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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2018
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V – Overeaters Anonymous Groups, Section 2 – Composition by striking and inserting the following:

Current Wording

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 (face-to-face);
 - 2) through some form of electronic device (virtually); or
 - 3) both.
- b) Groups compose the intergroups and service boards set forth in Articles VI and VIII hereof.

Proposed Wording

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 (~~face-to-face~~ land-based);
 - 2) through some form of electronic device (virtually); or
 - 3) both.
- b) Groups compose the intergroups and service boards set forth in Articles VI and VIII hereof.
- c) A group may affiliate with one and only one intergroup or service board. Although it may affiliate with one and only one, the group, with permission from the service body with which it is not affiliated, may participate in the activities of that service body.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees
Gerri H.

Contact WSO for maker's contact information.

Intent

To clarify that although groups may affiliate with only one intergroup or service board, they may participate in the activities of a service body with which they are not affiliated.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws. This change in service structure will commence immediately, however, changes to the OA website will not be effective until sometime in 2019.

Cost

None to update bylaws. Cost to be determined in 2019 for restructure of the Find-a-Meeting database.

Primary Purpose

By allowing groups to participate with other service bodies while registered with only one, the group may be more informed on what service and fellowship opportunities are available to them.

Rationale

Some groups have been registering with more than one intergroup/service board and/or virtual intergroup, creating dual representation. This motion will allow those groups to continue to receive the benefits while ensuring the group is only represented once.

History

2016 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V, Section 1 (paraphrased)
Remove virtual meetings definition. (Adopted)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 2
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Total Voting:

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2018
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI – Intergroups, Section 2 – Composition by striking, inserting, and relettering the following:

Current Wording

Article VI – Intergroups
Section 2 – Composition

- a) Two or more groups may form an intergroup for the purpose of servicing and representing the groups of which they are composed and acting as the guardian of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of OA Service. Each intergroup should be composed of groups within its region, or groups within its geographical proximity, except that virtual groups may affiliate with intergroups without regard to geographic proximity.
- b) Each state/province may have at least one intergroup. In a state/province having only one group, that group may function as an intergroup.

Proposed Wording

Article VI – Intergroups
Section 2 – Composition

- a) Two or more groups may form an intergroup for the purpose of servicing and representing the groups of which they are composed and acting as the guardian of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.
 - 1) Each A land-based intergroup should be is composed primarily of groups within its region, or groups within its geographical proximity, ~~except that virtual groups may affiliate with intergroups without regard to geographic proximity.~~
 - 2) A virtual intergroup is composed primarily of virtual groups.
- b) With permission, a land-based group may affiliate with a virtual intergroup and a virtual group may affiliate with a land-based intergroup.
- c) Each state/province may have at least one intergroup. In a state/province having only one group, that group may function as an intergroup.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees
Gerri H.

Contact WSO for maker's contact information.

Intent

To rename virtual service boards to virtual intergroups, a term more familiar to the Fellowship and to introduce the term “land-based” to differentiate between two types of groups.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws. This change in service structure will commence immediately, however, changes to the OA website will not be effective until sometime in 2019.

Cost

None to update bylaws. Cost to be determined in 2019 for restructure of the Find-a-Meeting database.

Primary Purpose

Allowing all groups to affiliate with whatever intergroup they choose provides the opportunity for the group to participate in recovery activities of their choosing, with support and service opportunities for both the group and individual members.

Rationale

The broad term of service bodies, with respect to virtual service boards, has been confusing. They are, in fact, already operating like an intergroup. This motion clarifies already known language and allows the virtual service boards to more readily identify themselves as an intergroup.

