

Agenda Questionnaire Summary

World Service Business Conference 2019

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Proposal	Submitted By	Motion	Intent/Rationale	Bring to WSBC? Yes/No
A	Board of Trustees Joanne M. <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	<p>Move that the Fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous respects that we are a worldwide fellowship. The WSBC 2019 delegates recommend that all OA members, groups, committees, service bodies, and the WSO staff consider ease of translation when developing written material.</p> <p>Members' stories will not be subject to this statement.</p> <p>The intent of this statement can be realized through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of clear English expressions avoiding slang or jargon. • Being sensitive to the benefit of using common words, simple sentences, and incorporating alternative formats, such as bullet points and the use of headings where they add clarity. • Reliance on the <i>OA Glossary</i> used for translation of OA literature. <p>By considering these matters at the beginning of a project, the Fellowship will make it easier to translate our literature and materials.</p>	<p>Intent: To begin at the development and review states of OA literature and materials to use clear and translatable language in order that the OA message of recovery will be more easily carried worldwide.</p> <p>Rationale: Local expressions, long compound sentences, and complex wording hinder translation of OA literature into languages other than English.</p>	
B	Board of Trustees Judy H. <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	<p>Move to amend WSBC Policy 2008a by striking and inserting the following:</p> <p>It was adopted that:</p>	<p>Intent: To clarify the language and intent of Policy 2008a regarding the handling of low-demand literature.</p>	

		<p>The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees may discontinue printing Conference approved literature for low demand reasons when it is no longer cost effective to reprint and maintain in the OA literature inventory. Every August, an annual report of sales of Conference approved literature will be provided to the Executive Committee. Discontinuation of printing does not remove the Conference Seal of Approval. Conference approved literature which is no longer printed will be made available for downloading from the OA website.</p> <p>WSBC delegates may remove the Conference Seal of Approval by a two thirds vote. If the motion is approved by the Conference, the designated literature will not be reprinted. If the literature is discontinued for nonobservance of Traditions, sales of that literature will cease immediately; it will be removed from inventory and will not be distributed for any reason. Sales of literature that is discontinued for any reason other than non-compliance with Traditions will cease after the depletion of remaining inventory.</p> <p><u>OA literature may be discontinued, removed, or changed in format for the following reasons:</u></p> <p><u>1) Low Demand. When it is no longer cost effective to print and maintain inventory of Conference-approved OA literature due to low demand, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees may decide to move the piece from print to digital form after the depletion of remaining stock.</u></p> <p><u>a) Pamphlets will be made available for download from the OA website.</u></p> <p><u>b) The Executive Committee may choose other methods to make low-demand books available.</u></p> <p><u>c) A copy marked “digital only” with the date the piece was converted to digital only will be maintained in literature archives.</u></p> <p><u>2) Removal of Conference Seal of Approval. WSBC delegates may remove the Conference Seal of Approval</u></p>	<p>Rationale: The current policy is confusing and incomplete. Members and staff need to be able to understand what happens when literature changes format, is found to violate Traditions, loses its Conference Seal of Approval, or is discontinued for any other reason.</p>	
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C	<p>Board of Trustees Lawrie C.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker’s contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend WSBC Policy 1988b by striking and inserting the following:</p> <p>Statement on Abstinence and Recovery The WSBC 2019 accepts the following definitions: <u>1) Abstinence:</u> in Overeaters Anonymous is <u>The action of refraining from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors while working towards or maintaining a healthy body weight.</u></p>	<p>Intent: To define both abstinence and recovery for the benefit of the still-suffering compulsive eater.</p> <p>Rationale: To effectively carry the message of recovery through the Twelve Steps of OA to the still-suffering compulsive eater, Overeaters Anonymous needs clear, understandable definitions of “abstinence” and “recovery.”</p>	

