

Proposal Item: 1  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>	
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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2019  
Proposed Amendment to the  
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

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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, service boards that fall within regional boundaries, and one virtual region. 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.
- b) The regions shall be as follows:
  - 11) Virtual Region is non-geographic and is composed of virtual groups and virtual intergroups.

Proposed Wording

Article VII – Regions  
Section 2 – Composition

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

Submitted By

Board of Trustees  
Dora P.

*Contact WSO for maker's contact information.*

Karen B.

*Contact WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To give a solution to the language service boards (LSBs) that span more than one region, can have all benefits of a region, and can work with a trustee as the liaison between the WSO and the LSBs. This motion is about unity and helps the regions and LSBs become stronger. The Virtual Region exceeds the boundaries of the geographic regions. The OA structure is stronger with regions. It doesn't make sense that there is a non-geographic region and a LSB isn't receiving help from that region and the trustee.

### Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

### Cost

Changes to the meeting database.

### Primary Purpose

This gives a place at the region level for the LSBs. The LSBs alone won't be stronger unless they have the help of a region, which provides such services as a website, newsletter, delegate representation, and a designated trustee. This motion allows the LSBs to affiliate with a region without a problem.

### Rationale

This motion is about unity and helps the regions and LSBs become stronger. The Virtual Region exceeds the boundaries of the geographic regions. The OA structure is stronger with regions. It doesn't make sense that there is a non-geographic region and a LSB isn't receiving help from that region and the trustee. It also doesn't make sense that the LSB needs to be unaffiliated with a region. The Virtual Region can be the answer for this situation that exceeds the boundaries of the land-based region.

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### History

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Create a virtual region. (Adopted)*

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Allow language service boards to affiliate or to not affiliate with a region. (Adopted)*

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

*Include regions as a service body. (Adopted)*

### WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 2  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amended
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Referred to Committee

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2019  
Proposed Amendment to the  
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

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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.
  - 1) A land-based intergroup is composed primarily of groups within its region, or groups within its geographical 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.

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) A land-based intergroup is composed ~~primarily~~ of groups within its region, or groups within its geographical 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.~~
- e)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.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees  
Dora P.

*Contact WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

Intergroups help meetings with common needs. A virtual meeting works and has the same needs of another virtual meeting. It doesn't make sense for a virtual meeting to affiliate with a land-based intergroup, and

thus affiliate with a virtual region. This is the same situation when a land-based group affiliates with a land-based region and a virtual intergroup in that region.

#### Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

#### Cost

Changes to the meeting database.

#### Primary Purpose

This motion helps the intergroup to carry the message the best way they can. Now that there is a Virtual Region, it is not necessary that virtual meetings affiliate with an intergroup from another region and vice versa.

#### Rationale

A virtual meeting works and has the same needs as other virtual meetings. It doesn't make sense for a virtual meeting to affiliate with a land-based intergroup from a land-based region, and thus affiliate with a virtual region. This is the same situation when a land-based group affiliates with a land-based region and a virtual intergroup in that region.

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#### History

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI, Section 2 (paraphrased)  
*Create a virtual intergroups. (Adopted)*

2016 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V, Section 2 (paraphrased)  
*Include intergroups as a service body. (Adopted)*

#### WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 3  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amended
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Referred to Committee

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2019  
Proposed Amendment to the  
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

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Motion

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

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
  - 4) Affirmed these additional qualifications on their trustee application forms.

Proposed 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~~ one 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
  - 4) Affirmed these additional qualifications on their trustee application forms.

c) If the trustee applicant has served as a delegate to only one World Service Business Conference at the time of application, that applicant must serve as a delegate to the World Service Business Conference at which they stand for election as trustee.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees  
Karen B.

*Contact WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To allow a person eligible and interested in serving OA as a whole to run for a position on the Board of Trustees while they (possibly) serve the second year of a two-year term as delegate.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws and trustee application form.

Cost

None.

