

## Agenda Questionnaire Summary

World Service Business Conference 2018

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A	Oregon OA IG, R1 Alice W.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move that the World Service Business Conference 2018 direct the Board of Trustees of Overeaters Anonymous to establish an ad hoc committee to research and delineate the best means and cost of improving, upgrading, and expanding the electronic "front door" of OA for the purpose of defining a budgetary amount for a "Welcome to OA" capital campaign. OA's "front door" includes the <a href="http://oa.org">oa.org</a> website, data systems, and the development of a geo locator and real time Find-a-Meeting app for smart phones.	<b>Intent:</b> To determine specific products and the cost to produce them, that will expand and upgrade the digital public access points for OA.  <b>Rationale:</b> To effectively carry the message, we must have the most accessible, easily navigated, easily searched, and welcoming website and corollary services possible.	
B	Central Jersey IG, R7 Christine H.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to adopt the following policy statement:  Overeaters Anonymous has no opinion on bariatric (weight-loss) surgery. In the spirit of Tradition Three, we welcome into the Fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous those who have had the surgery or are considering it.	<b>Intent:</b> To clearly state that although OA neither endorses nor opposes weight-loss surgery, we welcome without judgment those who have had it or are considering it.  <b>Rationale:</b> "Members and sponsors encourage—not judge—others on the path of recovery."	

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C	WSBC Bylaws Committee Karin H. Faye D.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend WSBC Policy 2004b by striking, inserting, and renumbering the following:  Appeals process for service bodies denied credentials at WSBC because they do not meet the requirements of OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, Section 3c – Qualifications/Selection. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The World Service Office shall notify the service body of any challenges to delegate credentials within seven days of receipt of delegate information by the World Service Office.</li> <li>2) <del>Each region will provide, at the time they submit their delegate information, a list of up to five individuals willing to serve on an Appeals Committee.</del> <u>The service body shall notify the World Service Office if it wishes to appeal denial of delegate credentials within fourteen days of this notification.</u></li> <li>3) The Appeals Review Committee shall be composed of two members of the Board of Trustees (<u>the BOT chair and one other trustee</u>), two region chairs, and two representatives of the region bringing the appeal. <u>It will be chaired by the BOT chair.</u></li> <li>4) <del>Service body notifies the World Service Office of its wishes to appeal denial of delegate credentials.</del></li> </ol>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To set up an appeals process to address the possibility that service bodies may be denied credentials at WSBC because they do not meet the requirements of OA, Inc. Bylaws.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> This amendment calls for selection of committee members from the region take place only if actually needed. It also strikes written and telephone conference call specifics because in current practice, electronic communications and free or low-cost conference calls are common.</p>	
D	WSBC Bylaws Committee Karin H. Faye D.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend WSBC Policy 2010e by striking the following:  It was adopted to: Require all groups and service bodies wishing to register <del>electronically</del> with the WSO to provide at least one email address and name when submitting their registration request. The required email address is for use within the OA organization and will not be published.	<p><b>Intent:</b> To clarify the requirement that all groups and service bodies wishing to register with the WSO need to provide an email and name.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Groups' and service bodies' registration information is maintained electronically, and is used in communicating information pertinent to carrying the message of recovery.</p>	

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E	Board of Trustees Joanne M.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to rescind WSBC Policy 2009d.  It was adopted to: Create a <del>Web/Technology Conference Committee starting at WSBC 2010.</del>	<b>Intent:</b> To continue to support the restructuring of WSBC with an aim toward reduction of duplication of effort.  <b>Rationale:</b> The committee has struggled with a clear understanding of their mission; goals have not been met. Committee membership has dwindled over the past couple of years.	
F	WSBC Bylaws Committee Karin H. Faye D.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to rescind WSBC Policy 2009a.  It was adopted that: <del>The World Service Office provides website templates for optional use by OA service bodies and groups in creating or revising their websites.</del>	<b>Intent:</b> To remove a policy that is not needed and does not reflect current OA practice.  <b>Rationale:</b> To lighten the extensive load of services we direct the WSO to provide of something that service bodies have been doing on their own.	
G	WSBC Bylaws Committee Karin H. Faye D.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to rescind WSBC Policy 2004a.  It was adopted that: <del>The WSO have proposal forms available on the OA website with detailed online instructions for submitting the proposals. The forms are to include an email address for the maker of the proposal.</del>	<b>Intent:</b> To unburden the Business Conference Policy Manual of a policy directive that is unneeded, as the directive has gone on to become ordinary and routine practice.  <b>Rationale:</b> The WSO has fully adopted using the OA website to disseminate materials. Therefore, this policy is unneeded.	

