

**APPROVED MINUTES
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETINGS
OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, INC.
60th ANNUAL WORLD SERVICE BUSINESS CONFERENCE
April 20-24, 2021**

Electronic Meeting

Tuesday Morning, April 20, 2021 – Business Meeting I

Chair Bonnie L. called the 60th Annual World Service Business Conference to order at 10:00 a.m. Marisa M., Region Eight, led the Serenity Prayer in Portuguese and in English.

CALL TO ORDER

Joanne M., Virtual Region, read the Twelve Steps of Overeaters Anonymous; Marjorie T., Region One, read the Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous; Jack P., Region Six, read the Twelve Concepts of OA Service.

READINGS

The chair welcomed all attendees to the Conference.

WELCOME

The chair announced the Conference theme: Looking to the Future: One Day at a Time.

CONFERENCE THEME

The chair introduced Conference Planning Chair Margie G.

**CONFERENCE PLANNING
CHAIR
INTRODUCTION**

The chair introduced the Board of Trustees: Region One Trustee Margie G., Region Two Trustee Hanna S., Region Three Trustee Neva S., Region Four Trustee Meg M., Region Five Trustee Barb K., Region Six Trustee Beth B., Region Seven Trustee Karen B., Region Eight Trustee Andi S., Region Nine Trustee Vasiliki T., Region Ten Trustee Letitia M., Virtual Region Trustee Dora P., General Service Trustee and First Vice Chair Ron P., General Service Trustee and Second Vice Chair Judy H., General Service Trustee and Treasurer Tina C., General Service Trustee BJ J., General Service Trustee CJ M., and General Service Trustee and Chair of the Board Bonnie L.

TRUSTEE INTRODUCTIONS

The chair introduced the region chairs: Region One Chair Cindy C., Region Two Chair Lynn K., Region Three Chair Elaine L., Region Four Chair Mary C., Region Five Chair Eileen C., Region Six Chair Carmen D., Region Seven Chair Terri B., Region Eight Chair Katrina S., Region Nine Chair Alexandra D., Region Ten Chair Dinah W., and Virtual Region Chair Vicki W.

**REGION CHAIR
INTRODUCTIONS**

The chair introduced Parliamentarian Valoree Althoff, Board Administrator/Conference Secretary Rebbie Garza, and Center Microphone Monitor Karin H.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN/
SECRETARY
INTRODUCTIONS**

The chair appointed Deanna B., Region Five; Linda H., Region Eight; and Joanne M., Region Three, to serve as Minutes Approval Committee for the WSBC 2021 business meetings.

**MINUTES APPROVAL
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

The chair announced the names of the volunteers serving as timekeepers during Business Meeting I.

**VOLUNTEER
INTRODUCTIONS**

Margie G. called attendance by region to acknowledge delegates present at WSBC:

REGION ATTENDANCE

Region One – Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, Yukon

Region Two – California, Hawaii, Reno/Tahoe area of Nevada, Mexico

Region Three – Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah

Region Four – Illinois (except Greater Chicago area and Central Illinois Intergroup), Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Manitoba, Northwestern Ontario, Nunavut

Region Five – Greater Chicago area and Central Illinois Intergroup, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Southwestern Ontario

Region Six – Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Bermuda

Region Seven – Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia

Region Eight – Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Central and South America

Region Nine – Africa, Europe, Middle East, Western Asia

Region Ten – Australia, the Far East, New Zealand, Southeast Asia, the Western Pacific Basin

Virtual Region – Virtual Groups, Virtual Intergroups

The first item of business was to adopt the Credentials Report. Sandy Zimmerman presented the report, confirming that there were 246 eligible voters. By unanimous consent, the Credentials Report was **adopted** as presented.

CREDENTIALS REPORT
ADOPTED

The chair declared a quorum present.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Conference Standing Rules

Standing Rules Motion 1

STANDING RULES
ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Move to amend the Standing Rules to read as follows:

6) Recognition and Debate

A) At the business meetings of the WSBC, a delegate will use the video/camera feature when speaking, unless accommodation for non-use of video has been requested, and:

- 1) Must be recognized by the chair before speaking, and
- 2) Give his or her name, office/title, and service body as appropriate.