		<p>Spiritual, emotional, and physical recovery is the result of living the Overeaters Anonymous Twelve Step program.</p> <p><u>2) Recovery: Removal of the desire to eat compulsively achieved through working the Twelve Steps of Overeaters Anonymous.</u></p>		
D	<p>Board of Trustees Dora P. Neva S.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move that WSBC 2019 adopt the following policy statement:</p> <p>Groups known as hybrid meetings may register only once. The hybrid groups may be included on the oa.org meeting list under the appropriate meeting categories.</p>	<p>Intent: To allow hybrid meetings (land-based and virtual) to be cohesive groups while remaining visible to all the members they may serve.</p> <p>Rationale: Hybrid meetings are a new reality and are helping many who can receive recovery through virtual meetings. The importance of this motion is that it must be clear that these meetings exist and may register with the WSO. The motion ensures that the meetings may be listed under several categories (face-to-face, phone, online, and non-real-time) despite a single registration.</p>	
E	<p>Board of Trustees Steve M.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to rescind WSBC Policy 2009d.</p> <p>It was adopted to: Create a Web/Technology Conference Committee starting at WSBC 2010.</p>	<p>Intent: To support the ongoing restructuring of WSBC through reduction of duplication of effort (honoring the principle of Concept Ten).</p> <p>Rationale: The Web/Technology Committee's statement of purpose (to assess technology and make general recommendations to service bodies in the use of technology to carry the message in accordance with the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA), and its mission to serve as a hub for the exchange of such information within OA have not been met.</p> <p>This has been due largely to insufficient numbers of delegate members with the skills needed. We can enhance our primary purpose by eliminating this committee and</p>	

			asking members with technical skills to apply them via other committees or service bodies in need of help and support around technology.	
F	<p>Board of Trustees Steve M.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to apply for and if approved, accept nonprofit status from Google so that we may gain access to Google's Custom Search feature at no cost.</p>	<p>Intent: To gain access to Google Custom Search at no cost, as is offered to other qualifying nonprofits around the world. While Google has other services available to nonprofits, this motion deals only with search.</p> <p>Rationale: Our Seventh Tradition assures us that we are self-supporting through our own contributions. In large measure this is to assure that our fate is in our own hands, and not subject to outside control or influence. Even with this tradition, we take advantage of money-saving opportunities that are made available to nonprofit organizations. In the United States, OA, Inc. (World Service Office) is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.</p> <p>If approved, we will use Google Custom Search on oa.org. The value of the searches, approximately US\$5 per 1,000 searches, will appear in our financials as in-kind contributions.</p>	
G	<p>Oregon OA IG, R1 Alice W.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move that the World Service Business Conference 2019 adopt the following policy:</p> <p>The Board of Trustees of Overeaters Anonymous will initiate a capital campaign to fund the Request for Information (RFI) researched in 2018 by the "Welcome to OA" Ad Hoc Committee. The defined budgetary amount for the "Welcome to OA" capital campaign will be based on the findings of the ad hoc committee. The capital campaign will be specifically for the improvements and additional tools which were recommended by the RFI by</p>	<p>Ruled out of order by the chair. In 2019, the BOT was directed to establish an ad hoc committee to research and delineate the best means and costs of improving, upgrading, and expanding the electronic "front door" of OA for the purpose of defining a budgetary amount for a "Welcome to OA" campaign. The ad hoc committee has determined the direction to be taken to do the updates needed on the OA website as commissioned. Due to the unexpected success of the new literature</p>	

		the ad hoc committee to improve the accessibility of OA on the worldwide web and via mobile devices. This encompasses the oa.org website, data systems, and possible apps, such as a geolocator and real-time Find a Meeting app for mobile devices.	that was released in 2018, the ad hoc committee has been given what is expected to be a sufficient amount to complete the update without the need for a capital campaign (US\$60,000); thus, this motion is not necessary to accomplish this task.
H	<p>WSBC Bylaws Committee Margie G.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to combine WSBC Policies 1986a, 1992b, and 2017c by striking and inserting the following:</p> <p><u>WSBC Policy 1986a</u> It was adopted that: Overeaters Anonymous celebrate an annual worldwide Unity Day on the last Saturday in February in even years and the last Sunday in February in odd years at 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>To designate the third weekend of January as the annual celebration of the January 19, 1960 founding of Overeaters Anonymous.</p> <p><u>WSBC Policy 1992b</u> It was adopted that: The World Service Business Conference establish an International Day Experiencing Abstinence (IDEA) to be held annually on the third weekend in November.</p> <p><u>WSBC Policy 2017c</u> It was adopted that: The World Service Business Conference 2017 create a Sponsorship Day to be held annually on the third weekend in August.</p> <p><u>WSBC Policy 2019</u> <u>The World Service Business Conference established the following annual events.</u></p> <p><u>OA Birthday: The third weekend of January as the annual celebration of the January 19, 1960 founding of Overeaters Anonymous.</u></p>	<p>Intent: To consolidate the three policies into one so they are easier to find.</p> <p>Rationale: The Bylaws Committee has been working to reduce and condense any policies that are similar in nature. These policies were added in 1986, 1992, and 2017, and then amended in 2018. However, the motion is still listed under the original date that the policies became effective. Putting all the policies together in one location will make them easier to find.</p>

