



58th Annual World Service Business Conference
Growing OA Membership Worldwide
May 6-11, 2019

Conference Delegate Information

HOTEL

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

The room rate is US\$141 per night any occupancy plus US\$18.77 tax for a total of US\$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 at <https://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/A/ABOEMES-OEA-20190505/index.jhtml>. **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 3-11 p.m., 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 7 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

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

ROOMMATES

If you need a roommate, contact Jeanette Romero (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, May 6 and Tuesday, May 7. More information will be available in the third set of online documents distributed on March 22, 2019.

DINNER SHUTTLES

Complimentary dinner shuttles will be provided to all delegates from Tuesday, May 7 through Friday, May 10. A complimentary lunch shuttle will be provided to all delegates on Saturday, May 11. 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 22, 2019.

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 shuttle, taxi, Uber, public transportation, or rental car. Cost and approximate travel times are listed below.

CLS Transportation offers local service to/from the airport/hotel. They are located in the baggage claim area across from Carousel 6. One-way fare is approximately US\$21.

A taxi is approximately US\$18 one way for up to four passengers and is a 10-minute drive to/from the airport/hotel. 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 US\$11, Uber XL (up to 6 people) is approximately US\$20. 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 emailing.

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 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 9 and the last business meeting ends at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 11.

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

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) at the World Service Office to request assistance.

Monday, May 6

Workshop

Tuesday, May 7

Board of Trustees' meeting

Early Bird Workshops

Evening Workshop for Delegates

Wednesday, May 8

Forum

Committee meetings

Meet and Greet the Maker

Literature Q&A

Thursday, May 9

Business Meetings I and II

Workshops

Friday, May 10

Business Meetings III and IV

Free Evening

Saturday, May 11

Business Meeting V

Board of Trustees' meeting

Dinner/Entertainment/Dance

Sunday, May 12

Check Out

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 **March 7, 2019**. This is a strict deadline set by the Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. and exceptions cannot be made. The questionnaire is also offered as an online survey and can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSBC19AQ>. *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.

Again, this year, several 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, May 6 in the evening. Additional workshops and times are listed on the tentative Conference agenda included in this emailing.

This year the forum will be presented by the region chairs. More information will be available in March 2019.

BOUTIQUE

The Boutique will be open daily, beginning on Tuesday, May 7 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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