

March 22, 2024

Dear Delegate,

It is with pleasure that we welcome you as a delegate to OA's 2024 World Service Business Conference (WSBC). Your participation in the group conscience of Overeaters Anonymous is important. Please keep in mind the decisions made by you and the other delegates at this WSBC will affect OA for years to come.

## **About the Conference**

During the business meetings, you and other delegates will discuss and vote on proposed New Business Motions and Bylaw Amendments. You will hear brief speeches from and ask questions of trustee candidates. Decisions must be made as to the suitability of candidates to serve as trustee. There are six trustee nominees and ten open trustee positions. Any vacancies will be announced at Conference and the Board of Trustees will determine if those positions should be filled.

You will have an opportunity to ask questions about reports from officers, regions, and committees; participate in business meetings; and hear important presentations about OA. Please carefully review the Conference agenda under Frequently Used Documents on the Conference web page. It provides detailed information about each business meeting and the various committee meetings, presentations, workshops, and events for delegates.

## **Motions and Pertinent Material**

Included on the Conference web page are the trustee applications and other information regarding delegate arrangements. The current Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc., Subparts A and B, and the current Business Conference Policy Manual listing all the continuing effects motions adopted by past Business Conferences are available under Frequently Used Documents. It is important you carefully read all these materials.

Based on the results of the Agenda Questionnaire provided to all intergroups/service boards, New Business Motions A-E and Bylaw Amendments 1-16 will be placed on the agenda and will be discussed at WSBC. The final Agenda Questionnaire results are available on the Conference web page.

At registration each delegate receives a Delegate Binder which contains the Conference schedule; general information; reports from all regions and all committees; reports from the chair of the Board of Trustees, the treasurer, and the managing director; proposed New Business Motions and Bylaw Amendments; and the trustee applications. It is important for you to read the Binder material thoroughly prior to your attendance at the first business meeting. The Binder will be available on the Conference web page in early April. Delegates will be notified via email when it is available.

## **Credentials**

When you register you will receive your delegate credentials (your name badge with delegate designation). You must wear this badge to every meeting. It shows you are eligible to vote during the business meetings. If, for any reason, you relinquish your position as delegate to an alternate, please check in with the OA registration desk for proper transfer of credentials.

## **Delegate Arrangements**

Delegates are expected to serve on a committee. If you have signed up to serve on a Conference committee, your committee assignment should be emailed to you by the delegate cochair about two weeks prior to Conference; otherwise, you will receive your assignment at Conference. If you did not sign up for a committee, you may add yourself to any committee that has available space by signing up at the Conference Support Committee desk after you have picked up your registration materials at the OA registration desk. *Note: The Conference-Approved Literature Committee is a closed committee.* 

If you sign up for the banquet prior to Conference, a dinner ticket will be included in your registration packet. Additional dinner tickets can be purchased at the OA registration desk and will be available from Monday to Wednesday at noon. **Delegates attend the dinner/dance at no charge.** Guest tickets are US\$50.

If you have questions, please contact Sandy Zimmerman (<u>szimmerman@oa.org</u>) at the World Service Office. She will be delighted to assist you. We look forward to seeing you in Albuquerque.

Cordially, OA World Service Office Staff Conference Planning Committee