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<b>H</b>	WSBC Bylaws Committee Karin H. Faye D.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend WSBC Policy 1991c by inserting the following:  It was adopted that: The terms “compulsive overeater, compulsive eater,” and “compulsive eating, compulsive overeating” be used interchangeably in OA literature, as determined to be appropriate <u>to the topic and context</u> by the Literature Committee during the regular literature writing, editing, and approval process.	<b>Intent:</b> To clarify the intent of the policy.  <b>Rationale:</b> Clearly written and well-articulated literature is an important tool in the OA recovery process.	
<b>I</b>	WSBC Bylaws Committee Karin H. Faye D.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to rescind WSBC Policy 1987b.  <del>It was adopted that:            One leave of absence for up to sixty days from all Board of Trustees activities and responsibilities may be claimed by any member of the Board of Trustees during each of her/his elected terms of office for any reason.</del>	<b>Intent:</b> To eliminate redundancy as the wording appears in OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart A, Section 7e.  <b>Rationale:</b> Keeping this directive in one place, rather than two, keeps it simple.	
<b>J</b>	Baltimore Area IG, R7 Sue B.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend WSBC Policy 1986a by inserting the following:  It was adopted that: Overeaters Anonymous celebrate an annual worldwide Unity Day on the last Saturday in February <u>in even years</u> and the last Sunday in February in odd years at 11:30 a.m. pacific standard time.  To designate the third Saturday of January <u>in odd years</u> and the third Sunday in January in even years as the annual celebration of the January 19, 1960 founding of Overeaters Anonymous.	<b>Intent:</b> To allow OA members of various faiths and Sabbath observances access to annual celebrations.  <b>Rationale:</b> These amendments present a solution that will promote inclusion at alternating celebrations on alternating years, giving everyone an equal opportunity to participate and share in OA's message of hope.	

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<b>K</b>	Baltimore Area IG, R7 Sue B.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend WSBC Policy 1992b by adding the following:  It was adopted that: The World Service Business Conference establish an International Day Experiencing Abstinence (IDEA) to be held annually on the third Saturday in November <u>in even years and the third Sunday in November in odd years.</u>	<b>Intent:</b> To allow OA members of various faiths and Sabbath observances access to annual celebrations.  <b>Rationale:</b> These amendments present a solution that will promote inclusion at alternating celebrations on alternating years, giving everyone an equal opportunity to participate and share in OA's message of hope.	
<b>L</b>	Baltimore Area IG, R7 Sue B.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend WSBC Policy 2017c by adding the following:  It was adopted that: The World Service Business Conference 2017 create a Sponsorship Day to be held annually on the third Saturday in August <u>in odd years and third Sunday in August in even years.</u>	<b>Intent:</b> To allow OA members of various faiths and Sabbath observances access to annual celebrations.  <b>Rationale:</b> These amendments present a solution that will promote inclusion at alternating celebrations on alternating years, giving everyone an equal opportunity to participate and share in OA's message of hope.	
<b>M</b>	WSBC Bylaws Committee Karin H. Faye D.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend WSBC Policy 2012a by striking and adding the following:  The following policy statement was adopted: <b>Statement on Creating Service Centers</b> Service bodies may form service centers to assist them in communicating with the groups and to help carry the message, providing that they adhere to the Traditions, as guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service, and <del>do not alter or print any OA board or Conference approved literature unless approved by the World Service Office</del> <u>adhere to Overeaters Anonymous policies for the use of OA-approved literature and print material.</u>	<b>Intent:</b> To amend a policy with correct and current instruction for the use of OA-approved literature and print material.  <b>Rationale:</b> The amended policy provides instructions on creating/forming service centers which support our service bodies.	

