



57th Annual World Service Business Conference
Embassy Suites Albuquerque Hotel & Spa, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Theme: Growing OA Recovery Worldwide
April 23-28, 2018

To: Overeaters Anonymous WSBC Delegates
From: Conference Planning Committee
Re: World Service Business Conference 2018

Welcome to the 2018 World Service Business Conference at the Embassy Suites Albuquerque Hotel & Spa during the week of April 23-28. When making your travel arrangements, please keep in mind that, even though the first business meeting does not begin until Thursday morning, April 26, workshops and activities will be held on Monday evening, April 23, and Tuesday afternoon, April 24. There will also be one workshop on Thursday evening.

This year's workshop topics are based on our theme, "Growing OA Recovery Worldwide." We will offer several workshops. The theme and workshops will emphasize and focus on how we can grow OA recovery worldwide. The Monday night workshop will have a panel and will focus on "Combining the Strengths of Virtual and Face-to-Face Meetings." There will be two traditional workshops on Tuesday afternoon, "Building a Foundation of Strong Abstinence and Sponsorship" and "Building Healthy Service Bodies." A third workshop, "Sharing 'Carrying the Message' Successes and Challenges," will be interactive. Information on this workshop will be included in a future e-mailing.

On Tuesday night, we will host the "All about Conference" workshop which will include parliamentary procedures. This workshop will include an informative presentation on what you can expect at the WSBC and will help both green dots and returning delegates. If you are a returning delegate, please consider volunteering as a mentor to help the green dots maximize their first Conference experience. Mentor registration is included on the delegate registration form. Please refer to the Conference agenda for specific times to meet with your green dot or mentor. On Wednesday morning, the region chairs will conduct a forum and on Wednesday evening we will hold the Literature Q&A. This year we are offering a "Meet & Greet the Maker" on Thursday evening, which will give delegates an opportunity to ask questions prior to debate and discussion during the business meetings. Also on Thursday, two of our trustees will present the final workshop, "The Glue That Holds Us Together: Service, Traditions, and Concepts."

The collective conscience of Overeaters Anonymous and the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of OA Service express themselves in our committee and business meetings starting Wednesday morning and continuing through Saturday. We come together not only to vote on motions, but also to give direction to our Fellowship in the coming year, returning to our meetings and service bodies with renewed energy and new resources. Committee selection is included on the delegate registration form. If you did not sign up for a committee, please contact the WSO to register for a committee. Thank you for your service.

The Conference Planning Committee will do everything possible to ensure the business of OA, Inc. is again carried out in an enjoyable, positive, and abstinent manner. For this 57th annual Conference, I am honored to serve our Fellowship along with all of you. See you in April.

Joanne M.
Conference Planning Committee Trustee Chair