Dear Delegates,

This brief summary contains only voting results, which you may submit to your service bodies. The motions are printed in their final format as amended.

The minutes, all speeches, presentation/discussion items, committee reports, workshop reports, names of delegates and trustees, bylaws, and the Business Conference Policy Manual will be published in the Final Conference Report. The Final Conference Report (excluding full delegate names and contact information) will be available on the OA website in late August. Delegates will be notified, and a list of delegate names and contact information will be emailed directly to you.

There were 188 voting delegates and twenty-one countries present.

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024 – BUSINESS MEETING I

Credentials Report
The first item of business was to adopt the Credentials Report. The report was presented as follows:

188 eligible voters

The Credentials Report was adopted as presented.

Conference Standing Rules
Move to amend the Conference Standing Rules to read as follows:

SR Amendment 1
1) Registration and Credentials Report
   C) On proper certification by designated WSO staff, a registered alternate may be transferred to delegate status at any time during the WSBC. At that time, the alternate will receive a delegate badge and the transferring delegate’s WSBC materials. Once a delegate transfers their status to an alternate, delegate status may not be transferred back.

SR Amendment 2
4) Consent Agenda
   1) There will be a Consent Agenda consisting of routine or noncontroversial matters.
   2) The chair will determine the matters that will be placed on the Consent Agenda.
   3) Any voting member may go to the center microphone to move that an item from the Consent Agenda be considered separately, including their reason for pulling it.
      a) The motion must be seconded.
      b) At least 10 percent of the voting delegates must approve the motion to remove an item.
SR Amendment 3
6) Proposed New Business Motions, Policy Motions, and Amendments to Subpart B of the Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws

B) Debate will be limited to six speakers; no more than three pro (including the maker or their designee, who will speak first) and three con. Amendments to any of the above items will be limited to no more than two pro (including the maker or their designee, who will speak first) and two con. At the conclusion of debate, clarification questions may be asked by a delegate from the center microphone. These questions shall not be used as debate.

SR Amendment 4
8) Recognition and Debate

B) All debate must be relevant and germane to the question under consideration. All remarks must be addressed to the chair.

SR Amendment 5
8) Recognition and Debate

C) Any delegate speaking in debate must use one of the two floor microphones designated “pro” and “con.” The chair will call on the delegates to speak in order, first pro (beginning with the maker or designee), then con, alternating until the limit of speakers has been heard. Each speaker will be limited to two minutes, except in the case of a speaker for whom English is not their first language. Those speakers will be given three minutes to address the Conference. Priority will be given to those individuals who have not spoken on the previous motion.

SR Amendment 6
8) Recognition and Debate

E) During the debate period, no delegate will be standing at the center microphone, except for interrupting motions such as Questions of Privilege and Points of Order.

SR Amendment 7
8) Recognition and Debate

F) Before anyone will be recognized at the center microphone, all debate must be completed on any pending main motion or amendment with the exception of a Question of Privilege (personal need requiring immediate attention) or Point of Order as determined by the Center Microphone Monitor.

SR Amendment 8
9) Amendments

B) Amendments will be considered proposed when received by the Conference secretary. Amendments can be proposed until the question has been called. Only one amendment will be considered the actual pending amendment at a time.

SR Amendment 9
9) Amendments

C) On receipt by the Conference chair of a valid third amendment to any pending New Business Motion or Bylaw Amendment, the motion or amendment will automatically be referred to the Reference Subcommittee. The Reference Subcommittee will report its recommendations on the motion or amendment back to the WSBC for consideration immediately prior to the consideration of Emergency New Business. The Reference Subcommittee shall be empowered to propose an amended version of the New Business Motion or Bylaws Amendment in lieu of the other submitted amendments. Such amended motion presented by the Reference Subcommittee must be voted on by the Conference delegates. The amended motion may not be further amended. If the amended motion presented by the Reference Subcommittee is not adopted, the original three amendments and the main motion will fall to the floor.
**SR Amendment 10**

11) Specific Duties of the Chair
   
   D) Decide all questions of order subject to appeal.

**SR Amendment 11**

14) Election

   B) A majority vote will elect. In the event that a second ballot is required, the election will conform to Article VII, Section 6 of OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B which state:
   
   1) If more than one ballot is necessary for any position, any candidate having less than one-fifth of the total vote will be withdrawn automatically on subsequent ballots, except that the top two candidates must remain.
   
   2) If no candidate has less than one-fifth of the votes, the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot.

   C) Once there are only two candidates remaining for any trustee position and neither candidate receives a majority after two additional ballots are taken, a vacancy is declared. The Board of Trustees will fill this vacancy at the second regular board meeting after Conference.