Standing Rules Motion 1 **adopted**; 136 yes, 67 no.

The 2021 Conference Standing Rules were **adopted** as amended; 206 yes, 6 no.

The chair reported service body voting results from the agenda questionnaire. New business motions that received approval and any newly submitted amendments to those motions were presented. Voting results of each new business motion were as follows:

**NEW BUSINESS MOTIONS
PRESENTED**

Items A-a, A-b, and A-c were procedural motions and were not included on the agenda questionnaire. Per Conference policy, amendments to these motions are not in order.

Item A was submitted by San Francisco Intergroup and approved by **71%** of the responding service bodies. **Item B** was submitted by MetroWest Intergroup and approved by **66%** of the responding service bodies. **Item C** was submitted by Central New Mexico Intergroup and approved by **54%** of the responding service bodies. **Item D** was submitted by the WSBC Bylaws Committee and approved by **91%** of the responding service bodies. **Item E** was submitted by Ron P. and approved by **96%** of the responding service bodies. **Item F** was submitted by Ron P. and approved by **86%** of the responding service bodies. **Item G** was submitted by the Board of Trustees and approved by **89%** of the responding service bodies. **Item H** was submitted by the Board of Trustees and approved by **92%** of the responding service bodies. **Item I** was submitted by the Board of Trustees and approved by **99%** of the responding service bodies.

**AGENDA QUESTIONNAIRE
RESULTS**

Voting results of each bylaw amendment motion were as follows:

Bylaws Amendment **Item 1** was submitted by San Francisco Intergroup and approved by **95%** of the responding service bodies. **Item 2** was submitted by MetroWest Intergroup and approved by **95%** of the responding service bodies. **Item 3** was submitted by Region One and approved by **90%** of the responding service bodies. **Item 4** was submitted by the WSBC Bylaws Committee and approved by **97%** of the responding service bodies. **Item 5** was submitted by the WSBC Bylaws Committee and approved by **93%** of the responding service bodies. **Item 6** was submitted by the WSBC Bylaws Committee and approved by **98%** of the responding service bodies. **Item 7** was submitted by the WSBC Bylaws Committee and approved by **98%** of the responding service bodies. **Item 8** was submitted by the Board of Trustees and approved by **97%** of the responding service bodies. **Item 9** was submitted by the Board of Trustees and approved by **96%** of the responding service bodies. **Item 10** was submitted by the Board of Trustees and approved by **96%** of the responding service bodies. **Item 11** was submitted by the Board of Trustees and approved by **97%** of the responding service bodies. **Item 12** was submitted by the Board of Trustees and approved by **96%** of the responding service bodies. **Item 15** was submitted by Vasiliki T., Letitia M., and Karen B. and approved by **95%** of the responding service bodies. **Item 16** was submitted by Vasiliki T., Letitia M., and Karen B. and approved by **90%** of the responding service bodies. **Item 17** was submitted by Vasiliki T., Letitia M., and Karen B. and approved by **87%** of the responding service bodies.

Motion Number One

Karen B. moved to withdraw Items 8, 9, and 10.

**MOTION NUMBER ONE
WITHDRAW ITEMS 8, 9, AND 10
ADOPTED**

Motion Number One **adopted**; 181 yes, 31 no.

The following items were placed on the consent agenda: New Business Motion G (WSBC Policy 2010d), Proposal Item 4 (Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2), Proposal Item 6 (Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, Section 1), and Proposal Item 7 (Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, Section 3.)

CONSENT AGENDA
ADOPTED

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. The consent agenda was **adopted**; 194 yes, 1 no.

By unanimous consent, the 2021 World Service Business Conference agenda was **adopted** as distributed.

CONFERENCE AGENDA
ADOPTED

The chair referred the assembly to the officers' reports presented in the Conference binder.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

The question/answer period was limited to seven minutes per report. Questions were asked and answered.

NEW BUSINESS MOTION A-a

Move to grant the Conference Seal of Approval to the revised pamphlet *The Tools of Recovery*.

