



**57<sup>th</sup> Annual World Service Business Conference**  
Growing OA Recovery Worldwide  
April 23-28, 2018

**Conference Delegate Information**

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**Hotel**

Embassy Suites Albuquerque Hotel and Spa, 1000 Woodward Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102 USA

The room rate is \$141 USD per night any occupancy plus \$18.77 tax for a total of \$159.77 per night. Rate includes breakfast, refrigerator, microwave, Internet, and dinner shuttle. *Please note that taxes are subject to change.*

For reservations, attendees may call the hotel directly at 505-245-7100 and reference rate code “OEA.” To reserve your room online, go to the Conference web page [http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/A/ABQEMES-OEA-20180422/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/A/ABQEMES-OEA-20180422/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG). **Delegates are responsible for making their own hotel reservations.**

Embassy Suites Albuquerque Hotel and Spa is a 261 two-room suite, full service hotel. Guest rooms offer such amenities as data port, voice messaging, room service available 3-11PM, coffee maker, iron and ironing board, hair dryer, refrigerator, microwave, self-laundry, and complimentary USA Today (weekdays only). Each guest receives a complimentary hot breakfast daily.

The exercise room is open 24 hours; access through guestroom key. There is a heated indoor pool, which is open 7AM-11:30PM.

Embassy Suites has one restaurant onsite. Cyprus Grill is a casual restaurant featuring New Mexican and American cuisine serving complimentary breakfast (6:30-9AM M-F; 7-10AM Sat-Sun); lunch (11AM-2PM) and dinner (5-9PM) are also available. Caffaina's, open 7AM – 2PM and 5-10PM, is a Starbucks coffee bar (limited) and gift shop; it offers “to go” breakfast, lunch, and dinner. We suggest that delegates budget approximately \$51 USD per day for meals.

As mentioned above, refrigerators and microwaves are standard amenities in each suite. There is no need to request a refrigerator when reserving your room.

If you need a roommate, contact Jeanette Romero ([jromero@oa.org](mailto:jromero@oa.org)) at the WSO. If there are any other similar requests, Jeanette will provide you with the name, phone number, and email address of the other interested delegate(s). It is the responsibility of the OA member to make the appropriate arrangements with the hotel. The WSO will not make reservations for you.

**Grocery Shuttle**

Complimentary grocery shuttles will be available on Monday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 24. More information will be available in the third set of online documents distributed on March 9, 2018.

### **Dinner Shuttles**

Complimentary dinner shuttles will be provided to all delegates from Tuesday, April 24 through Friday, April 27. A complimentary lunch shuttle will be provided to all delegates on Saturday, April 28. Please refer to the Conference agenda for specific shuttle times. More information will be available in the third set of online documents distributed on March 9, 2018.

### **Ground Transportation**

There is only one commercial airport in Albuquerque, the Albuquerque International Sunport. Ground transportation options from the airport to the hotel are by taxi, Uber, public transportation, or rental car. Cost and approximate travel times are listed below.

A taxi is approximately \$18 USD one way for up to four passengers and is approximately a 10-minute drive. Taxis are available outside the baggage claim area or can be called by using the courtesy phone located in the baggage claim area.

Uber is available and can be accessed by downloading the Uber app to your mobile device. Uber pickup is outside the baggage claim area. Uber X (up to 4 people) is approximately \$10 USD, Uber XL (up to 6 people) is approximately \$18.50 USD. Please note that pricing is subject to change depending on time of day.

Public transportation is also available through ABQ Ride (<http://www.cabq.gov/transit>) at the west end of the departure level. Please refer to their website for schedules, fares, and a trip planner.

### **Business Conference Schedule**

For detailed information, please refer to the tentative Conference agenda included in this e-mailing.

There will be a variety of workshops throughout the week. Please refer to the tentative Conference agenda for topics, dates, and times.

The business session will consist of five business meetings. The first business meeting begins at 8:30AM on Thursday, April 26 and the last business meeting ends at 11:30AM on Saturday, April 28.

The Conference will end with the Delegates' Dinner/Entertainment/Dance on Saturday night. The price of dinner is included in the delegate registration fee for all delegates; guest tickets are \$50 USD.

#### Monday, April 23

Workshop

#### Tuesday, April 24

Board of Trustees' meeting  
Early Bird Workshops  
Evening Workshop for Delegates

#### Wednesday, April 25

Forum  
Committee meetings  
Literature Q&A

#### Thursday, April 26

Business Meetings I and II  
Meet and Greet the Maker  
Workshop

#### Friday, April 27

Business Meetings III and IV  
Free Evening

#### Saturday, April 28

Business Meeting V  
Board of Trustees' meeting  
Dinner/Entertainment/Dance

#### Sunday, April 29

Check Out

We suggest delegates dress in layers or bring a jacket or sweater to wear during meetings as the meeting room temperatures are often variable. Any delegate who needs special seating during Conference should contact Sandy Zimmerman ([szimmerman@oa.org](mailto:szimmerman@oa.org)) at the World Service Office to request assistance.

### **Agenda Questionnaire**

A copy of the agenda questionnaire, proposed new business motions, proposed bylaw amendments, and instructions are available online for **your information only**. No action is required. This form is to be voted on and returned by intergroups and service boards only.

The agenda questionnaire is available online for intergroup's and service board's input on the proposed new business motions and bylaw amendments. Intergroups and service boards must return the completed and **signed agenda questionnaire** to the World Service Office by the postmarked/electronically time-stamped deadline date of **February 22, 2018**. This is a strict deadline set by the Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. and exceptions cannot be made. The questionnaire is also being offered as an online survey and can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSBC18AQ>. *Please note your intergroup or service board number is required to complete the survey.*

### **Conference Committees and Workshops**

The Conference committee preferences list was included on the delegate registration form. Committees make important contributions to service work of our OA Fellowship and often enhance the Conference experience for delegates. **Serving on a committee is an expected part of delegate service at WSBC and continues until the next Conference.** If you did not sign up for a committee, please contact Jeanette Romero at the World Service Office.

Once again this year, a number of workshops will be offered. Please use the information and new ideas presented in the workshops to assist your groups and service bodies. Workshops begin on Monday, April 23 in the evening. Additional workshops and times are listed on the tentative Conference agenda included in this e-mailing.

This year the forum will be presented by the region chairs. More information will be available in March 2018.

### **Boutique**

The Boutique will be open daily, beginning on Tuesday, April 24 in the Piñon room. Items in the Boutique room are the responsibility of the contributing service body. If you are interested in displaying items in the Boutique room, you must sign a release form at the Conference Support Committee (CSC) desk. The Boutique's hours will match the hours of the CSC desk; hours may be extended at the discretion of the CSC chair. **NOTE: A refrigerator and microwave will NOT be available in the Boutique. Refrigerators and microwaves are available in all guest suites.**

Questions? Please contact Sandy Zimmerman, World Service Office  
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