   D) Elections procedure will be conducted as follows:

   1) Each trustee ballot is provided on a single form and will be counted as a single ballot. Mark ballot only when instructed by the chair to do so. If voting for a candidate, mark the ballot with an “x” next to the candidate’s name. Do not vote for more candidates than instructed.

   2) Fold ballot once when finished voting.

   3) Give ballot to teller when instructed to do so.

   4) All ballots collected by the tellers will be counted as votes cast.

The Conference Standing Rules were adopted as amended.

**Consent Agenda**

New Business Motion B (WSBC Policy 1982e)
Proposal Item 6 (Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI, Section 2)
Proposal Item 7 (Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2)
Proposal Item 11 (Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 3)
Proposal Item 12 (Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 4)

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. The Consent Agenda was adopted as distributed.

**Conference Agenda**

The Conference agenda was adopted as distributed.

**Remaining Business**

The remainder of business consisted of officers’ reports, region reports, and committee reports.

**THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024 – BUSINESS MEETING II**

**Credentials Report**

The first item of business was to adopt the Credentials Report. The report was presented as follows:

   188 eligible voters

The Credentials Report was adopted as presented.

There were trustee nominee speeches, and time for questions and answers.
**New Business Motion A-a**

Move to grant the Conference Seal of Approval to the revised manuscript *OA Handbook for Members, Groups, and Service Bodies.*

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. New Business Motion A-a **adopted.**

**New Business Motion C**

Move to amend WSBC Policy 2012d to read as follows:

It was adopted that:
World Service Business Conference delegate service is limited to no more than six continuous years before requiring a minimum of one-year rotation out of service. Request for waiver of this limitation shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees.

Should the individual be elected as either a region chair or trustee, the one-year rotation out of service would not apply.

Motion required majority to adopt. New Business Motion C **adopted.**

**Remaining Business**

The remainder of business consisted of announcements.

**FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024 – BUSINESS MEETING III**

**Credentials Report**

The first item of business was to adopt the Credentials Report. The report was presented as follows:

184 eligible voters

The Credentials Report was **adopted** as presented.

**Trustee Elections**

The results of the trustee elections were as follows:

Bob F.
Cindy C.
Cyndy L.
Emilia I.
Susan M.
Laurie O.

Four trustee positions were declared vacant.

**New Business Motion A**

Move to amend WSBC Policy 1988b by striking as follows:

The following policy statement was adopted:
The World Service Business Conference 2021 accepts the following definitions:
Abstinence is the action of refraining from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors while working towards or maintaining a healthy body **weight.**

Spiritual emotional, and physical recovery is the result of living and working the Overeaters Anonymous Twelve Step program on a daily basis.

Motion required majority to adopt. New Business Motion B **failed.**
**Bylaw Amendment Proposal Ten**

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Meetings of Delegates, Section 3 – Delegates, Part b, to read as follows:

Article VIII – Meetings of Delegates
Section 3 – Delegates

b) Those who may address the World Service Business Conference are:
   1) Delegates: All delegates as defined in Section a. Any delegate may choose another delegate to speak on their behalf.
   2) Nondelegates: Officers of the Corporation or any parent or subsidiary of the Corporation who are not also trustees, the Conference parliamentarian, trustee nominees, the managing director, the managerial staff of the World Service Office, and interpreters.

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. Bylaw Amendment Proposal Ten **adopted**.

**Bylaw Amendment in lieu of Proposals One and Fourteen**

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Meetings of Delegates, Section 1 – World Service Business Conference, Part b, to read as follows:

Article VIII – Meetings of Delegates
Section 1 – World Service Business Conference

b) Time and Location
   The Conference shall be held on such dates as the Board of Trustees may determine. The Conference shall be held on a two-year rotation as follows:
   1) In person in the Albuquerque, New Mexico area or at such place as the Board of Trustees may designate.
   2) Via videoconferencing platform with the Board of Trustees determining any hybrid elements at their discretion.

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. Bylaw Amendment Proposal in lieu of Proposals One and Fourteen **adopted**.

**Remaining Business**

The remainder of business consisted of announcements.

**FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024 – BUSINESS MEETING IV**

**Credentials Report**

The first item of business was to adopt the Credentials Report. The report was presented as follows:

182 eligible voters

The Credentials Report was **adopted** as presented.

**Bylaw Amendment Proposal Eight**

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Board of Trustees, Section 5 – Nomination of Trustees, to read as follows:

Article VII – Board of Trustees
Section 5 – Nomination of Trustees

a) At least one-hundred twenty days prior to the scheduled opening of the annual Conference of Overeaters Anonymous, all groups within a region shall be notified by the region officers of the forthcoming
Conference, with a request to all qualified members of the Fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous to submit nominations to the region.
b) At least ninety days prior to the annual Conference of Overeaters Anonymous, the region representatives of each region shall choose from the nominees submitted to it no more than three qualified nominees.
c) Nominees for trustee chosen by each region shall be submitted to the Conference for election.
d) Copies of resumes must be sent to all Conference delegates at least forty-five days prior to the annual Conference (see exception, Section 7).