		<p><u>Unity Day: The last Saturday in February in even years and the last Sunday in February in odd years at 11:30 a.m.</u></p> <p><u>Sponsorship Day: The third weekend in August.</u></p> <p><u>International Day Experiencing Abstinence (IDEA): The third weekend in November.</u></p>		
I	<p>Los Angeles IG, R2 John K.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move that WSBC 2019 directs the Board of Trustees to make all Board of Trustees and all BOT committee meetings virtual meetings, with the exception of the meeting that takes place during the World Service Business Conference and those meetings that might require the physical presence of members of the Board of Trustees in exceptional and extenuating circumstances. This requires a change to OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart A, which can only be done by the Board of Trustees.</p>	<p>Intent: To save significant money so that the WSO and the BOT could operate in a more fiscally prudent manner.</p> <p>Rationale: With world service having a need for funds to the point that they are asking meetings to send around extra collections for them, both the board and WSO need to do all they can to reduce expenses. With a current board size of seventeen members, costs for transportation (including trustees from distant places), lodging, meals, and other expenses for all full board meetings (four per year) was (in FY2016) US\$80,599. At the same time, teleconference costs for the 2016 period were US\$422. Additionally, the Executive Committee (seven members) meets even more regularly.</p> <p>While physical presence of the board was once necessary, advancements in technology in the last twenty years make possible a significant reduction in expenses to an organization feeling the financial pinch. Even a possible reduction of the board's size would not significantly alter such a large expense. The obvious exception to this would be attendance at the World Service Business Conference, where delegates need to be able to talk to BOT members face-to-face. This amendment also takes unforeseen circumstances into account. Board partici-</p>	

			<p>pation at World Service Convention would be at the board member's expense.</p> <p>Also, with fewer travel demands, more members might be willing to serve on the Board of Trustees.</p>	
J	<p>Virtual Region Stephanie D. Dora P.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to rescind WSBC Policy 2016.</p> <p>It was adopted to: Establish an OA Virtual Services Conference Committee. The committee would focus on virtual groups and would assist in forming new virtual service boards, presenting virtual workshops, and other projects that support the virtual groups and virtual service boards (VSBs). This will help build infrastructure and support for VSBs and virtual groups.</p>	<p>Intent: To merge the Virtual Services Conference Committee (VSCC) into the Virtual Region (VR). This Conference committee was created to help prepare for a virtual region. The functions and infrastructure of the VSCC will transition to the Virtual Region.</p> <p>Rationale: To simplify and streamline the service structure of virtual meetings and avoid duplication of services and purposes. The VSCC was always intended to be transitional.</p> <p>The purpose and function of the VSCC can now be integrated into the Virtual Region.</p>	
K	<p>Virtual Region Stephanie D. Dora P.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend WSBC Policy 2011a by adding the following:</p> <p>The following policy statement was adopted: Statement on Public Media While Overeaters Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues, including social media, the delegates of the 2016 World Service Business Conference recommend that any OA member, group, or service body using social media for OA public information and public awareness maintain the personal anonymity of OA members.</p> <p>Members of Overeaters Anonymous are anonymous. The Fellowship is not. Members of Overeaters Anonymous using social media are responsible for maintaining their own personal anonymity and respecting the anonymity of other OA members.</p>	<p>Intent: The group conscience from virtual meetings needs to be accepted in harmony with Tradition Four. Closed meetings, rather than secret, can help potential newcomers find their meetings. When members know their anonymity is not fully protected, they can choose to change their names at the virtual meeting. In the Statement on Public Media we find that "Members of Overeaters Anonymous using social media are responsible for maintaining their own personal anonymity and respecting the anonymity of other OA members." This motion helps to remind members to protect their own anonymity in the virtual world.</p> <p>Rationale: Carry the message.</p>	