Primary Purpose

Having a board member elected by the WSBC rather than by appointment supports the ability to carry the message of OA as whole to the Fellowship through their trustees.

Rationale

It was suggested at one of the presentations held at the fall 2018 assemblies that one of the barriers for candidates from locations that are long distances from Albuquerque is that most service bodies have a two-year WSBC delegate term. With the idea of rotation of service as part of our Concepts, these positions are often filled with new candidates when a term ends. This means that very few persons, qualified in every other way, cannot run for trustee because (according to current bylaws) they must have served as a delegate twice and must then either hope that their service body can fund their travel to Albuquerque (as a delegate or visitor), or they must fund themselves; an expensive proposition for any of us.

It makes sense to require participation at a minimum of Conferences as a delegate. This change would allow a candidate to run for trustee while serving their second term as a delegate from an OA service body.

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History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 4  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Failed
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended
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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2019  
Proposed Amendment to the  
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

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Motion

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

Current Wording

Article VII – Regions  
Section 2 – Composition

Proposed Wording

Article VII – Regions  
Section 2 – Composition

d) Virtual intergroups may also participate in the activities (including voting) of another region with that region’s permission.

Submitted By

Region Nine  
Francene A.

*Contact WSO for maker’s contact information.*

Loudovika P.

*Contact WSO for maker’s contact information.*

Intent

In the same spirit of adopted Bylaw Amendment Proposal Item 2 from WSBC 2018, relating to Article V – Overeaters Anonymous Groups, Section 2 – Composition, allowing groups to participate (including voting) in more than one service board or intergroup, the intent is to allow virtual intergroups the same freedom to participate in more than one region.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws. Individual regions may need to update their bylaws and procedures to grant permission to the virtual intergroups. The WSO may consider noting that a particular virtual intergroup participates in more than one region.

Cost

None.

Primary Purpose

By allowing virtual intergroups to interact freely and fully with existing regions, we are helping the meetings and members this motion affects to carry the OA message of recovery and encouraging an

exchange of fellowship between the virtual world and the face-to-face world, opening up recovery, service, and fellowship opportunities, that would run in both directions. Some groups will be better served to carry the message of recovery across regional boundaries and, in keeping with Tradition One – Unity, we would like to include everyone in our conversations and activities (*Twelve Traditions Pocket Guide*).

### Rationale

Article V – Overeaters Anonymous Groups, Section 2 – Composition allowing groups to participate (including voting) in more than one service board was adopted at WSBC 2018. The proposal above makes sense to all those virtual intergroups who feel they have close ties with a particular land-based region.

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### History

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Allow groups to affiliate with only one intergroup or service board, but it may participate (including voting) with other service bodies. (Adopted)*

### WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.



Proposal Item: 5  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2019  
Proposed Amendment to the  
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI – Intergroups, Section 3 – Registration by striking the following:

Current Wording

Article VI – Intergroups  
Section 3 – Registration

c) Each intergroup 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 the intergroup bylaws do not conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws. Notices shall be deemed to have been given if sent by mail and/or electronic transmission to the registered contact for each intergroup. Any updates shall be submitted to the World Service Office pursuant to OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI, Section 3a) 2) above.

Proposed Wording

Article VI – Intergroups  
Section 3 – Registration

c) Each intergroup 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 the intergroup bylaws do not conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws. Notices shall be deemed to have been given if sent by ~~mail and/or~~ electronic transmission to the registered contact for each intergroup. Any updates shall be submitted to the World Service Office pursuant to OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI, Section 3a) 2) above.

Submitted By

WSBC Bylaws Committee  
Margie G.

*Contact WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To update the bylaws to be in line with current practice.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

Staff time to update the bylaws.

### Primary Purpose

Our bylaws should be clear, simple, and fit for purpose, so that we can then spend more time and attention on carrying the message of recovery.

### Rationale

Service bodies are required to provide an email address when registering, and all communication is done electronically. Therefore, the bylaws can be simplified and updated by removing this reference to sending information by mail.