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N	WSBC Bylaws Committee Karin H. Faye D.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend WSBC Policy 1988a by striking and inserting the following:  It was adopted that: <del>These matters should be considered, but are not binding upon service bodies:</del> 1) Functioning Service bodies may join together in order to help carry the message of <u>OA recovery</u> , providing they adhere to the Traditions and <del>do not alter, print, or electronically transmit any OA approved literature unless approved in writing by the World Service Office</del> <u>the Overeaters Anonymous policies for the use of OA-approved literature and print material.</u> 2) Business Conference Delegates a) In addition to the requirements set out in Article X, Section 3c) of the Bylaws, Subpart B, it is suggested the delegates should be selected for judgment, experience, stability, willingness, and for faithful adherence to living within the concepts of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of Overeaters Anonymous. It is further suggested a World Service delegate be a current or past regional representative. b) As participants, delegates shall not be bound by the wishes of their service bodies, but should not vote against these wishes unless situations arise at the Business Conference that make it necessary for the best interests of Overeaters Anonymous as a whole.	<b>Intent:</b> To remove the introductory sentence about binding because in fact some of the matters contained within this policy are binding upon service bodies.  <b>Rationale:</b> Striking the first line makes the policy a directive, stronger than a nonbinding consideration. The proposed change for the last line of Part 1 directs to OA policies for the use of OA literature and print materials, and strikes the details because they are not in accordance with OA policy.	

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<b>O</b>	Central Ontario IG, R6 Chuck F.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend WSBC Policy 1982c by adding the following:  A definition of open and closed groups was adopted: Open group is a group which is open to anyone.  Closed group is a group that is open to anyone with the desire to stop eating compulsively, or anyone who thinks they may have a problem with compulsive overeating. <u>This includes newcomers.</u>	<b>Intent:</b> To clarify that closed meetings are open to newcomers.  <b>Rationale:</b> Approximately 20 percent of newcomers asking questions about OA are asking about open and closed meetings. This is based on the last six months of emails received by Central Ontario IG.	
<b>P</b>	712 VSB of OA Jim A.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to add Meditation as an official Tool of the Overeaters Anonymous program.	<b>Intent:</b> To add meditation to the list of OA's official Tools.  <b>Rationale:</b> Including meditation as an official, separate Tool will remind everyone, new and old, of the importance of this practice and its important in recovering from compulsive overeating.	
<b>Q</b>	712 VSB of OA Jim A.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to add Physical Activity as an official Tool of the Overeaters Anonymous program.	<b>Intent:</b> To add physical activity to the list of OA's official Tools.  <b>Rationale:</b> Almost any physical activity helps to improve our mood. This helps to prevent the cravings from hitting. Moving our bodies in almost any manner gets the blood and oxygen circulating through our bodies and helps to lift the mental fog that inactivity imposes on our bodies.	
<b>R</b>	712 VSB of OA Jim A.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to add Prayer as an official Tool of the Overeaters Anonymous program.	<b>Intent:</b> To add prayer activity to the list of OA's official Tools.  <b>Rationale:</b> It not only helps us to start and end our days with prayer, but also at meal times. Prayer helps to keep us out of the food.	

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S	Junta NSB De Espana Jose M.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to eliminate the restrictions to share parts of the book, <i>For Today</i> , between members of Overeaters Anonymous.	<p><b>Intent:</b> To be able to share legally and freely the aforementioned material which has been published for more than thirty years now.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> For some members of OA, it is very enriching to be able to share daily the daily reflections contained in the approved literature, as well as to share the impressions provoked by their reading. It provides a sense of unity.</p>	
1	Board of Trustees Gerri H.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B., Article V – Overeaters Anonymous Groups, Section 2 – Composition by striking and inserting the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A group may be formed, as set forth in Article V, Section 1, by two or more persons meeting together, either               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) in the same physical location (<del>face-to-face</del> <u>land-based</u>);</li> <li>2) through some form of electronic device (virtually);</li> <li>or</li> <li>3) both.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Groups compose the intergroups and service boards set forth in Articles VI and VIII hereof.</li> <li>c) <u>A group may affiliate with one and only one intergroup or service board. Although it may affiliate with one and only one, the group, with permission from the service body with which it is not affiliated, may participate in the activities of that service body.</u></li> </ul>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To clarify that although groups may affiliate with only one intergroup or service board, they may participate in the activities of a service body with which they are not affiliated.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> This motion would allow groups to continue to receive the benefits while ensuring the group is only represented once.</p>	