		<p><u>All virtual meetings will need to accept at the moment of registration that they agree to inform all members that their anonymity is not fully protected when attending a virtual meeting. A nickname is an option. The same is necessary for all registered virtual meetings.</u></p>	
L	<p>Ocean and Bay IG, R6 Kara M.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to add a tenth Tool: Pausing.</p>	<p>Intent: To help us abstain from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors, pausing promotes deliberate consciousness, intentional awareness, mindfulness, and “staying in the present moment,” especially at meal times. Pausing helps to connect with a Higher Power and can be used at many moments of decision throughout our day.</p> <p>Rationale: In addition to working the Twelve Steps, the Tools aid in abstaining from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors. Pausing may help OA members become more cognitive of their thought patterns and behaviors, take the time to call another OA member, put the fork down between bites, or wait for direction from our Higher Power. This potential new Tool supports the Principle of Spiritual Awareness. Pausing can be used in many ways. The acronym PAUSE stands for “Pray and Use Spiritual Energy” or “Paying Attention Unveils Spiritual Awareness.”</p>
M	<p>Virtual Region Gerri H. Stephanie D.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to adopt the following policy statement:</p> <p>Statement on Anonymity in an OA Meeting Members of Overeaters Anonymous are anonymous and responsible for maintaining their own individual anonymity, while respecting the anonymity of other OA members. When attending an OA meeting, whether it be in-person, online, on the phone, through social media, or any other means of communication, all members are encouraged to seek appropriate means to protect their own</p>	<p>Intent: To remind members of the importance of anonymity and group conscience.</p> <p>Rationale: As OA grows and our members continue to find new platforms for meetings, the group conscience must be mindful of the importance of all members' anonymity. When a new meeting develops, it is important that the group educates itself to</p>

		anonymity and that of fellow members. Members' anonymity at a meeting should be safeguarded through informed group conscience.	any risk to anonymity and take necessary steps to maintain and strengthen it through effective group conscience.
N	Greater NY OA Metro IG Inc., R6 Erin B. <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move that each region bears financial responsibility for its respective trustee's travel, lodging, and meals for duties related to attendance at Board of Trustees meetings and performing regional trustee duties.	Ruled out of order by the chair. As per OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Regions, Section 4 – Functioning, Part a), “Regions may conduct the business of their organization by any method they choose.” It would require a bylaw amendment, not a new business motion, to alter and/or establish guidelines for the regions, as they are each separate legal entities from the WSO. The idea was passed to the RCC for consideration.
O	Utah Soaring IG, R3 Vicki W. <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend WSBC Policy 1993a by striking and adding the following: It was adopted that: We, the 1993 Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous, suggest that OA meetings and events be closed with one of the following: the Serenity Prayer, the Seventh-Step Prayer, the Third-Step Prayer, or the OA Promise <i>I Put My Hand in Yours</i> , or the Step Twelve <u>Affirmation from <i>The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous</i>.</u> <u>“We who began working the Steps in order to recover from compulsive eating now find that through them we have embarked on a lifelong journey of spiritual growth... Those of us who live this program don't simply carry the message; we are the message. Each day that we live well, we are well, and we embody the joy of recovery which attracts others who want what we we've found in OA. We're always happy to share our secret; the Twelve Steps of Overeaters Anonymous, which empowers each of us to live well and be well, one day at a time.”</u>	Intent: To add an affirmation from the OA literature to the list of suggested closings. Rationale: It is important that OA literature be represented in the suggested meeting closings. The current closings do not proportionally reflect our OA Conference-approved literature. The OA Promise is found in <i>Beyond Our Wildest Dreams</i> and <i>I Put My Hand in Yours</i> . The Third-Step Prayer and the Seventh-Step Prayer are found in <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> (Big Book), which is not in itself Overeaters Anonymous Conference-approved literature. The Serenity Prayer, in common use in twelve step programs, has its roots elsewhere. The Step Twelve Affirmation is found in <i>The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous</i> , a book in common use among the membership of OA. It is OA Conference-approved. Some groups prefer non-prayer closings for their meetings.
P	Central Colorado IG, R3 Jan B.	Move that the Board of Trustees consider alternative ways to make the newcomer packet information available online.	Intent: To suggest that the BOT consider alternative ways to make the valuable