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### History

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

*Require intergroups to meeting annually to elect officers. (Adopted)*

### WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 6  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>	
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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2019  
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Regions, Section 4 – Registration by striking the following:

Current Wording

Article VII – Regions  
Section 4 – Registration

c) Each region 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 the region bylaws do not conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws. Notices shall be deemed to have been given if sent by mail and/or electronic transmission to the chair and/or secretary/coordinator representing each region. Any updates shall be submitted to the World Service Office pursuant to OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 4a) above.

Proposed Wording

Article VII – Regions  
Section 4 – Registration

c) Each region 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 the region bylaws do not conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws. Notices shall be deemed to have been given if sent by ~~mail and/or~~ electronic transmission to the chair and/or secretary/coordinator representing each region. Any updates shall be submitted to the World Service Office pursuant to OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 4a) above.

Submitted By

WSBC Bylaws Committee  
Margie G.

*Contact WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To update the bylaws to be in line with current practice.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

Staff time to update the bylaws.

Primary Purpose

Our bylaws should be clear, simple, and fit for purpose, so that we can then spend more time and attention on carrying the message of recovery.

Rationale

Service bodies are required to provide an email address when registering, and all communication is done electronically. Therefore, the bylaws can be simplified and updated by removing this reference to sending information by mail.

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History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 7  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amended
<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/>	Referred to Committee

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2019  
Proposed Amendment to the  
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Service Boards, Section 3 – Registration by striking the following:

Current Wording

Article VIII – Service Boards  
Section 3 – Registration

d) Each service board 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 the service board bylaws do not conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws. Notices shall be deemed to have been given if sent by mail and/or electronic transmission to the registered contact for each service board. Any updates shall be submitted to the World Service Office pursuant to OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 3a) 2) above.

Proposed Wording

Article VIII – Service Boards  
Section 3 – Registration

d) Each service board 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 the service board bylaws do not conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws. Notices shall be deemed to have been given if sent by ~~mail and/or~~ electronic transmission to the registered contact for each service board. Any updates shall be submitted to the World Service Office pursuant to OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 3a) 2) above.

Submitted By

WSBC Bylaws Committee  
Margie G.

*Contact WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To update the bylaws to be in line with current practice.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

Staff time to update the bylaws.

### Primary Purpose

Our bylaws should be clear, simple, and fit for purpose, so that we can then spend more time and attention on carrying the message of recovery.

### Rationale

Service bodies are required to provide an email address when registering, and all communication is done electronically. Therefore, the bylaws can be simplified and updated by removing this reference to sending information by mail.

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### History

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

*Require service boards to meeting annually to elect officers. (Adopted)*

### WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 8  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted
<input type="checkbox"/> Failed
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Committee

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2019  
Proposed Amendment to the  
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XI – Conference Committees, Section 3 – Region Chairs Committee by striking and inserting the following:

Current Wording

Article XI – Conference Committees  
Section 3 – Region Chairs Committee

a) The Region Chairs Committee shall provide a channel of information and communication between the members and the Board of Trustees through the regions and a network for the purpose of sharing resources and solutions.

Proposed Wording

Article XI – Conference Committees  
Section 3 – Region Chairs Committee

a) The Region Chairs Committee shall ~~provide~~ act as a channel of ~~information~~ and communication between ~~the members and~~ the Board of Trustees and the members of the Fellowship in their respective ~~through the~~ regions, ~~and a network~~ for the purpose of sharing resources and solutions.

Submitted By

WSBC Bylaws Committee  
Margie G.

*Contact WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To clarify the role of the committee in relation to the Board of Trustees and the membership.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

Staff time to update the bylaws.

Primary Purpose

Clarifying the role of the Region Chairs Committee will improve communications and thereby help carry the message.

Rationale

The wording of this item is confusing as to the role of the region chairs. A clarifying statement will make it easier for the region chairs to fulfill their purpose on this committee.

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History

2016 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XI, Section 3 (paraphrased)

*Require the Region Chairs Committee to meet in North America only. (Failed)*

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.



