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To: Overeaters Anonymous Service Bodies and WSBC Delegates
From: Cyndy L., Chair, Board of Trustees
Re: World Service Business Conference 2018

I want to welcome each of you who are planning to join your fellow delegates, the Board of Trustees, World Service Office staff, and volunteers at the 57th Annual World Service Business Conference (WSBC) of Overeaters Anonymous. The Conference will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the Embassy Suites Albuquerque Hotel and Spa from April 23-28, 2018.

You share with all the attendees a commitment to abstinence and recovery, as well as the experience of service and dedication. This year the theme is "Growing Recovery Worldwide." Workshops and Board of Trustees' meetings begin on Monday, April 23. Tuesday brings more workshops during the day as well as the Board of Trustees' meeting to which you are all invited to attend. The Tuesday evening workshop "All About Conference" is recommended for all first-time delegates, along with their mentors. This session is to help with questions and concerns for how the business meetings will be conducted as the week continues. On Wednesday, April 25, the region chairs present a forum during which all the attendees participate in discussions on ways to help grow recovery. The committees begin their work mid-morning and through the afternoon. Every delegate is a part of the commitment of the WSBC to support the vital work of OA in reaching those who have never heard of OA and those who have left and don't know how to return. The committees only meet that one day, but the commitment continues until the WSBC 2019. Make sure you select the committee that will allow you to share your enthusiasm and talents best. Business sessions begin on Thursday morning and end at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday. After a week of hard but satisfying work, Saturday evening will include a banquet dinner, speaker, and of course my favorite – dancing. It's such a great way to celebrate the close of Conference.

First time delegates, called "green dots," are provided with a mentor. Mentors are returning delegates who know their way around the Conference. Make sure to ask for a mentor on your registration form. Your region chair is responsible for connecting the mentor and the new delegate, and will inform of your assignments before you arrive.

This is our seventh 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, with a convenient luncheon buffet at a set price. 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 (<https://oa.org/members/events/world-service-business-conference/>).

Conference is where the business of Overeaters Anonymous is decided. It belongs to the members of all the groups and service bodies who care about the future of the organization. The workshops, the committee meetings, and the sometimes exciting, sometimes routine business that is transacted, are necessary to determine the direction OA will grow. 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 carry the message to the compulsive eaters who still suffer.

In service to OA,
Cyndy L., Chair, Board of Trustees