	<p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>		<p>information in the <i>Newcomer Packet</i> available online around the world, especially important for the young people who expect immediate delivery and for electronic translation worldwide.</p> <p>Rationale: Currently the <i>Newcomer Packet</i> is only purchased for US\$3.50 plus an additional U\$5 in postage. Shipping is costly and there is a long wait for the packet to arrive.</p> <p>This motion will allow newcomers around the world to instantly receive this life-saving translatable information without giving any of their personal information and then waiting for it to arrive. What better way can we carry the message?</p>	
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1	Board of Trustees Dora P. Karen B. <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, service boards that fall within regional boundaries, and one virtual region. Subject to regional and BOT approval, language service boards that span more than one region may choose to shall affiliate with one of the regions that it spans or choose not to be affiliated with any region. b) The regions shall be as follows: 1) <u>The Virtual Region is non-geographic and is composed of virtual groups, and virtual intergroups, and language service boards that span more than one region that choose to affiliate with it.</u>	Intent: To give a solution to the language service boards (LSBs) that span more than one region, can have all benefits of a region, and can work with a trustee as the liaison between the WSO and the LSBs. This motion is about unity and helps the regions and LSBs become stronger. Rationale: This motion is about unity and helps the regions and LSBs become stronger. The Virtual Region exceeds the boundaries of the geographic regions. The OA structure is stronger with regions. It makes sense that an LSB receives help from the region with which it chooses to affiliate and from that regional trustee. The Virtual Region can also be an option for LSBs spanning more than one of the land-based regions.	
2	Board of Trustees Dora P. <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 relettering 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) A land-based intergroup is composed primarily of groups within its region, or groups within its geographical proximity. 2) A virtual intergroup is composed primarily of virtual groups. b) With permission, a land-based group may affiliate with a virtual intergroup and a virtual group may affiliate with a land-based intergroup.	Intent: Intergroups help meetings with common needs. A virtual meeting works and has the same needs of another virtual meeting. Meetings should be encouraged to join intergroups which most closely match their needs. Rationale: That meetings be encouraged to affiliate with intergroups with which they will have the most needs in common.	

		e)b) Each state/province may have at least one intergroup. In a state/province having only one group, that group may function as an intergroup.	
3	Board of Trustees Karen B. <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 4 – Qualifications by striking, inserting, and relettering the subsequent sections.</p> <p>a) Qualifications for trustee shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Seven years in the Fellowship; 2) Five years of service beyond the meeting level; 3) Attendance as a delegate to at least two <u>one</u> World Service Business Conferences; and 4) Five years of continuous recovery in Overeaters Anonymous as evidenced by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 4) Affirmed these additional qualifications on their trustee application forms. <p>c) <u>If the trustee applicant has served as a delegate to only one World Service Business Conference at the time of application, that applicant must serve as a delegate to the World Service Business Conference at which they stand for election as trustee.</u></p>	<p>Intent: To allow a person eligible and interested in serving OA as a whole to run for a position on the Board of Trustees while they (possibly) serve the second year of a two-year term as delegate.</p> <p>Rationale: It was suggested at one of the presentations held at the fall 2018 assemblies that one of the barriers for candidates from locations that are long distances from Albuquerque is that most service bodies have a two-year WSBC delegate term. With the idea of rotation of service as part of our Concepts, these positions are often filled with new candidates when a term ends. This means that very few persons, qualified in every other way, cannot run for trustee because (according to current bylaws) they must have served as a delegate twice and must then be funded for their travel to Albuquerque (as a delegate or visitor) by their service body, or fund themselves; an expensive proposition. It makes sense to require participation at a minimum of Conferences as a delegate. This change would allow a candidate to run for trustee while serving their second term as a delegate from an OA service body.</p>