History

2016 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V, Section 2 (paraphrased)

Include intergroups as a service body. (Adopted)

2014 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V, Section 2 (paraphrased)

Delete the requirement to update intergroup bylaws thirty days prior to WSBC before the second WSBC where intergroups were notified of the amendment. (Adopted)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

Currently, the Find a Meeting database allows for a face-to-face group to affiliate with a geographically-located intergroup or service board and virtual groups to affiliate with virtual service boards. If this motions passes, a redesign of the Find a Meeting database will be necessary to allow the face-to-face and virtual groups to affiliate with any type of intergroup or service board. The total cost to redesign the database/reporting system on the backend and to update the forms on the front end is approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000.

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2018
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Regions, Section 2 – Composition by striking and inserting the following:

Current Wording

Article VII – Regions
Section 2 – Composition

- a) There shall be ten regions composed of intergroups, groups within each region, and service boards that fall within regional boundaries. Subject to BOT approval, language service boards that span more than one region may choose to affiliate with one of the regions that it spans. Virtual service boards are not included in the regional structure.
- b) The regions shall be as follows:

Proposed Wording

Article VII – Regions
Section 2 – Composition

- a) There shall be ten regions composed of intergroups, groups within each region, and service boards that fall within regional boundaries and one virtual region. Subject to BOT approval, language service boards that span more than one region may choose to affiliate with one of the regions that it spans. ~~Virtual service boards are not included in the regional structure.~~
- b) The regions shall be as follows:
 - 11) Virtual Region is non-geographic and is composed of virtual groups and virtual intergroups.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees
Gerri H.

Contact WSO for maker's contact information.

Intent

To create a virtual region.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws. This change in service structure will commence immediately, however, changes to the OA website will not be effective until sometime in 2019.

Cost

None to update bylaws. Cost to be determined in 2019 for restructure of the Find-a-Meeting database.

Primary Purpose

Creating a virtual region will finally give virtual service boards the opportunity to affiliate, the same opportunity that land-based intergroups have long enjoyed. Regions sponsor recovery-based conventions, retreats, and workshops. The virtual region allows members service opportunities as a region officer and committees, such as young persons, twelfth step within, professional outreach. Region websites promote these activities, as well as Seventh Tradition.

Rationale

The virtual service boards are missing a layer of service by not having a region. At present, the virtual services trustee is responsible for Board of Trustees functions and is also doing much of the work of a region chair. The virtual service boards have no way to get together as intergroups in a face-to-face region. They can benefit from the experience that each has accumulated. A virtual region may also help increase Seventh Tradition awareness, which will benefit OA as a whole.

History

2016 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 1 (paraphrased)

Allow states/provinces/countries/territories to petition movement to another region through the region first. (Adopted)

2016 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

Include regions as a service body. (Adopted)

2014 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V, Section 3 (paraphrased)

Delete the requirement to update region bylaws thirty days prior to WSBC before the second WSBC where regions were notified of the amendment. (Adopted)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

If this motions passes, a redesign of the Find a Meeting database will be necessary to create a new region. The total cost to redesign the database/reporting system on the backend and to update the forms on the front end is approximately \$8,000.

Proposal Item: 4
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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2018
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Regions, Section 2 – Composition by striking and inserting the following:

Current Wording

Article VII – Regions
Section 2 – Composition

- a) There shall be ten regions composed of intergroups, groups within each region, and service boards that fall within regional boundaries. Subject to BOT approval, language service boards that span more than one region may choose to affiliate with one of the regions that it spans. Virtual service boards are not included in the regional structure.

Proposed Wording

Article VII – Regions
Section 2 – Composition

- a) There shall be ten regions composed of intergroups, groups within each region, and service boards that fall within regional boundaries. 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. Virtual service boards are not included in the regional structure.

Submitted By

Junta de Servicios Virtuales de Hispano Parlantes
Alejandra S.

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Intent

The use of the word “may” in the original wording is ambiguous. “Subject to BOT approval, language service boards that span more than one region may choose to affiliate with one of the regions that it spans.” The intended change will allow registration of language service boards (LSBs) that span more than one region and for these LSBs to serve groups and members who speak their language, without compelling them to remove themselves from their original region.