NBM A-a
THE TOOLS OF RECOVERY
ADOPTED

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. New Business Motion A-a **adopted**; 201 yes, 11 no.

NEW BUSINESS MOTION A-b

Move to grant the Conference Seal of Approval to the pamphlet *A New Plan of Eating: A Physical, Emotional, and Spiritual Journey*.

NBM A-b
*A NEW PLAN OF EATING; A
PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND
SPIRITUAL JOURNEY*
ADOPTED

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. New Business Motion A-b **adopted**; 155 yes, 58 no.

NEW BUSINESS MOTION A-c

Move to grant the Conference Seal of Approval to the revised manuscript *The Voices of Recovery*.

NBM A-c
THE VOICES OF RECOVERY
ADOPTED

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. New Business Motion A-c **adopted**; 142 yes, 71 no.

Following announcements, the chair adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m. with I Put My Hand in Yours.

ADJOURNMENT

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 – Business Meeting II

Chair Bonnie L. called the second business meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Carmen D., Region Six, led the Serenity Prayer in French and in English.

CALL TO ORDER

Evangelyn R., Region Six, read from *For Today*.

READING

The first item of business was to adopt the Credentials Report. Sandy Zimmerman presented the report, confirming that there were 248 eligible voters. The Credentials Report was **adopted** without objection as presented.

CREDENTIALS REPORT
ADOPTED

The Chair announced the names of the volunteers serving as timekeepers during Business Meeting II.

VOLUNTEER INTRODUCTIONS

New Business Motion I

Move to amend WSBC Policy 2019a to read as follows:

NBM I
WSBC POLICY 2019a
ADOPTED AS AMENDED

WSBC Policy 2019a

It was adopted that:

The term hybrid is 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).

A hybrid group may register only once and is assigned one group number but may appear on oa.org in both the face-to-face listing and the virtual listing and will clearly indicate that they are a hybrid meeting.

Motion required majority to adopt. New Business Motion I **adopted** as amended; 193 yes, 9 no.

Substitute New Business Motion E

Move to amend WSBC Policy 1984a by striking and inserting as follows:

SUBSTITUTE NBM E
WSBC POLICY 1984a
FAILED AS SUBSTITUTED

WSBC Policy 1984a

~~Upon the recommendation of the Literature Committee, a Preamble for Overeaters Anonymous was adopted to read: The Preamble of Overeaters Anonymous~~

Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who through shared experience, strength, and hope are recovering from compulsive overeating and other compulsive food behaviors. We welcome everyone who wants to stop ~~eating compulsively~~ engaging in these behaviors. 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 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.

Motion required majority to adopt. Substitute New Business Motion E **failed** as substituted; 93 yes, 125 no.

New Business Motion H

Move to amend WSBC Policy 1992a to read as follows:

NBM H
WSBC POLICY 1992a

WSBC Policy 1992a

The following policy statement was adopted:

“Unity with Diversity” Policy

THE FELLOWSHIP of Overeaters Anonymous 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 attribute. We welcome all who share our compulsion. Everyone with the desire to stop eating compulsively is welcome in Overeaters Anonymous.

THE FELLOWSHIP 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 approaches to recovery within our Fellowship need not divide us.

NBM H
WSBC POLICY 1992a
ADOPTED

THE FELLOWSHIP respects the rights of members, groups, and service bodies to follow a particular concept of recovery within Overeaters Anonymous and encourages each member, group, and service body to respect those rights as they extend the hand of fellowship to those who still suffer.

THE FELLOWSHIP encourages each duly registered group and service body to affirm and maintain the Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous 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. Duly registered is defined as being in full compliance with Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V.

Motion required majority to adopt. New Business Motion H **adopted**; 137 yes, 62 no.

New Business Motion D

Move to amend WSBC Policy 2019c to read as follows:

NBM D
WSBC POLICY 2019c
ADOPTED AS AMENDED

WSBC Policy 2019c

The following policy statement was adopted:

The World Service Business Conference established the following annual events.

OA Birthday: The third full weekend (Friday included) of January as the annual celebration of the January 19, 1960 founding of Overeaters Anonymous.

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.