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. Bylaw Amendment Proposal Eight adopted.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Fifteen
Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Meetings of Delegates, Section 1 – World Service Business Conference, Part c, to read as follows:

Article VIII – Meetings of Delegates
Section 1 – World Service Business Conference

c) Virtual Attendance
The Board of Trustees may call the Conference, or any part of it, by virtual method(s).

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. Bylaw Amendment Proposal Fifteen adopted.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Sixteen
Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Board of Trustees, Section 7 – Vacancies, to read as follows:

Article VII – Board of Trustees
Section 7 – Assignment of Trustee Liaison

a) After election or appointment of a new trustee, the Board of Trustees will give first consideration for liaison assignment to the region that affirmed the new trustee.
b) Should the region affirm multiple candidates, the Board of Trustees will select the liaison from those the region affirmed.

Section 8 – Vacancies

a) Vacancies occurring among the trustees may be filled by the Board of Trustees to serve until the conclusion of the next World Service Business Conference. The Board of Trustees shall solicit the names of eligible candidates through the regions.
b) Should such vacancy occur within one hundred twenty days prior to Conference, the usual deadlines for the selection of trustee nominees shall be suspended. In this case only, resumes of trustee candidates nominated by the region shall be received by the Board of Trustees at least two weeks prior to the official opening of Conference to be considered for election at that Conference. Regions may affirm the nominations in a manner determined by the region. Copies of these resumes shall be supplied to the delegates by the opening of Conference.
c) If the regions are unable to provide applicant(s), then Article VII, Section 8 applies.
d) A vacancy created by action of the Conference delegates shall be filled as stated in Section 8.

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. Bylaw Amendment Proposal Sixteen adopted.
Bylaw Amendment Proposal Thirteen
Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XII – Bylaw Amendments, Section 1 – Procedure, Part a, to read as follows:

Article XII – Bylaw Amendments
Section 1 – Procedure

Subpart B of these Bylaws may be amended as follows:
a) Amendments to Subpart B of these Bylaws may be proposed by any registered service body, any standing or ad hoc Conference committee, or the Board of Trustees and shall be submitted to the chair of the Board of Trustees, postmarked, or be dated and time stamped through electronic transmission by December 1 before the annual meeting of the Conference.

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. Bylaw Amendment Proposal Thirteen adopted.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Three
Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XII – Bylaw Amendments, Section 1 – Procedure, Part f, by striking as follows:

Article XII – Bylaw Amendments
Section 1 – Procedure
d) In order for an amendment proposed to be submitted to the World Service Business Conference, these proposals will need to be approved by 50 percent of all intergroups and service boards responding. The Agenda Questionnaire must be returned to the World Service Office by sixty days prior to the Conference.

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. Bylaw Amendment Proposal Three failed.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Four
Withdrawn by maker.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Five
Withdrawn by maker.

New Business Motion E
Move to revise the meeting registration process on oa.org in the Find a Meeting section by adding a feature that will enable meetings to indicate if they meet multiple times a week. Such meetings may elect to be registered under one meeting number if they so choose.

Business Motion E referred to the Board of Trustees.

Remaining Business
The remainder of business consisted of announcements.

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024 – BUSINESS MEETING V

Credentials Report
The first item of business was to adopt the Credentials Report. The report was presented as follows:

174 eligible voters
The Credentials Report was adopted as presented.

**Bylaw Amendment in lieu of Proposal Two**
Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Board of Trustees, Section 4 – Qualifications, Part a, to read as follows:

**Article VII – Board of Trustees**
**Section 4 – Qualifications**

a) Qualifications for trustee shall be:
   1) Seven years in the Fellowship;
   2) Five years of service beyond the meeting level, including at least two years of service as a region representative, region committee chair, region board member, region trustee liaison, or having served as a board member of a national service board;
   3) Attendance as a delegate to at least two World Service Business Conferences;
   4) Five years of continuous recovery in Overeaters Anonymous as evidenced by:
      (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.

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. Bylaw Amendment in lieu of Proposal Two adopted.

**Updated Credentials Report**
170 eligible voters

**Bylaw Amendment in lieu of Proposal Nine**
Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Board of Trustees, Section 3 – Term of Office, by striking and inserting as follows:

**Article VII – Board of Trustees**
**Section 3 – Term of office**

Trustees shall be elected at the annual World Service Business Conference for a period of three years. Trustees may be elected at any annual Conference in order to fill the remaining term created by a vacancy except as specified in Section 7.

Trustees shall serve no more than nine ten consecutive years. A candidate may not run for election at the World Service Business Conference if serving the full term of the proposed office would result in that candidate serving on the Board of Trustees for more than nine ten consecutive years.