Article VIII – Service Boards, Section 2 – Composition states, “Language service boards may be registered to serve common needs of a language group, regardless of geographic proximity.” This section allows such LSBs to exist, but it does not make it clear that they do not need to belong to a specific region.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws. Language service boards that fall into this category may then register.

Cost

Staff time to change Subpart B.

Primary Purpose

By allowing language service boards to form and serve the Fellowship across regions, the members will be able to carry the message of recovery of the Twelve Steps of OA more effectively by joint efforts of members from across the regional and virtual structure in their own language. The SSVSB wants to be able to sign translation licenses to affect a common translation of OA literature and materials as well as communicate and conduct workshops, produce a magazine in Spanish, etc.

In the first instance, this change will affect the Spanish language. OA is a worldwide Fellowship. Next year's SOP is to "increase focus on the necessity of growing recovery worldwide." If we are to be successful in that mission, we need to enable members and groups to carry the message of recovery and in doing so for our service structure to be fit for purpose.

By allowing this change, the Fellowship will gain in terms of efficiency of carrying the message to entire language groups (on this occasion Spanish, but other languages may follow like French, German, and Portuguese).

Rationale

The Spanish members of OA wish to form a language service board that will span the world. Spanish-speaking members are present in all our regions. Specific Spanish-speaking countries exist within Regions Two, Eight, and Nine, and across the virtual groups. These groups have contributed, developed, and built a loyalty within their regions and the virtual structure. They do not want to move from these, but do want to work together to carry the message of recovery to the still suffering compulsive overeater who still suffers in their native language of Spanish. We, as a Fellowship, ought to remedy obvious flaws in our service structure.

History

2017 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

Allow language service boards to not affiliate with a region. (Not Addressed)

2016 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

Include regions as a service body. (Adopted)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

Currently, the Find a Meeting database allows for geographically-located intergroups or service boards to affiliate with a region. Only virtual service boards are programmed to not affiliate with a region. If this motions passes, a redesign of the Find a Meeting database will be necessary to allow language service boards to not affiliate with a region. The total cost to redesign the database/reporting system on the backend and to update the forms on the front end is approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000.

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2018
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Service Boards, Section 1 – Definition and Section 2 – Composition by striking and inserting the following:

Current Wording

Article VIII – Service Boards
Section 1 – Definition

For the purpose of this document, a service body is defined as a service entity that provides services beyond the group level. A service board shall be a duly registered service body. The purpose of a service board is to deal with issues that require a combination of membership and financial resources of intergroups and groups not otherwise served within the existing service structure. The service board shall serve and be responsible and accountable to these groups and intergroups. These service boards may be known as national service boards, language service boards, or virtual service boards.

Section 2 – Composition

- a) National service boards may be registered in countries outside the US and Canada in which the intergroup serves the entire country or the groups/intergroups within a country have formed a service board to serve the entire country. In cases in which there are common needs that exceed the boundaries of one country, the national service board may serve more than one country.
- b) Language service boards may be registered to serve common needs of a language groups, regardless of geographic proximity.
- c) Virtual service boards may be registered to serve the needs of virtual groups.

Proposed Wording

Article VIII – Service Boards
Section 1 – Definition

For the purpose of this document, a service body is defined as a service entity that provides services beyond the group level. A service board shall be a duly registered service body. The purpose of a service board is to deal with issues that require a combination of membership and financial resources of intergroups and groups not otherwise served within the existing service structure. The service board shall serve and be responsible and accountable to these groups and intergroups. These service boards may be known as national service boards, or language service boards, ~~or virtual service boards.~~

Section 2 – Composition

- a) National service boards may be registered in countries outside the US and Canada in which the intergroup serves the entire country or the groups/intergroups within a country have formed a service board to serve the entire country. In cases in which there are common needs that exceed the boundaries of one country, the national service board may serve more than one country.
- b) Language service boards may be registered to serve common needs of a language groups, regardless of geographic proximity.
- e) ~~Virtual service boards may be registered to serve the needs of virtual groups.~~

Submitted By

Board of Trustees

Gerri H.