Sponsorship Day: The third full weekend (Friday included) in August.

International Day Experiencing Abstinence (IDEA): The third full weekend (Friday included) in November.

Motion required majority to adopt. New Business Motion D **adopted** as amended; 148 yes, 61 no.

Following announcements, the chair adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m. with I Put My Hand in Yours.

ADJOURNMENT

Thursday, April 22, 2021 – Business Meeting III

Chair Bonnie L. called the third business meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. Karen C., Region Three, led the Serenity Prayer in Russian and English.

CALL TO ORDER

Bob B., Region Seven, read from *For Today*.

READING

The first item of business was to adopt the Credentials Report. Sandy Zimmerman presented the report, confirming that there were 248 eligible voters. By unanimous consent, the Credentials Report was **adopted** as presented.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

The Chair announced the names of the volunteers serving as timekeepers during Business Meeting III.

VOLUNTEER
INTRODUCTIONS

New Business Motion F

Move to adopt the following policy statement:

NBM F
DIVERSE VOICES POLICY
ADOPTED

Diverse Voices Policy

When developing new and updating existing literature published by Overeaters Anonymous World Service, the Literature Committees will make a concerted effort to include stories and/or quotes from members of diverse populations that are underrepresented in OA (i.e., reflect a variety of compulsive food behaviors, belief systems, nationalities, genders, sexual orientations, indigenous peoples, and peoples of color, etc.).

Motion required majority to adopt. New Business Motion F **adopted**; 138 yes, 78 no.

Substitute New Business Motions A and C

Move to combine New Business Motions A and C and replace with the following:

SUBSTITUTE NBM A & C
ABSTINENCE POLICY
ADOPTED AS SUBSTITUTED

Move to amend WSBC Policy 1988b to read as follows:

WSBC 2021 accepts the following:

Abstinence is the action of refraining from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors while working towards or maintaining a healthy body weight.

Spiritual, emotional, and physical recovery is the result of living and working the Overeaters Anonymous Twelve Step program on a daily basis.

Motion required majority to adopt. Substitute New Business Motions A and C **adopted** as substituted; 162 yes, 58 no.

New Business Motion B

Move to amend WSBC Policy 1988b by inserting the following:

NBM B
WSBC POLICY 1988b
FAILED

WSBC Policy 1988b

The following policy statement was adopted:

The WSBC 2019 accepts the following definitions:

- 1) Abstinence: the act of refraining from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors while working towards or maintaining a healthy body weight.
- 2) Recovery: Removal of the need to engage in compulsive eating behaviors. Spiritual, emotional, and physical recovery is achieved through working and living the Overeaters Anonymous Twelve Step Program.

This policy shall be subject to change only in years ending in zero.

Motion required majority to adopt. New Business Motion B **failed**; 68 yes, 153 no.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Sixteen

Move to combine OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI – Intergroups, Article VII – Regions, and Article VIII – Service Boards into Article VI to read as follows:

**BYLAW AMENDMENT ITEM
SIXTEEN
BYLAWS B, ARTICLES VII,
VIII**

Article VI – Service Bodies

Service bodies are formed to support the groups in matters the group cannot accomplish on their own.

There shall be five types of service bodies to provide services beyond the group level. Service bodies provide support and representation of the groups and intergroups from which they are formed and act as guardians of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.

Service Bodies

- a) Intergroups
- b) National Service Boards
- c) Language Service Boards
- d) Special Focus Service Boards
- e) Regions

Section 1 – Composition

- a) Intergroups are composed of two or more groups that have formed a service body for the purpose of supporting and representing these groups that are affiliated with it. Each state/province/country may have at least one service body (intergroup or national service board). In a state/province/country having only one group, that group may function as an intergroup.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) Special focus service boards are composed of two or more groups or intergroups to serve the common needs of groups/intergroups with the same special focus, regardless of geographic proximity.
- e) Regions. There shall be eleven regions, each composed of intergroups, groups, and service boards. 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.
- 8) 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.
- 9) Region No. 9 shall be composed of countries and territories in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and Western Asia, including all of Russia.
- 10) Region No. 10 shall be composed of countries and territories in Australia, East Asia, New Zealand, South East Asia, and the Western Pacific Basin.
- 11) Virtual Region is nongeographic and is primarily composed of virtual groups and virtual intergroups.