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2	Board of Trustees Gerri H.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI – Intergroups, Section 2 – Composition by striking, inserting, and renumbering the following:  a) Two or more groups may form an intergroup for the purpose of servicing and representing the groups of which they are composed and acting as the guardian of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of OA Service. 1) <del>Each</del> <u>A land-based intergroup should be is</u> composed <u>primarily</u> of groups within its region, or groups within its geographical proximity, <del>except that virtual groups may affiliate with intergroups without regard to geographic proximity.</del> 2) <u>A virtual intergroup is composed primarily of virtual groups.</u> b) <u>With permission, a land-based group may affiliate with a virtual intergroup and a virtual group may affiliate with a land-based intergroup.</u> c) <u>Each state/province may have at least one intergroup. In a state/province having only one group, that group may function as an intergroup.</u>	<b>Intent:</b> To rename virtual service boards to virtual intergroups, a term more familiar to the Fellowship and to introduce the term “land-based” to differentiate between two types of groups.  <b>Rationale:</b> This motion clarifies already known language and allows the virtual service boards to more readily identify themselves as an intergroup.	
3	Board of Trustees Gerri H.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Regions, Section 2 – Composition by striking and inserting the following:  a) There shall be ten regions composed of intergroups, groups within each region, and service boards that fall within regional boundaries <u>and one virtual region.</u> Subject to BOT approval, language service boards that span more than one region may choose to affiliate with one of the regions that it spans. <del>Virtual service boards are not included in the regional structure.</del> b) The regions shall be as follows: 1) <u>Virtual Region is non-geographic and is composed of virtual groups and virtual intergroups.</u>	<b>Intent:</b> To create a virtual region.  <b>Rationale:</b> The virtual service boards are missing a layer of service by not having a region. The virtual service boards have no way to get together as intergroups in a face-to-face region. They can benefit from the experience that each has accumulated.	

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4	<p>Junta de Servicios Virtuales de Hispano Parlantes Alejandra S.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Regions, Section 2 – Composition by striking and inserting the following:</p> <p>a) There shall be ten regions composed of intergroups, groups within each region, and service boards that fall within regional boundaries. Subject to <u>regional and BOT approval</u>, language service boards that span more than one region may choose to affiliate with one of the regions that it spans <u>or choose not to be affiliated with any region</u>. Virtual service boards are not included in the regional structure.</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To allow registration of language service boards that span more than one region and for these LSBs to serve groups and members who speak their language, without compelling them to remove themselves from their original region. LSBs that span more than one region may or may not chose to affiliate with any region.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> By allowing language service boards to form and serve the Fellowship across regions, the members will be able to carry the message of recovery more effectively by joint efforts of members from across the regional and virtual structure in their own language.</p>	
5	<p>Board of Trustees Gerri H.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Service Boards, Section 1 – Definition and Section 2 – Composition by striking and inserting the following:</p> <p>For the purpose of this document, a service body is defined as a service entity that provides services beyond the group level. A service board shall be a duly registered service body. The purpose of a service board is to deal with issues that require a combination of membership and financial resources of intergroups and groups not otherwise served within the existing service structure. The service board shall serve and be responsible and accountable to these groups and intergroups. These service boards may be known as national service boards, <u>or language service boards</u>, <del>or virtual service boards</del>.</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To remove reference to virtual groups from the service boards definition.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> The description of groups and intergroups is in alignment with language our Fellowship already knows and uses. The description of virtual service boards has been confusing.</p>	