Contact WSO for maker's contact information.

Intent

To remove reference to virtual groups from the service boards definition.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws. This change in service structure will commence immediately, however, changes to the OA website will not be effective until sometime in 2019.

Cost

None to update bylaws. Cost to be determined in 2019 for restructure of the Find-a-Meeting database.

Primary Purpose

The primary purpose to carry the message is better served through treating virtual service boards as intergroups and allowing them to register with a region.

Rationale

The description of groups and intergroups is in alignment with language our Fellowship already knows and uses. The description of virtual service boards has been confusing.

History

2016 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 1 (paraphrased)

Include service boards as a service body. (Adopted)

2014 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 3 (paraphrased)

Delete the requirement to update service board bylaws thirty days prior to WSBC before the second WSBC where service boards were notified of the amendment. (Adopted)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

Currently, the Find a Meeting database allows for the registration of virtual service boards. If this motions passes, a redesign of the Find a Meeting database will be necessary to allow virtual intergroups to register with the WSO. The total cost to redesign the database/reporting system on the backend and to update the forms on the front end is approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Proposal Item: 6
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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2018
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Service Boards, Section 2 – Composition by adding the following:

Current Wording

Article VIII – Service Boards
Section 2 – Composition

- a) National service boards may be registered in countries outside the US and Canada in which the intergroup serves the entire country or the groups/intergroups within a country have formed a service board to serve the entire country. In cases in which there are common needs that exceed the boundaries of one country, the national service board may serve more than one country.
- b) Language service boards may be registered to serve common needs of a language group, regardless of geographic proximity.
- c) Virtual service boards may be registered to serve the needs of virtual groups.

Proposed Wording

Article VIII – Service Boards
Section 2 – Composition

- a) National service boards may be registered in countries outside the US and Canada in which the intergroup serves the entire country or the groups/intergroups within a country have formed a service board to serve the entire country. In cases in which there are common needs that exceed the boundaries of one country, the national service board may serve more than one country. In cases in which there are common needs from a virtual service board (about language) that exceed the boundaries of one country to the virtual world, the national service board may serve the groups from this virtual service board.
- b) Language service boards may be registered to serve common needs of a language group, regardless of geographic proximity.
- c) Virtual service boards may be registered to serve the needs of virtual groups. In countries with language needs, the groups from the virtual service board can affiliate with the national service board too.

Submitted By

CCA Online VSB

Dora P.

Contact WSO for maker's contact information.

Intent

In countries outside USA and Canada where the language is a barrier, virtual groups could form a virtual service group to work in the virtual world and these groups could affiliate to the national board with the proposal of unity and attend conventions from this national board using literature in their own language and being in unity with their country and have the same opportunity to be a virtual service board where we don't have NSB.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws and trustee application form.

Cost

None.

Primary Purpose

When we decide to be a virtual service board, we are not registered with a region nor can we choose if we want to affiliate with the national board. The problem with this situation is that virtual groups can register with an intergroup, but if they do that they cannot also register with the virtual service board, which then limits the level of support available and prevents the virtual group from supporting the national board as well. And this is a problem because we, virtual service boards in these countries, need to buy literature from the national board, go to conventions, and vote at the national service board assemblies. We also want to work together as a virtual service board to address the concerns of our virtual meetings. Being able to affiliate with the national service board will be helpful to all.

Rationale

The purpose of a service board is to deal with issues that require a combination of membership and financial resources of intergroups and groups. In countries outside USA and Canada where the language is a barrier, virtual groups could form a virtual service group to work in the virtual world and these groups could affiliate to the national board with the proposal of unity and attend conventions from this national service board using literature in their own language and being in unity with their country and have the same opportunity to be a virtual service board where we don't have NSB.

This proposal comes because all intergroups from face-to-face meetings need and can be registered with the WSO and the national board (Article VIII – Service Boards, Section 3a and 3c).