<p>4</p>	<p>Region 9 Francene A. Loudovika P.</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 adding the following:</p> <p>d) <u>Virtual intergroups may also participate in the activities (including voting) of another region with that region's permission.</u></p>	<p>Intent: In the same spirit of adopted Bylaw Amendment Proposal Item 2 from WSBC 2018, relating to Article V – Overeaters Anonymous Groups, Section 2 – Composition, allowing groups to participate (including voting) in more than one service board or intergroup, the intent is to allow virtual intergroups the same freedom to participate in more than one region.</p> <p>Rationale: Article V – Overeaters Anonymous Groups, Section 2 – Composition allowing groups to participate (including voting) in more than one service board was adopted at WSBC 2018. The proposal above makes sense to all those virtual intergroups who feel they have close ties with a particular land-based region.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>WSBC Bylaws Committee Margie G.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI – Intergroups, Section 3 – Registration by striking the following:</p> <p>c) Each intergroup shall evaluate its bylaws upon receipt of notification from the World Service Office of amendments to OA, Inc. Bylaws adopted at the World Service Business Conference to ensure that the intergroup bylaws do not conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws. Notices shall be deemed to have been given if sent by mail and/or electronic transmission to the registered contact for each intergroup. Any updates shall be submitted to the World Service Office pursuant to OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI, Section 3a) 2) above.</p>	<p>Intent: To update the bylaws to be in line with current practice.</p> <p>Rationale: Service bodies are required to provide an email address when registering, and all communication is done electronically. Therefore, the bylaws can be simplified and updated by removing this reference to sending information by mail.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>WSBC Bylaws Committee Margie G.</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 4 – Registration by striking the following:</p> <p>c) Each region shall evaluate its bylaws upon receipt of notification from the World Service Office of amendments to OA, Inc. Bylaws adopted at the World</p>	<p>Intent: To update the bylaws to be in line with current practice.</p> <p>Rationale: Same as Proposal 5.</p>	

		Service Business Conference to ensure that the region bylaws do not conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws. Notices shall be deemed to have been given if sent by mail and/or electronic transmission to the chair and/or secretary/coordinator representing each region. Any updates shall be submitted to the World Service Office pursuant to OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 4a) above.	
7	WSBC Bylaws Committee Margie G. <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Service Boards, Section 3 – Registration by striking the following: d) Each service board shall evaluate its bylaws upon receipt of notification from the World Service Office of amendments to OA, Inc. Bylaws adopted at the World Service Business Conference to ensure that the service board bylaws do not conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws. Notices shall be deemed to have been given if sent by mail and/or electronic transmission to the registered contact for each service board. Any updates shall be submitted to the World Service Office pursuant to OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 3a) 2) above.	Intent: To update the bylaws to be in line with current practice. Rationale: Same as Proposal 5 and 6.
8	WSBC Bylaws Committee Margie G. <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XI – Conference Committees, Section 3 – Region Chairs Committee by striking and inserting the following: a) The Region Chairs Committee shall provide <u>act as</u> a channel of information and communication between the members and the Board of Trustees <u>and the members of the Fellowship in their respective</u> through the regions, and a network for the purpose of sharing resources and solutions.	Intent: To clarify the role of the committee in relation to the Board of Trustees and the membership. Rationale: The wording of this item is confusing as to the role of the region chairs. A clarifying statement will make it easier for the region chairs to fulfill their purpose on this committee.
9	WSBC Bylaws Committee Margie G. <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 5 – Nomination of Trustees by striking the following:	Intent: To update the bylaws to be in line with our current reality. Rationale: In order to reflect what is currently true in our Fellowship, we need to

		<p>b) Regional Trustees for Newly Appointed Regions Outside Regions One – Ten</p> <p>d) Virtual Services Trustee</p> <p>1) 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.</p>	<p>add the fact of the existence of the Virtual Region in Section 5b and eliminate the case of a potential virtual region in Section 5d as this has already happened and been implemented so that it is no longer necessary or appropriate to have in our bylaws.</p>	
10	<p>WSBC Bylaws Committee Margie G.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 3 – Delegates by inserting the following:</p> <p>b) Non-delegates who may address the World Service Business Conference shall consist of officers of the corporation or any parent or subsidiary of the corporation who are not also trustees, the Conference parliamentarian, <u>trustee nominees</u>, the managing director, and/or the managerial staff of the World Service Office.</p>	<p>Intent: To include the condition of trustee nominees, who are not delegates, to address the WSBC.</p> <p>Rationale: It's important to keep our bylaws current and clear to help us keep our business efficient and concentrate on our primary purpose.</p>	
11	<p>WSBC Bylaws Committee Margie G.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 3 – Delegates by striking the following:</p> <p>c) Qualifications/Selection</p> <p>2) Each intergroup or service board shall be entitled to have one qualified delegate for up to the first fifteen groups it represents and one for each additional fifteen groups or any fraction thereof, as per the January Service Body Information Report from WSO, except that the service board shall not represent the same groups as intergroups represent. A group shall be recognized as registered and represented by an intergroup or service board.</p>	<p>Intent: To clarify this section of our bylaws.</p> <p>Rationale: This line is not a complete sentence. It makes no sense and refers to nothing. To be complete it would need another phrase describing under what conditions a group would be recognized and represented.</p>	
12	<p>Dora P., Virtual Region Trustee Neva S., Region Three Trustee</p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XI – Conference Committees by inserting a new Section 5 and renumbering the subsequent sections.</p> <p><u>Section 5 – Disbanding Conference Committees</u></p>	<p>Intent: To eliminate non-working Conference committees so that those delegates may be reassigned to working committees, be more actively involved in the business of the Conference, and better serve OA as a whole.</p>	