Proposal Item: 9  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amended
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Referred to Committee

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2019  
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Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

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Motion

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

Current Wording

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

- b) Regional Trustees for Newly Appointed Regions Outside Regions One – Ten
- d) Virtual Services Trustee
  - 1) 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.

Proposed Wording

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

- b) Regional Trustees for Newly Appointed Regions ~~Outside Regions One – Ten~~
- ~~d) Virtual Services Trustee~~
  - ~~1) 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

WSBC Bylaws Committee  
Margie G.

*Contact WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To update the bylaws to be in line with our current reality.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

Staff time to update the bylaws.

Primary Purpose

To update the bylaws to be in line with current practice.

Rationale

In order to reflect what is currently true in our Fellowship, we need to add the fact of the existence of the Virtual Region in Section 5b and eliminate the case of a potential virtual region in Section 5d as this has already happened and been implemented so that it is no longer necessary or appropriate to have in our bylaws.

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History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 10  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amended
<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/>	Referred to Committee

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2019  
Proposed Amendment to the  
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 3 – Delegates by inserting the following:

Current Wording

Article X – Meetings of Delegates  
Section 3 – Delegates

b) Non-delegates who may address the World Service Business Conference shall consist of officers of the corporation or any parent or subsidiary of the corporation who are not also trustees, the Conference parliamentarian, the managing director, and/or the managerial staff of the World Service Office.

Proposed Wording

Article X – Meetings of Delegates  
Section 3 – Delegates

b) Non-delegates who may address the World Service Business Conference shall consist of officers of the corporation or any parent or subsidiary of the corporation who are not also trustees, the Conference parliamentarian, trustee nominees, the managing director, and/or the managerial staff of the World Service Office.

Submitted By

WSBC Bylaws Committee  
Margie G.

*Contact WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To include the condition of trustee nominees, who are not delegates, to address the WSBC.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

Staff time to update the bylaws.

Primary Purpose

To update the bylaws to be in line with current practice.

Rationale

It's important to keep our bylaws current and clear to help us keep our business efficient and concentrate on our primary purpose.

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History

2015 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, Section 3 (paraphrased)

*Remove the founder as a non-delegate who can address Conference. (Adopted)*

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 11  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted
<input type="checkbox"/> Failed
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Committee

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2019  
Proposed Amendment to the  
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 3 – Delegates by striking the following:

Current Wording

Article X – Meetings of Delegates  
Section 3 – Delegates

c) Qualifications/Selection

- 2) Each intergroup or 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 service board shall not represent the same groups as intergroups represent. A group shall be recognized as registered and represented by an intergroup or service board.

Proposed Wording

Article X – Meetings of Delegates  
Section 3 – Delegates

c) Qualifications/Selection

- 2) Each intergroup or 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 service board shall not represent the same groups as intergroups represent. ~~A group shall be recognized as registered and represented by an intergroup or service board.~~

Submitted By

WSBC Bylaws Committee  
Margie G.

*Contact WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To clarify this section of our bylaws.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

Staff time to update the bylaws.

Primary Purpose

To keep our bylaws clear and concise for service bodies to follow so that they are not wasting time when they could be carrying the message.

Rationale

This line is not a complete sentence. It makes no sense and refers to nothing. To be complete it would need another phrase describing under what conditions a group would be recognized and represented.

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History

2015 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, Section 3 (paraphrased)

*Require the WSO to use the January Service Body Information Report as the final meeting count for seating delegates. (Adopted)*

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 12  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

Status:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amended
<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/>	Referred to Committee

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2019  
Proposed Amendment to the  
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XI – Conference Committees by inserting a new Section 5 and renumbering the subsequent sections.

Current Wording

Article XI – Conference Committees  
Section 5 – Conference Committee Chair

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- d) A vacancy shall be presumed if the Conference committee cochair fails to communicate with the committee for three consecutive months.