Proviso: Trustees elected at, or prior to, World Service Business Conference 2024 shall retain their current term.

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. Bylaw Amendment in lieu of Proposal Nine failed.

**New Business Motion D**
Move that when planning the World Service Business Conference or other meetings scheduled in accordance with OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Sections 1 and 2, the Board of Trustees will make every effort not to arrange such meetings during major holidays. Whenever possible, such meetings will not be arranged for three days before or after the holidays.

Motion required majority to adopt. New Business Motion D adopted as amended.
Consent Agenda Motions

New Business Motion B
Move to amend WSBC Policy 1982e to read as follows:

It was adopted that:
The Fellowship be invited to attend and observe the open Board of Trustees’ meetings held at World Service Business Conference and World Service Convention. The board is to make available sufficient facilities to accommodate all who choose to attend.

New Business Motion B adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Six
Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI – Service Bodies, Section 2 – Registration, Part a, to read as follows:

Article VI – Service Bodies
Section 2 – Registration

a) Each service body shall be duly registered with the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous by submitting:
   3) complete registration information on:
      i) intergroups—each affiliated group;
      ii) national service boards—each affiliated intergroup and group;
      iii) language service boards—each participating group, intergroup, and national service board; and
      iv) specific focus boards—each participating group and intergroup.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Thirteen adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Seven
Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Board of Trustees, Section 2 – Duties and Responsibilities, Part b, to read as follows:

Article VII – Board of Trustees
Section 2 – Duties and Responsibilities

b) Subject to the limitations of these bylaws, and to the action of the delegates at the Conference, all powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business affairs of the Corporation shall be controlled by the Board of Trustees. Without prejudice to such general powers but subject to the same limitations, it is hereby expressly declared that the trustees shall have the following powers:
   4) In reference to Article VIII, Section 1, to designate a manner or method for holding meetings of the delegates or any other meeting as required.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Seven adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Eleven
Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Meetings of Delegates, Section 3 – Delegates, Part c, to read as follows:
Article VIII – Meetings of Delegates
Section 3 – Delegates

c) Qualifications/Selection
   5) Delegates and alternates should be selected at least fifty days before the annual Conference, and
   the names forwarded immediately upon selection to the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Eleven **adopted** on the Consent Agenda.

**Bylaw Amendment Proposal Twelve**
Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Meetings of Delegates, Section 4 – Notice, to
read as follows:

Article VIII – Meetings of Delegates
Section 4 – Notice

Notice of the regular annual Conference and all special meetings of delegates shall be given to each
registered service body, unless otherwise instructed by each individual service body, by electronic
transmission. Such notice shall be sent no less than sixty days before each meeting, and shall specify the
method and manner of the meeting, and shall state the general nature of the business to be considered at
such meeting.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal Twelve **adopted** on the Consent Agenda.

**Motion**
It was moved to add World Service Business Conference approval to the following letter being distributed
to the Fellowship:

The Board of Trustees, Region Chairs Committee, Unity with Diversity Conference Committee, and the
2024 World Service Business Conference stand hand-in-hand with all our Specific Focus Service Boards.
We regret to report that OA’s The Rainbow (LGBTQ+) Specific Focus Service Board has received some
vicious, attacking emails from individual OA members. We are taken aback by the hostility directed at The
Rainbow (LGBTQ+) Specific Focus Service Board.

While OA welcomes a free exchange of ideas and criticisms, we also want to say clearly: There is absolutely
no place for hate speech in the loving fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous. We are here to support each
other in love, tolerance, acceptance, and recovery.

As noted in our 12 & 12, “When we apply OA’s Tradition Three, we find the treasure of friendship where
we least expect it, with people we once would have excluded from our lives. Such treasure is all around us,
and all we have to do is open our hearts to receive it. OA is where we learn to open our hearts, because it
is here that most of us first experience unconditional acceptance.” (The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

Motion **adopted** with no objection.

**Remaining Business**
The remaining business consisted of the Green Dot ceremony, and acknowledgements.

**Seventh Tradition Total**: $9,411.00 USD and $20.00 Australian Dollars
World Service Business Conference 2024
Intergroup/Service Board Representation

Per the November 2004 BOT meeting, a motion was passed that states “On the final morning of the Conference, a count of those represented intergroups and service boards shall be made.” Therefore, the counts below are based on the final morning (5/11/24) of World Service Business Conference 2024.

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Per OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 3, Part a) 6: A region that was represented at the last World Service Business Conference by fewer than 40 percent of its intergroups and other eligible service bodies may send up to five additional delegates from the region. When selecting these delegates, the region shall give preference to delegates from intergroups and service bodies which would not otherwise be represented.

Therefore, Regions One, Eight, Nine, and Ten are eligible to send up to five additional delegates to World Service Business Conference 2025.