	<p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>a) <u>A Conference committee established by the Board of Trustees may be disbanded by the Board of Trustees if it is found not to have been working or meeting outside of WSBC for more than one year.</u></p> <p>b) <u>A Conference committee established by an act of the World Service Business Conference, may be suspended by the Board of Trustees if it is found not to have been working or meeting outside of WSBC for more than one year. A motion to disband the committee shall be placed on the agenda of the next World Service Business Conference for consideration.</u></p> <p>Section 5 6 – Conference Committee Chair</p> <p>a) Election. A Conference cochair and a vice chair for each Conference committee shall be elected annually by a majority of the delegates present at the annual Conference committee meetings. The Conference cochair shall be a delegate and shall not serve more than two consecutive one-year terms. The vice chair shall assume all responsibilities in the absence of the Conference cochair.</p> <p>b) Responsibilities. One year's active service with the committee members and chairing the Conference committee meetings at the next annual World Service Business Conference if re-elected as a delegate.</p> <p>c) Vacancies. If, for any reason, the Conference cochair is unable to fulfill the position and there is no vice chair, the chair of the Board of Trustees, in consultation with the trustee cochair responsible for liaison between the Conference committee and the board, shall appoint a delegate from the committee to serve as Conference cochair.</p> <p>d) A vacancy shall be presumed if the Conference committee cochair fails to communicate with the committee for three consecutive months.</p>	<p>Rationale: If a Conference committee is no longer serving the purpose for which it was created, the BOT can disband it prior to the next WSBC allowing those delegates to be active participants in the committee work of the WSBC and better serve OA as a whole. We could possibly spend less money when fewer rooms are needed for committee work at WSBC.</p>	
<p>13</p>	<p>Utah Soaring IG, R3 Vicki W.</p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article III – Twelve Concepts, Concepts 2, 6, 7, 8, and 11 by inserting the following:</p>	<p>Intent: At WSBC 2011, a motion was passed that to be recognized as an OA group one of the criteria is, “As a group, they meet to practice the Twelve Steps and Twelve</p>	

	<p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>2) The OA groups have delegated <u>to their local service bodies, regions, and ultimately</u> to World Service Business Conference the active maintenance of our world services; thus, <u>each level of service acts on behalf of members and groups at its level.</u> The World Service Business Conference is the voice, authority and effective conscience of OA as a whole.</p> <p>6) The World Service Business Conference has entrusted the Board of Trustees with the primary responsibility for the administration of Overeaters Anonymous. <u>Similar boards or officers are selected at the local and region levels to manage any legal or financial responsibilities that are needed.</u></p> <p>7) The Board of Trustees has legal rights and responsibilities accorded to them by OA Bylaws, Subpart A; the rights and responsibilities of the World Service Business Conference are accorded to it by Tradition and by OA Bylaws, Subpart B. <u>Local service bodies and regions have similar bylaws and guidelines that are developed for their needs.</u></p> <p>8) The Board of Trustees has delegated to its Executive Committee the responsibility to administer the OA World Service Office. <u>Service bodies may delegate such responsibilities to their elected officers.</u></p> <p>11) Trustee administration of the World Service Office should always be assisted by the best standing committees, executives, staffs and consultants. <u>Local service bodies rely on their officers and committees to provide guidance and support for their activities.</u></p>	<p>Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service.” Yet several of our Concepts contain reference only to the World Service Business Conference, leaving out all the other levels of service in which our groups and members participate and delegate responsibility to. These changes help to further define the Concepts and to help individuals better understand the need for the Concepts at all levels of service.</p> <p>Rationale: To make the importance, usefulness, and applicability of the Twelve Concepts more obvious to the members of Overeaters Anonymous as a whole.</p>	
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