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To: Overeaters Anonymous Service Bodies and WSBC Delegates  
From: Judy H., Chair, Board of Trustees  
Re: World Service Business Conference 2023

Welcome to all delegates, members of the Board of Trustees, World Service Office staff, and volunteers planning to attend the 62<sup>nd</sup> 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 25-29, 2023, with Conference officially opening on the evening of April 25 with the “All About Conference” workshop.

After two years of pandemic-affected WSBCs, we are hoping that 2023 might serve as a return to some normalcy—a new normalcy, given the lessons learned during the pandemic. There was much fervent discussion at WSBC 2022 about the format WSBC should take: in person, hybrid, or all virtual (like 2022). The decision was to go back to in-person for 2023, as we would forfeit our hotel deposits if we did not.

The tentative schedule is already available on [oa.org](http://oa.org) to help in your planning.

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. The Board of Trustees’ meetings begin on Monday, April 24. Tuesday afternoon offers an opportunity for delegates to attend the formal Board of Trustees’ meeting. These meetings are open to delegates, but attendance is not required.

Wednesday will be a busy day as our Conference committees begin work in the 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 for a full year until WSBC 2023. Please select the committee that best allows you to share your enthusiasm and talents.

The workshop, “All About Conference,” will be on Tuesday 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. Wednesday evening, you will have an opportunity to meet the makers of all motions, where you can ask any questions you may have. On Thursday morning, the business sessions begin, ending at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday. Friday evening marks the return of the always-popular Forum hosted by the region chairs, a program not to be missed. Saturday afternoon includes the first BOT meeting for the 2023 trustees, with elections for BOT officer positions. 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, (a.k.a. Green Dot), please 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 Green Dots will be informed of your assignments before you arrive. As we get closer to WSBC, I encourage you to review the All About Conference slide presentations that will be posted early in 2023 in the [Document Library](#) under category “WSBC: All About Conference Presentation.” 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 eleventh 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 (days and hours may be limited), with a convenient luncheon buffet at a set price. We even have a managers' reception each night with complimentary appetizers 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.

Throughout the week there will be hours posted for the Boutique. This is an opportunity to support service bodies who bring recovery-related items that are available for purchase. Whether buying for yourself, your sponsor, or for friends, your support is appreciated.

Conference is where the business of Overeaters Anonymous is decided. [Concept Two: . . . “the World Service Business Conference is the voice, authority and effective conscience of OA as a whole.”] 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 our direction for OA. 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. I hope you can join us in this important journey!

In service to OA,  
Judy H.  
Chair, Board of Trustees