For Service Boards, see OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 3a)

As guardians of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts, trustees review bylaws. This affirms Tradition One, that our personal recovery depends upon OA unity. Review is required as per the article above: Section 3b. Each intergroup shall submit a copy of its bylaws and/or summary of purpose to the WSO whenever either is updated or revised. (*) *(For Service Boards, see Article VIII, Section 3b)*

Region trustees may use the following questions to determine whether or not service body bylaws are in conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B. They are included here to further assist service bodies:

- 1) If intergroup bylaws, are the registration requirements of Article VI, Section 3a met?
- 2) If service board bylaws, are the registration requirements of Article VIII, Section 3a met?
- 3) If region bylaws, are the registration requirements of Article VII, Section 4 met?
- 4) Are the Twelve Steps included or referred to as in OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B?
- 5) Are the Twelve Traditions included or referred to as in OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B?
- 6) Are the Twelve Concepts included or referred to as in OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B?
- 7) Is the definition of a group the same as referenced in OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V, Section 1? (Note the definition must be accurately and completely included, or referenced as per OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V, or both.)
- 8) Does the article on amendments to the bylaws acknowledge that service bodies may not make amendments to the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts except as per OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XIV, Section 1?
- 9) Does mention of qualifications of delegates to WSBC meet the minimum requirements of OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, Section 3c 1?