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5 (cont'd)	Board of Trustees Gerri H.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Section 2 – Composition a) National service boards may be registered in countries outside the US and Canada in which the intergroup serves the entire country or the groups/intergroups within a country have formed a service board to serve the entire country. In cases in which there are common needs that exceed the boundaries of one country, the national service board may serve more than one country. b) Language service boards may be registered to serve common needs of a language groups, regardless of geographic proximity. e) <del>Virtual service boards may be registered to serve the needs of virtual groups.</del>	<b>Intent:</b> To remove reference to virtual groups from the service boards definition.  <b>Rationale:</b> The description of groups and intergroups is in alignment with language our Fellowship already knows and uses. The description of virtual service boards has been confusing.	
6	CCA Online VSB Dora P.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Service Boards, Section 2 – Composition by adding the following:  a) National service boards may be registered in countries outside the US and Canada in which the intergroup serves the entire country or the groups/intergroups within a country have formed a service board to serve the entire country. In cases in which there are common needs that exceed the boundaries of one country, the national service board may serve more than one country. <u>In cases in which there are common needs from a virtual service board (about language) that exceed the boundaries of one country to the virtual world, the national service board may serve the groups from this virtual service board.</u> b) Language service boards may be registered to serve common needs of a language group, regardless of geographic proximity. c) Virtual service boards may be registered to serve the needs of virtual groups. <u>In countries with language needs, the groups from the virtual service board can affiliate with the national service board too.</u>	<b>Intent:</b> In countries outside the USA and Canada where the language is a barrier, virtual groups could form a virtual service group to work in the virtual world and these groups could affiliate to the national board with the proposal of unity and attend conventions.  <b>Rationale:</b> In countries outside the USA and Canada where the language is a barrier, virtual groups could form a virtual service group to work in the virtual world and these groups could affiliate to the national board with the proposal of unity and attend conventions.	

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7	Board of Trustees Bonnie L.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to rescind OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XI – Conference Committees, Section 3 – Finance Committee.  <del>a) To review the annual budget.</del> <del>b) To develop, suggest, and implement strategies with the goal of increasing Seventh Tradition and special funds contributions to the World Service Office.</del> <del>c) To keep the Fellowship informed of financial decisions made by the BOT that affect groups and service bodies.</del> <del>d) To assist group and service body treasurers with the performance of their responsibilities.</del>	<b>Intent:</b> To reduce the number of Conference committees.  <b>Rationale:</b> Elimination of this committee will have little impact on the Fellowship. The annual budget is set in October and the committee only sees the results of the work done by the BOT.	
8	Region One Beverly M.  <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 4 – Qualifications by striking, inserting, and renumbering/relettering the following:  a) Qualifications for trustee shall be: <del>1) Seven years in the Fellowship;</del> <del>2) 1) Five years of service beyond the meeting level;</del> <del>3) 2) Attendance as a delegate to at least two World Service Business Conferences; and</del> <del>4) 3) Five years of continuous recovery in Overeaters Anonymous as evidenced by:</del> (i) five years of current continuous abstinence; (ii) current maintenance of a healthy body weight for at least two years; and (iii) emotional and spiritual growth as a result of incorporating into their lives the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions as a new way of living. b) Qualifications for trustee must be met at the time the application for trustee is submitted to the WSO. Specifically, such trustee nominees must also have: 1) Worked through all Twelve Steps; 2) Declared themselves as practicing the Twelve Steps to the best of their ability; 3) Declared themselves as committed to the Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous; and	<b>Intent:</b> To require that applicants for trustee must be a member of OA for seven years at the time of election, rather than at the time of application.  <b>Rationale:</b> As currently written, a nominee who reaches seven years in the Fellowship between the January application date and WSBC would not be eligible to stand for election at WSBC, but would be eligible to be appointed to the position by the BOT at that same WSBC. It is in the interest of the Fellowship that, whenever possible, qualified nominees stand for election, presenting themselves and answering questions from the delegates at WSBC.	