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.

Section 2 – Registration

- a) Each service body shall be duly registered with the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous by submitting:
 - 1) a completed 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 having problems with 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:
 - i) intergroups – each affiliated group;
 - ii) national service boards – each affiliated intergroup and group;
 - iii) language service boards – each participating group, intergroup, and/or national service board; and
 - iv) special focus boards – each participating group.
- b) Each service body shall submit a copy of its bylaws and/or summary of purpose to the WSO whenever either is updated or revised.
- c) 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.

Section 3 – Affiliation and Participation

Purpose of Affiliation: to facilitate the count of the groups and service bodies of the Fellowship and to encourage the flow of support and information to all.

Purpose of Participation: To facilitate the support and the flow of information within groups and service bodies that have a common need.

For the purpose of registration and WSBC representation:

- a) An intergroup may affiliate with one national service board if it exists, shall be affiliated with one region, and may participate in one or more language service boards.
- b) A national service board is affiliated with the region where their nation exists and may participate in one or more language service boards.
- c) A language service board may affiliate with one region. When the language service board spans more than one region, it may choose which region to affiliate with. Should a language service board choose to not affiliate with a region, the BOT chair shall assign a trustee to serve as liaison to that language service board. The service bodies, and groups acting as service bodies, that participate in a language service board retain their original affiliation.
- d) A special focus service board may affiliate with one region. When the special focus service board spans more than one region, it may choose which region to affiliate with. Should a special focus service board choose to not affiliate with a region, the BOT chair shall assign a trustee to serve as liaison to that special focus service board. The groups that participate in a special focus service board retain their original affiliation.

A group may choose to affiliate with an intergroup. The group shall be affiliated with the intergroup's region.

Should a group choose not to affiliate with an intergroup, but affiliates with a national service board, that group shall be affiliated with that national service board's region.

Groups that choose not to affiliate with an intergroup or a national service board shall be affiliated with the region where the group exists, either the geographic region or the Virtual Region.

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.

Section 4 – Functioning and WSBC Representation

- a) Service bodies may conduct their business by any method they choose.
- b) Minimal requirement for registered service bodies to maintain their registration at the WSO:

- 1) 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.
 - 2) 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.
 - 3) Language service boards shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all member groups, intergroups, and national service boards for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of one delegate/alternate to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.
 - 4) Special focus service boards shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all member groups for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of one delegate/alternate to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.
 - 5) Region assemblies whose members shall be called “region 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.
- c) To send delegates to the WSBC a service body must be formally registered, along with its delegate information, thirty days prior to Conference opening. (See Article X, Section 3c for qualifications and selection of delegates.)
 - d) In order to deregister, a service body must submit a written request to the World Service Office, region chair, and region trustee; or in the case of a language or special focus service board that is not affiliated with a region, the World Service Office and the trustee liaison.

**BYLAW AMENDMENT ITEM SIXTEEN
BYLAWS B, ARTICLES VII, VIII
ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. Bylaw Amendment Proposal Sixteen **adopted** as amended; 175 yes, 35 no.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Eleven

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Eleven **ruled out of order** due to passage of Proposal Sixteen.

**BYLAW AMENDMENT ITEM ELEVEN
RULED OUT OF ORDER**

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Seventeen

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Seventeen **withdrawn**.

**BYLAW AMENDMENT ITEM SEVENTEEN
WITHDRAWN**

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Fifteen

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 3 – Delegates, to read as follows:

**BYLAW AMENDMENT ITEM FIFTEEN
BYLAWS B, ARTICLE X,
SECTION 3**

Article X – Meetings of Delegates
Section 3 – Delegates

- c) Qualifications/Selection
 - 2) Each intergroup or national 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 national service board shall not represent the same groups as intergroups represent.

- 3) Countries without intergroups or national service boards that seek representation at the annual Conference shall have at least one delegate. Larger representation shall be determined by the Board of Trustees, with the delegate approval in accordance with the number of groups in that country.
- 4) Each language service board is entitled to have one qualified delegate only, regardless of the number of groups or service bodies (at least two meetings) that compose the language service board.