Proposed Wording

Article X – Meetings of Delegates

Section 5 – Disbanding Conference Committees

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- b) A Conference committee established by an act of the World Service Business Conference, may be suspended by the Board of Trustees if it is found not to have been working or meeting outside of WSBC for more than one year. A motion to disband the committee shall be placed on the agenda of the next World Service Business Conference for consideration.

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Submitted By

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Intent

To eliminate non-working Conference committees so that those delegates may be reassigned to working committees, be more actively involved in the business of the Conference, and better serve OA as a whole.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

None.

Primary Purpose

To allow delegates to more fully serve the Fellowship of OA as a whole and carry its message of recovery.

Rationale

If a Conference committee is no longer serving the purpose for which it was created, the BOT can disband it prior to the next WSBC allowing those delegates to be active participants in the committee work of the WSBC and better serve OA as a whole. We could possibly spend less money when fewer rooms are needed for committee work at WSBC.

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History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.



Proposal Item: 13  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted
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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2019  
Proposed Amendment to the  
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article III – Twelve Concepts, Concepts 2, 6, 7, 8, and 11 by inserting the following:

Current Wording

Article III – Twelve Concepts

- 2) The OA groups have delegated to World Service Business Conference the active maintenance of our world services; thus, World Service Business Conference is the voice, authority and effective conscience of OA as a whole.
- 6) The World Service Business Conference has entrusted the Board of Trustees with the primary responsibility for the administration of Overeaters Anonymous.
- 7) The Board of Trustees has legal rights and responsibilities accorded to them by OA Bylaws, Subpart A; the rights and responsibilities of the World Service Business Conference are accorded to it by Tradition and by OA Bylaws, Subpart B.
- 8) The Board of Trustees has delegated to its Executive Committee the responsibility to administer the OA World Service Office.
- 11) Trustee administration of the World Service Office should always be assisted by the best standing committees, executives, staffs and consultants.

Proposed Wording

Article III – Twelve Concepts

- 2) The OA groups have delegated to their local service bodies, regions, and ultimately to World Service Business Conference the active maintenance of our world services; thus, each level of service acts on behalf of members and groups at its level. The World Service Business Conference is the voice, authority and effective conscience of OA as a whole.
- 6) The World Service Business Conference has entrusted the Board of Trustees with the primary responsibility for the administration of Overeaters Anonymous. Similar boards or officers are selected at the local and region levels to manage any legal or financial responsibilities that are needed.
- 7) The Board of Trustees has legal rights and responsibilities accorded to them by OA Bylaws, Subpart A; the rights and responsibilities of the World Service Business Conference are accorded to it by Tradition and by OA Bylaws, Subpart B. Local service bodies and regions have similar bylaws and guidelines that are developed for their needs.
- 8) The Board of Trustees has delegated to its Executive Committee the responsibility to administer the OA World Service Office. Service bodies may delegate such responsibilities to their elected officers.
- 11) Trustee administration of the World Service Office should always be assisted by the best standing committees, executives, staffs and

consultants. Local service bodies rely on their officers and committees to provide guidance and support for their activities.

Submitted By

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Intent

At WSBC 2011, a motion was passed that to be recognized as an OA group one of the criteria is, "As a group, they meet to practice the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service." Yet several of our Concepts contain reference only to the World Service Business Conference, leaving out all the other levels of service in which our groups and members participate and delegate responsibility to. These changes help to further define the Concepts and to help individuals better understand the need for the Concepts at all levels of service.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws to include more inclusive wording. Update oa.org and OA literature that lists the Twelve Concepts.

Cost

The Twelve Concepts and their spiritual Principles are as applicable to service at the group, intergroup/ service board, and region levels as they are at the world service level. This motion would help the members recognize their applicability.

Primary Purpose

The Twelve Concepts and their spiritual Principles are as applicable to service at the group, intergroup/ service board, and region levels as they are at the world service level. This motion would help the members recognize their applicability.

Rationale

To make the importance, usefulness, and applicability of the Twelve Concepts more obvious to the members of Overeaters Anonymous as a whole.

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History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.