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UNAPPROVED MINUTES
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETINGS
OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, INC.
59th ANNUAL WORLD SERVICE BUSINESS CONFERENCE
April 13 – 29, 2020

Electronic Meetings

Monday, April 13, 2020
Chair Bonnie L. called the 59th Annual World Service Business Conference to order at 8:00 a.m. MDT by email.

There were 180 delegates registered from thirteen countries (Australia, Brazil, Canada, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom, USA).

General Service Trustee Nominee Mary Rose J. withdrew her application.

The nominees for trustee were announced:

Margie G. – Region One Trustee
Meg M. – Region Four Trustee
Karen B. – Region Seven Trustee
BJ (Betty) J. – General Service Trustee
Ron P. – General Service Trustee

A nominee questions template was emailed to registered delegates. They were due to the World Service Office by Wednesday, April 15 at noon MDT.

Monday, April 20, 2020
A PDF with results of the nominees’ questions and answers was emailed to the delegates. Ten questions per nominee were accepted.

A link was emailed to the delegates for voting on trustees. Voting was open for a 24-hour period, until Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at noon MDT.

Tuesday, April 21, 2020
A literature questions template was emailed to registered delegates. They were due to the World Service Office by Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. MDT.

Monday, April 27, 2020
A PDF with results of the literature questions and answers was emailed to the delegates.

A link was emailed to vote for literature motions. Voting was open for a 24-hour period, until Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at noon MDT.
**Wednesday, April 29, 2020**

An email was sent with trustee election results and literature motion results as follows:

**Region Trustees:**
- **Region One – Margie G.** 143 votes cast, 73 needed to elect 131 “yes” votes
- **Region Four – Meg M.** 144 votes cast, 73 needed to elect 143 “yes” votes
- **Region Seven – Karen B.** 142 votes cast, 72 needed to elect 133 “yes” votes

**General Service Trustees**
- **Betty J.** 146 votes cast, 74 needed to elect, 138 “yes” votes
- **Ron P.** 143 votes cast, 73 needed to elect 136 “yes” votes

Each candidate received a majority, and all are elected to a three-year term.

This left a vacancy for GST, which is the two years remaining on a three-year term. Per the Bylaws, the Board of Trustees may or may not choose to fill the vacancy. This will be discussed at the May 1st board meeting.

**Literature Motions**

**New Business Motion A-a**
Move to grant the Conference Seal of Approval to the revised pamphlet *In OA, Recovery is Possible*.

The Conference Seal of Approval shall be removed from *Questions and Answers, A Program of Recovery*, and *Compulsive Overeating: An Inside View* once the new pamphlet is published.

**Proviso:** Service bodies licensed to translate and publish the three consolidated pamphlets shall be permitted to continue publication and sales until such time that *In OA, Recovery is Possible* is translated and published.

New Business Motion A-a **adopted** by 2/3 vote.
138 votes cast, 92 votes needed; 125 yes, 13 no.

**New Business Motion A-b**
Move to grant the Conference Seal of Approval to the pamphlet *Temporary Sponsors: Newcomers’ First Twelve Days*.

New Business Motion A-b **adopted** by 2/3 vote.
140 votes cast, 93 votes needed; 126 yes, 14 no.
**New Business Motion A-c**

Move to grant the Conference Seal of Approval to the revised pamphlet *To the Young Person*.

New Business Motion A-c adopted by 2/3 vote. 138 votes cast, 92 votes needed; 131 yes, 7 no.

**New Business Motion A-d**

Move to grant the Conference Seal of Approval to the revised pamphlet *A Lifetime of Abstinence*.

The Conference Seal of Approval shall be removed from *A Commitment to Abstinence; Before You Take That First Compulsive Bite, Remember…*; and *Maintaining a Healthy Body Weight* once the new pamphlet is published.

**Proviso:** Service bodies licensed to translate and publish the three consolidated pamphlets shall be permitted to continue publication and sales until such time that *A Lifetime of Abstinence* is translated and published.

New Business Motion A-d adopted by 2/3 vote. 139 votes cast, 93 votes needed; 125 yes, 14 no.

There being no further business, the 59th Annual World Service Business Conference was adjourned at 8:00 a.m. MDT.

Submitted by: Rebbie Garza
Board Administrator and Conference Secretary

Approved by: Sarah Armstrong
Managing Director and Corporate Secretary to OA, Inc.

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Eileen C. – Minutes Approval Committee

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Pam G. – Minutes Approval Committee

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Linda H. – Minutes Approval Committee
Board officers were elected on May 1, 2020 as follows:
Bonnie L. – Chair
Ron P. – First Vice Chair
Judy H. – Second Vice Chair
Tina C. - Treasurer

Committee chairs were announced on May 6, 2020 as follows:
Board-Approved Literature – Neva S.
BRM Review – Judy H.
Conference Planning – Margie G.
Convention 2020 – Andi S.
Delegate Support Fund – Tina C.
Internal Information – Dora P.
International Publications/Translations – Vasiliki T.
Literature Review – Judy H.
Professional Tradeshows/Public Awareness – Meg M.
Strategic Planning – Ron P.
Website Review – Letitia M.
Bylaws – Karen B.
Conference-Approved Literature – Judy H.
Public Information/Professional Outreach – Meg M.
Region Chairs – Beth B.
Twelfth Step Within – BJ J.
Unity with Diversity – Ron P.
Young Persons – Barb K.