Article VIII – Service Boards

Section 3 – Registration

- a) Each service board shall be duly registered with the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous by submitting:
 - 3) complete registration information on each of its affiliated groups and intergroups.
- c) The intergroups shall register separately with the World Service Office as defined in Article VI – Intergroups.

If an intergroup can register to WSO and the national service board, why can't a virtual service board have their groups registered with the WSO and with the national board in these countries?

History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

Currently, the Find a Meeting database only allows for a group to affiliate with one intergroup or service board. If this motions passes, a redesign of the Find a Meeting database will be necessary to allow the groups from a VSB to also affiliate with a NSB. The total cost to redesign the database/reporting system on the backend and to update the forms on the front end is approximately \$8,000.

Proposal Item: 7
Total Percentage:
Total Voting:

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2018
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to rescind OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XI – Conference Committees, Section 3 – Finance Committee.

Current Wording

Article XI – Conference Committees
Section 3 – Finance Committee

- a) To review the annual budget.
- b) To develop, suggest, and implement strategies with the goal of increasing Seventh Tradition and special funds contributions to the World Service Office.
- c) To keep the Fellowship informed of financial decisions made by the BOT that affect groups and service bodies.
- d) To assist group and service body treasurers with the performance of their responsibilities.

Proposed Wording

~~Article XI – Conference Committees
Section 3 – Finance Committee~~

- ~~a) To review the annual budget.~~
- ~~b) To develop, suggest, and implement strategies with the goal of increasing Seventh Tradition and special funds contributions to the World Service Office.~~
- ~~c) To keep the Fellowship informed of financial decisions made by the BOT that affect groups and service bodies.~~
- ~~d) To assist group and service body treasurers with the performance of their responsibilities.~~

Submitted By

Board of Trustees
Bonnie L.

Contact WSO for maker's contact information.

Intent

To reduce the number of Conference committees.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

None.

Primary Purpose

Meeting costs are part of the administration expenses of OA. Any time we can reduce our costs we improve our financial ability to carry the message in a more direct way to compulsive overeaters. In addition, if this committee was dissolved, the delegates serving on the Finance Committee would then be available for other tasks and committees within WSBC.

Rationale

In alignment with the plan to reduce the number of Conference committees and thus reduce the cost of WSBC, elimination of this committee will have little impact on the Fellowship. The annual budget is set in October and the committee only sees the results of the work done by the Board of Trustees. The annual effort to develop a new way to entice members to contribute is repetitious. The committee has not brought about any significant results.

History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 8
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Total Voting:

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2018
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 4 – Qualifications by striking, inserting, and renumbering/relettering the following:

Current Wording

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; and
 - 4) Five years of continuous recovery in Overeaters Anonymous as evidenced by:
 - (i) five years of current continuous abstinence;
 - (ii) current maintenance of a healthy body weight for at least two years; and
 - (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.
- 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:
 - 1) Worked through all Twelve Steps;
 - 2) Declared themselves as practicing the Twelve Steps to the best of their ability;
 - 3) Declared themselves as committed to the Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous; and

Proposed Wording

Article IX – Board of Trustees
Section 4 – Qualifications

- a) Qualifications for trustee shall be:
 - 1) ~~Seven years in the Fellowship;~~
 - 2) 1) Five years of service beyond the meeting level;
 - 3) 2) Attendance as a delegate to at least two World Service Business Conferences; and
 - 4) 3) Five years of continuous recovery in Overeaters Anonymous as evidenced by:
 - (i) five years of current continuous abstinence;
 - (ii) current maintenance of a healthy body weight for at least two years; and
 - (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.
- 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:
 - 1) Worked through all Twelve Steps;
 - 2) Declared themselves as practicing the Twelve Steps to the best of their ability;
 - 3) Declared themselves as committed to the Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous; and

Current Wording

- 4) Affirmed these additional qualifications on their trustee application forms.
- c) Upon election, each trustee shall make a commitment of:
 - 1) Adherence to the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.
 - 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.
 - 3) Compliance with all the terms and provisions of the prevailing Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws.

