



58th Annual World Service Business Conference

Theme: *Growing Our Membership Worldwide*

May 6-11, 2019

Getting Ready for WSBC 2019

HOTEL

Embassy Suites Albuquerque Hotel and Spa, 1000 Woodward Place NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, USA, Phone (505) 245-7100

Room rate is US\$141 per night, any occupancy, plus US\$18.77 tax, for a total of US\$159.77 per night, single through quadruple occupancies. Rate includes breakfast, refrigerator, microwave, Internet (guestrooms only), and dinner shuttle.

Delegates can reserve their rooms by calling the Embassy Suites at (505) 245-7100. Please use Group Code "OEA." Delegates are responsible for making their own reservations. **The WSO does not make reservations for delegates.**

To reserve your room, please [click here](#).

SUMMARIZED SCHEDULE

For detailed information, refer to the tentative Conference agenda on the OA website under Frequently Used Documents at <https://oa.org/members/events/world-service-business-conference/>.

Monday, May 6

- Grocery Shuttle (1 run)
- Registration
- Workshop

Tuesday, May 7

- Grocery Shuttles (2 runs)
- Registration
- Early-Bird Workshops
- Board of Trustees' Meeting
- All About Conference Workshop

Wednesday, May 8

- Forum
- Committee Meetings
- Motions Meet & Greet
- Literature Q&A

Thursday, May 9

- Business Meetings I and II
- Evening 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

- OA Meeting
- Check-Out

SELECTION OF DELEGATES

Delegate registration must be submitted on the **Delegate Registration form and signed by the chair of the service body**. Delegates must also sign the delegate registration form in the appropriate box affirming they are in compliance with Subpart B, Article X, Section 3c) 1 of the OA, Inc. Bylaws.

A US\$149 registration fee is required for each delegate listed on the Delegate Registration form. US\$20 of the registration fee is non-refundable. Refunds will not be given on or after **April 1, 2019**. Payment is required in US funds.

Bylaws stipulate that delegates and alternates shall be registered seventy days prior to Conference. Therefore, the registration deadline is **February 25, 2019**.

NOTE: Service bodies may register delegates after the February 25, 2019 deadline date, but Conference information will not be available to the delegate until properly registered with the World Service Office (WSO.)

All delegates **MUST** register for the Conference with the WSO. Returning delegates are **NOT** registered automatically.

NEW BUSINESS MOTIONS AND BYLAW AMENDMENTS

December 10, 2018 is the postmarked deadline to submit New Business Motions or Amendments for OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Motions may be mailed or submitted through electronic transmission. If the submitted motion is postmarked or electronically date-stamped after December 10, 2018, it will **NOT** be considered.

When submitting Bylaw Amendments, you must 1) identify the bylaw section being amended, 2) list the current wording of the section, and 3) list the wording of the section as it would appear when amended.

If any other sections of the bylaws are affected by a proposed amendment, you are also responsible for proposing amendments to bring the other sections into compliance.

All proposed motions for new business or bylaws must include the name of your intergroup/service board and region, the name of the submitter, a contact phone number and email address, the intent of the motion, methods of implementation, primary purpose, and projected costs. The Sample Motion Instructions and Forms are included on the OA website at <https://oa.org/members/events/world-service-business-conference/> under Frequently Used Documents.

New Business or Bylaw Amendment motions may include **up to one page of arguments** in favor of the motion.

The Bylaws Committee will provide assistance to service bodies in preparing New Business Motions or Bylaw Amendments. Write, fax, or email the committee in care of the World Service Office.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Trustees serve and represent Overeaters Anonymous as a whole, acting as guardians of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts. They conduct, manage, and control the affairs and business of Overeaters Anonymous and serve as spokesmen in matters affecting OA as a whole. The role of a trustee, be it region or general service, is to furnish counsel and guidance to the members, groups, and service bodies; to supervise and guide education and attraction efforts of OA; and to perform such other duties as may be directed by the delegates at the Conference.

There are six region trustee positions open in 2019. They are from Regions Two, Five, Eight, and Ten for three-year terms and Regions Six and Nine for two-year terms. Two general service trustee positions are open for three-year terms. Applications and requirements are included on the OA website at <https://oa.org/members/events/world-service-business-conference/> under Frequently Used Documents. Applications are due to the World Service Office by **February 5, 2019**.

Please consider this important position as a possibility for yourself or someone you know. Service is our way to recovery and freedom. *“Always to extend the hand and heart of OA to all who share my compulsion; for this I am responsible.”* We look to those who have gone before us, sharing their experience, strength, and hope. You are needed by our Fellowship.

CONFERENCE SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are now being recruited for the World Service Business Conference 2019! What a wonderful way to serve, learn, and be a part of the Fellowship expressing itself in our group conscience. Volunteers are needed beginning on Tuesday morning and ending Saturday afternoon. Any and all days are open. If a member of your service body wants more information, please download the Volunteer Information at <https://oa.org/members/events/world-service-business-conference/> or contact Sandy Zimmerman, Associate Director/Member Services Manager at (505) 891-2664 or szimmerman@oa.org.

December 10, 2018: Postmarked deadline for submission of New Business Motions and Bylaw Amendment motions

February 5, 2019: Applications for region and general service trustee must be received by the World Service Office

February 25, 2019: Delegate registration forms are due to the World Service Office

Questions? Please contact Sandy Zimmerman, Associate Director/Member Services Manager, at the World Service Office.

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