**BYLAW AMENDMENT ITEM
FIFTEEN
BYLAWS B, ARTICLE X,
SECTION 3
ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. Bylaw Amendment Proposal Fifteen **adopted** as amended; 198 yes, 8 no.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Twelve

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V – Overeaters Anonymous Groups, Section 2 – Composition, to read as follows:

**BYLAW AMENDMENT ITEM
TWELVE
BYLAWS B, ARTICLE V,
SECTION 2
ADOPTED**

Article V– Overeaters Anonymous Groups
Section 2 – Composition

- a) A group may be formed, as set forth in Article V, Section 1, by two or more persons meeting together, either
 - 1) in the same physical location (land-based);
 - 2) through some form of electronic device (virtual); or
 - 3) both (hybrid).
- b) Groups compose the intergroups and service boards set forth in Articles VI and VIII hereof.
- c) Affiliation/Participation:
 - 1) A group may affiliate with only one intergroup or national service board.
 - 2) Groups may also participate in the activities (including voting) of another service body (intergroup, national service board, language service board, special focus service board and/or region) with their permission.

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. Bylaw Amendment Proposal Twelve **adopted**; 192 yes, 18 no.

Following announcements, the chair adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m. with I Put My Hand in Yours.

ADJOURNMENT

Friday, April 23, 2021 – Business Meeting IV

Chair Bonnie L. called the fourth business meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Viviana G., Region Nine, led the Serenity Prayer in Spanish and English.

CALL TO ORDER

Marga K., Region Two, read from *For Today*.

READING

The first item of business was to adopt the Credentials Report. Sandy Zimmerman presented the report, confirming that there were 248 eligible voters. By unanimous consent, the Credentials Report was **adopted** as presented.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

The Chair announced the names of the volunteers serving as timekeepers during Business Meeting IV.

VOLUNTEER INTRODUCTIONS

The region trustee and general service trustee election ballots were posted, cast, and counted.

REGION AND GENERAL SERVICE TRUSTEE POLL

The chair announced the ballot results for the region trustee election:

REGION TRUSTEE TELLER'S REPORT

Region Trustees:

Region Three – Neva S. 204 yes, 2 no

Region Six – Beth B. 201 yes, 4 no

Virtual – Dora P. 194 yes, 7 no

The chair declared Neva S. as Region Three Trustee, Beth B. as Region Six Trustee, and Dora P. as Virtual Region Trustee.

NEW REGION TRUSTEES DECLARED

The chair announced the ballot results for the general service trustee election:

GENERAL SERVICE TRUSTEE TELLER'S REPORT

General Service Trustees

CJ M. 208 “yes” votes

Judy H. 198 “yes” votes

The chair declared CJ M. and Judy H. as general service trustees.

NEW GENERAL SERVICE TRUSTEES DECLARED

The chair asked the managing director to destroy the polls after the adjournment of Conference.

POLLS DESTROYED

Bylaw Amendment Proposal One

Bylaw Amendment Proposal One **withdrawn**.

BYLAW AMENDMENT ITEM ONE WITHDRAWN

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Two

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 3 – Term of Office, by striking and inserting as follows:

BYLAW AMENDMENT ITEM TWO BYLAWS B, ARTICLE IX, SECTION 3

Article IX – Board of Trustees
Section 3 – Term of Office

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.

Trustees shall serve no more than eight ~~consecutive~~ 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 ~~consecutive~~ years total service as a trustee.

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

BYLAW AMENDMENT ITEM
TWO
BYLAWS B, ARTICLE IX,
SECTION 3
FAILED

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. Bylaw Amendment Proposal Two **failed**; 101 yes, 120 no.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Three

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Three **withdrawn**.

BYLAW AMENDMENT ITEM
THREE
WITHDRAWN

Applications for Region Two, and two General Service Trustee vacancies are due at the World Service office by June 1, 2021.