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<p><b>8</b> <b>(cont'd)</b></p>	<p>Region One Beverly M.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>4) Affirmed these additional qualifications on their trustee application forms.</p> <p>c) <u>At the time of election, the applicant must have seven years in the Fellowship.</u></p> <p>e)d) Upon election, each trustee shall make a commitment of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Adherence to the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.</li> <li>2) Continual recovery including abstinence and maintenance of a healthy body weight throughout the entire term(s) of office. Each person shall be the judge of his or her own recovery including abstinence and maintenance of a healthy body weight.</li> <li>3) Compliance with all the terms and provisions of the prevailing Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Intent:</b> To require that applicants for trustee must be a member of OA for seven years at the time of election, rather than at the time of application.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> As currently written, a nominee who reaches seven years in the Fellowship between the January application date and WSBC would not be eligible to stand for election at WSBC, but would be eligible to be appointed to the position by the BOT at that same WSBC. It is in the interest of the Fellowship that, whenever possible, qualified nominees stand for election, presenting themselves and answering questions from the delegates at WSBC.</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p>Northern Lights IG, R1 Marie L.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article I – Twelve Steps and Article II – Twelve Traditions by adding the following:</p> <p>Article I – Twelve Steps</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3) Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God <i>as we understood Him</i>.</li> <li>OR</li> <li>3) <u>Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God <i>as we understood God</i>.</u></li> </ol> <p>7) Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings. OR</p> <p>7) <u>Humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings.</u></p> <p>11) Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God <i>as we understood Him</i>, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> In keeping with Twelve-Step principles, members are free to understand God as they are able, without coercion.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> While some other Twelve-Step groups name God without reference to gender in the Steps and Traditions, we understand that OA has not yet been led to do so, owing to the original commitment to replace alcohol and alcoholic with only food and compulsive overeater.</p>	

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<p><b>9</b> (cont'd)</p>	<p>Northern Lights IG, R1 Marie L.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Article I – Twelve Steps OR <u>11) Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood God, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.</u></p> <p>Article II – Twelve Traditions 2) For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern. OR 2) <u>For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as may be expressed in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.</u></p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> In keeping with Twelve-Step principles, members are free to understand God as they are able, without coercion.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> While some other Twelve-Step groups name God without reference to gender in the Steps and Traditions, we understand that OA has not yet been led to do so, owing to the original commitment to replace alcohol and alcoholic with only food and compulsive overeater.</p>	
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p>Board of Trustees Karen B.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 5 – Nomination of Trustees by adding the following:</p> <p>b) Regional Trustees for Newly Approved Regions Outside One – Ten <u>Unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws, the following process applies:</u> 1) Appointment</p> <p>d) Virtual Services Trustee 1) All applicants for the open position of virtual services trustee must submit their resumes to the Board of Trustees ninety days prior to the annual Conference. Such resumes must be affirmed by a majority vote of the applicant's intergroup/service board or a region in which the applicant has recently served, or a majority vote of the Board of Trustees if the applicant is a sitting trustee.</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> Should the virtual region motion be defeated, this motion would prepare the Fellowship for a cleaner road towards the future creation of a virtual region.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> This motion will be withdrawn if the motion to create a virtual region is adopted. OA has never created a new region for which an existing trustee position already exists. Even if the Conference chooses to not create a virtual region in 2018, the question will arise again for consideration by future Conferences. This motion paves the way to easily transition from the current board composition to one where a virtual region is a reality.</p>	

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<p><b>10</b> <b>(cont'd)</b></p>	<p>Board of Trustees Karen B.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>2) The Board of Trustees, acting as a nominating committee, shall submit a list of nominees for the open position, with copies of the nominees' resumes to all Conference delegates at least forty-five days prior to the Conference.</p> <p>3) <u>Should a virtual region be created by a change to these Bylaws, anyone serving as the virtual services trustee shall serve the remaining portion of their term as the trustee responsible for the new virtual region.</u></p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> Should the virtual region motion be defeated, this motion would prepare the Fellowship for a cleaner road towards the future creation of a virtual region.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> This motion will be withdrawn if the motion to create a virtual region is adopted. OA has never created a new region for which an existing trustee position already exists. Even if the Conference chooses to not create a virtual region in 2018, the question will arise again for consideration by future Conferences. This motion paves the way to easily transition from the current board composition to one where a virtual region is a reality.</p>	