Proposed Wording

- 4) Affirmed these additional qualifications on their trustee application forms.
- c) At the time of election, the applicant must have seven years in the Fellowship.
- ⇒d) Upon election, each trustee shall make a commitment of:
 - 1) Adherence to the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.
 - 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.
 - 3) Compliance with all the terms and provisions of the prevailing Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws.

Submitted By

Region One
Beverly M.

Contact WSO for maker's contact information.

Intent

To require that applicants for trustee must be a member of OA for seven years at the time of election, rather than at the time of application.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws and the trustee application.

Cost

None.

Primary Purpose

We do not consider this to be a pure primary purpose motion; however, its passage could remove an unnecessary obstacle to an individual's ability to be of service and carry the message of recovery in OA.

Rationale

As currently written, a nominee who reaches seven years in the Fellowship between the January application date and WSBC would not be eligible to stand for election at WSBC, but would be eligible to be appointed to the position by the BOT at that same WSBC. This was the case for Region One with our applicant for trustee for WSBC 2017. Our applicant was appointed about a month after WSBC.

It is in the interest of the Fellowship that, whenever possible, qualified nominees stand for election, presenting themselves and answering questions from the delegates at WSBC.

This motion does not change any other requirement (abstinence, years of service, time maintaining a healthy body weight, number of times attending WSBC, etc.) to be trustee. All of those requirements would still need to be met by the time of application. It simply changes the seven years in the Fellowship requirement to be met at the time of election.

Unless a nominee actually leaves the Fellowship between the date of the application and election, of course the seven-year requirement would be met by the time of election. Using the application date is an unnecessary restriction that screens out nominees who would reach seven years between the January application date and the April/May election at WSBC. In effect, it makes the real requirement seven years and five months in program rather than seven years.

History

2017 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 4 (paraphrased)

Allow candidates to meet the trustee requirements at the time of application. (Failed)

2014 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 4 (paraphrased)

Require GSTs to have completed one full term as a region board member or as a region trustee. (Failed)

2013 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 4 (paraphrased)

Allow regions to set additional qualifications for region trustees. (Adopted)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 9
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Total Voting:

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2018
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article I – Twelve Steps and Article II – Twelve Traditions by adding the following:

Current Wording

Article I – Twelve Steps

- 3) Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him*.
- 7) Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
- 11) Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

Proposed Wording

Article I – Twelve Steps

- 3) Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him*.
OR
3) Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood God*.
- 7) Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
OR
7) Humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings.
- 11) Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
OR
11) Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God *as we understood God*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

Current Wording

Article II – Twelve Traditions

- 2) For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Proposed Wording

Article II – Twelve Traditions

- 2) For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

OR

- 2) For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as may be expressed in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Submitted By

Northern Lights IG, Region One
Marie L.

Contact WSO for maker's contact information.

Intent

In keeping with several group meetings undertaken over the past several years in prayerful connection with a loving God, we have been repeatedly led to provide members with the option of referring to God by name only. Thus, in keeping with Twelve-Step principles, members are free to understand God as they are able, without coercion. In a spirit of live and let live, those who understand God to be gendered as male continue to name Him in that way, and those whose understanding of God does not require gender are free to pronounce God's name without reference to gender. Each time we have discussed this question in prayerful connection with a loving God, the spirit has led us in this same direction. Therefore, as trusted servants who have been led to accept this loving guidance from our Higher Power, we feel that it is our responsibility to bring this matter to our intergroup as a motion.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws. The Twelve Steps and Traditions would be provided in the meeting format using God/Him as published, and again using God only, should any other meeting's group conscience be so led by their Higher Power. The issue would arise only if a group or the World Service Office were so led by a loving God.

Cost

None.