CALL FOR TRUSTEE
APPLICATIONS

Following announcements, the chair adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m. with I Put My Hand in Yours and the Serenity Prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

Saturday, April 24, 2021 – Business Meeting V

Chair Bonnie L. called the fifth business meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Vasiliki T., Region Nine, led the Serenity Prayer in Greek and English.

CALL TO ORDER

Susan M., Region 10, read from *Voices of Recovery*.

READING

The first item of business was to adopt the Credentials Report. Sandy Zimmerman presented the report, confirming that there were 241 eligible voters. By unanimous consent, the Credentials Report was **adopted** as presented.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

The Chair announced the names of the volunteers serving as timekeepers during Business Meeting V.

VOLUNTEER INTRODUCTIONS

New Business Motion G

Move to amend WSBC Policy 2010d to read as follows:

NBM G
WSBC POLICY 2010d
ADOPTED ON CONSENT
AGENDA

WSBC Policy 2010d

It was adopted to:

Establish an OA Young People's Conference Committee.

New Business Motion G **adopted** on the consent agenda.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Four

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Regions, Section 2 – Composition, to read as follows:

BYLAW AMENDMENT ITEM
FOUR
BYLAWS B, ARTICLE VII,
SECTION 2
ADOPTED ON CONSENT
AGENDA

Article VII – Regions

Section 2 – Composition

- a) There shall be eleven regions: one virtual region and ten geographic regions each composed of intergroups, groups, and service boards that fall within its region. Subject to regional and BOT approval, language service boards that span more than one region may choose to affiliate with any single region or choose not to be affiliated with a region.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Four **adopted** on the consent agenda.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Six

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 1 – World Service Business Conference, to read as follows:

BYLAW AMENDMENT ITEM SIX
BYLAWS B, ARTICLE X,
SECTION 1
ADOPTED ON CONSENT
AGENDA

Article X – Meetings of Delegates
Section 1 – World Service Business Conference

- a) Annual Meeting
The corporation shall sponsor an annual meeting of the delegates of the members, which shall be known as the World Service Business Conference (hereafter may be referred to as the “Conference”). The Conference shall serve as the collective conscience of the Fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous as a whole.
- b) Time and Location
The Conference shall be held during the month of May or on such dates as the Board of Trustees may determine. The Conference shall be held in the Albuquerque, New Mexico area or at such place as the Board of Trustees may designate.
- c) Emergency
In the event of an emergency, as determined by the Board of Trustees, the board may call the Conference, or any part of it, by virtual method(s).

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Six **adopted** on the consent agenda.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Seven

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 3 – Delegates, to read as follows:

BYLAW AMENDMENT ITEM SEVEN
BYLAWS B, ARTICLE X,
SECTION 3
ADOPTED ON CONSENT
AGENDA

Article X – Meetings of Delegates
Section 3 – Delegates

- The delegates to the World Service Business Conference shall be as follows:
- a) Voting delegates shall consist of the following persons chosen in accordance with OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 6 or Article X, Section 3(c)1:
 - 5) A region that was represented at the last WSBC by fewer than 40 percent of its intergroups and other eligible service bodies may send up to five additional delegates from the region. When selecting these delegates, the region shall give preference to delegates from intergroups and service bodies which would not otherwise be represented.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Seven **adopted** on the consent agenda.

Emergency New Business Motion One

Move to plan for and provide real-time language translation, including ASL interpretation, potentially via assistive technology, as needed for the entirety of the World Service Business Conference business meetings and committee meetings in time for the 2022 Conference.

ENBM ONE
WSBC TRANSLATION AND
INTERPRETATION
FAILED

Emergency New Business Motion One **failed** as amended; 87 yes, 132 no.

Collective thanks were expressed to the volunteers, staff, and outgoing trustees.

COLLECTIVE THANKS

There being no further business to come before the assembly, the 60th Annual World Service Business Conference was adjourned at 12:00 p.m., with the Serenity Prayer and I Put My Hand in Yours.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by: _____
Rebbie Garza
Board Administrator and Conference Secretary

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

Deanna B. – Minutes Approval Committee

Linda H. – Minutes Approval Committee

Joanne M. – Minutes Approval Committee