Primary Purpose

We experience our loving God as welcoming to all. The proposed approach carries the message of recovery to people who experience a loving God in many different ways. This approach creates a spirit of mutual respect, love and tolerance, honoring faith traditions and organizational histories where a loving God is experienced or expressed as male, and where God's love is experienced in other ways, with no requirement of any kind, other than the desire to stop eating compulsively.

Rationale

While some other Twelve-Step groups, such as Workaholics Anonymous, name God without reference to gender in the Twelve Steps and Traditions, we understand that OA has not yet been led to do so, owing to the original commitment to replace alcohol and alcoholic with only food and compulsive overeater. Our group has been led by faith in our Higher Power's direction in our group conscience and by our love for one another for all people with food issues, to share our experience, strength, and hope with our intergroup by submitting this motion.

History

2014 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article I (paraphrased)
Change “Him” to “God.” (Failed)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

Approved changes to our Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions affects virtually every piece of literature we publish. During the years it would take to transition to a revised set of steps and traditions, there may be a decision to dispose of some literature in order to update as soon as possible. We currently carry an inventory value of \$200,000+ in our warehouse which would be charged as an expense. For those items we choose to just revise as they are reprinted, we would be required to include paperwork for each item explaining the current steps and the transition process. There is a cost to preparing this paperwork, and the additional work for our warehouse staff of one person could be extensive over several years.

Per OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XIV – Bylaw Amendments, Section 1 – Procedure,

- d) Except as otherwise specified by these bylaws, proposed amendments to Subpart B may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting provided a quorum is present.
- e) Amendments to Article I (Twelve Steps) and Article II (Twelve Traditions) of Subpart B of these bylaws may only be adopted if, in addition to d) above, they are ratified by three-fourths of the registered Overeaters Anonymous groups responding within six months of notification, provided at least 55 percent of the registered groups have responded.

Proposal Item: 10
Total Percentage:
Total Voting:

Status:	
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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2018
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 5 – Nomination of Trustees by adding the following:

Current Wording

Article IX – Board of Trustees
Section 5 – Nomination of Trustees

- b) Regional Trustees for Newly Approved Regions Outside One – Ten
 - 1) Appointment
- d) Virtual Services Trustee
 - 1) All applicants for the open position of virtual services trustee must submit their resumes 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.
 - 2) The Board of Trustees, acting as a nominating committee, shall submit a list of nominees for the open position, with copies of the nominees’ resumes to all Conference delegates at least forty-five days prior to the Conference.

Proposed Wording

Article IX – Board of Trustees
Section 5 – Nomination of Trustees

- b) Regional Trustees for Newly Approved Regions Outside One – Ten
 - Unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws, the following process applies:
 - 1) Appointment
- d) Virtual Services Trustee
 - 1) All applicants for the open position of virtual services trustee must submit their resumes 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.
 - 2) The Board of Trustees, acting as a nominating committee, shall submit a list of nominees for the open position, with copies of the nominees’ resumes to all Conference delegates at least forty-five days prior to the Conference.
 - 3) Should a virtual region be created by a change to these Bylaws, anyone serving as the virtual services trustee shall serve the remaining portion of their term as the trustee responsible for the new virtual region.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees

Karen B.

Contact WSO for maker's contact information.

Intent

Should the virtual region motion be defeated, this motion would prepare the Fellowship for a cleaner road towards the future creation of a virtual region.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

None.

Primary Purpose

The change is in support of all of the Twelve Concepts, but primarily Concept Ten (e.g., duplication of effort is to be avoided).

Rationale

This motion will be withdrawn if the motion to create a virtual region is adopted.

Overeaters Anonymous has never created a new region for which an existing trustee position already exists. Even if the Conference chooses to not create a virtual region in 2018, the question will arise again for consideration by future Conferences. This motion paves the way to easily transition from the current board composition to one where a virtual region is a reality.

History

2013 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 5 (paraphrased)

Add virtual services trustee application process. (Adopted)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.