

Proposal Item: 1  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>
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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2021  
Proposed Amendment to the  
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 5 – Voting by inserting the following:

Current Wording

Article X – Meetings of Delegates  
Section 5 – Voting

No delegate shall have more than one vote. Votes may be taken by notice, by show of hands, by ballot, or as called for by the presiding officer of any meeting, provided that the delegates may prescribe the method of voting desired on any question without regard to the method called for by the presiding officer.

Proposed Wording

Article X – Meetings of Delegates  
Section 5 – Voting

No delegate shall have more than one vote. Votes may be taken by notice, by show of hands, by ballot, or as called for by the presiding officer of any meeting, provided that the delegates may prescribe the method of voting desired on any question without regard to the method called for by the presiding officer. In any circumstance where a vote must be counted at the Conference floor, the board shall vote last.

Submitted By

San Francisco Intergroup, Region Two  
Aishlin O.

*Contact the WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To have WSBC delegates vote without undue influence.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

Unknown.

Primary Purpose

The revised definition ensures that Concept Four is followed.

### Rationale

While firstly recognizing the service rendered for the Fellowship by the OA Board of Trustees, the San Francisco Intergroup would like to request that the order of public voting allow the general public to have their vote counted prior to the trustees.

Concept Four states, “The right of participation ensures equality of opportunity for all in the decision-making process.” Visuals are very powerful. At the 2019 WSBC, there were more than forty new delegates voting. By seeing the trustees vote first from the dais, it could have the unintended consequence of setting a tone and effecting the outcome of a vote.

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### History

No history in the past five years.

### WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

Votes are normally taken all at once and this separates the board from the other delegates.

Proposal Item: 2  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2021  
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 3 – Term of Office by striking and inserting the following:

Current Wording

Article IX – 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. Regional and general service 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 eight consecutive years. A candidate may not run for election at WSBC if serving the full term of the proposed office would result in that candidate serving on the Board of Trustees for more than eight consecutive years.

Terms of office for regional trustees shall be staggered according to the following rotation:

- Regions One, Four, and Seven
- Regions Three, Six, Nine, and Virtual
- Regions Two, Five, Eight, and Ten

Proposed Wording

Article IX – 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. Regional and general service 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 eight ~~consecutive~~ years. A candidate may not run for election at WSBC if serving the full term of the proposed office would result in that candidate serving on the Board of Trustees for more than eight ~~consecutive~~ years total service as a trustee.

Terms of office for regional trustees shall be staggered according to the following rotation:

- Regions One, Four, and Seven
- Regions Three, Six, Nine, and Virtual
- Regions Two, Five, Eight, and Ten

Submitted By

MetroWest Intergroup, Region Six  
Steve M.

*Contact the WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To encourage new voices and new points of view through rotation of trustee service.

### Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws and the trustee application.

### Cost

Staff time to update the bylaws and trustee application.

### Primary Purpose

OA's message of recovery stays the same. This motion helps bring new voices to the world service level of OA to carry that message.

### Rationale

This change affects only OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 3 – Term of Office.

Rotation of service is an essential element for the well being of any OA group or service body, and OA's Board of Trustees is certainly no exception. New trustees bring new experience, strength, hope, and new energy to the board.

Trustees are elected at WSBC, and today, there is no limit on the number of years a trustee may serve. A trustee who has served eight consecutive years followed by a break, then running for a new term, will have an advantage over the newcomer. It's an advantage that potentially deprives the willing new trusted servant of serving.

As a Fellowship, we can be grateful that we have members willing to serve more than eight years, but we can also recognize that the Fellowship benefits from diversity and fresh voices.

What if no one is running and the only available person has served their eight years? The Fellowship will survive an opening and the board can then look for qualified members to serve until the next WSBC (per OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 7 – Vacancies).

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### History

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 3 (paraphrased)

*Add Virtual Region trustee to the rotation schedule. (Adopted as conforming motion)*

### WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 3  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2021  
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Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 4 – Qualifications by striking, inserting, and renumbering the following:

Current Wording

Article IX – Board of Trustees  
Section 4 – Qualifications

- d) In addition, regional trustees:
- 1) Are to physically reside in the region represented no less than the six months immediately prior to election.
  - 2) Elected regional trustees will maintain physical residency in the regions represented for two-thirds of each year of their terms, excluding OA-related business travel.

Proposed Wording

Article IX – Board of Trustees  
Section 4 – Qualifications

- d) In addition, regional trustees:
- 1) Are to ~~physically reside in~~ be a permanent resident of the region represented ~~no less than the six months immediately prior to election.~~
  - 2) ~~Elected regional trustees will maintain physical residency in the regions represented for two-thirds of each year of their terms, excluding OA related business travel.~~

Submitted By

Region One  
Jan E.

*Contact the WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To replace a time-based requirement for residency with a simple requirement for residency for region trustees.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

No cost.

Primary Purpose

This allows “snowbirds” and “rainbirds,” who otherwise qualified, to represent regions where this is a common practice. This expands the pool of persons able to step up to this service.

Rationale

This simplifies the requirements for qualification of regional trustees by making residency requirements consistent and reasonable. More and more we are able to work as a group virtually, without actually being in the same room. Some regions are allowing representatives to attend assemblies and vote virtually. Many region boards conduct their business and meetings virtually. Thus, the physical presence of a trustee within the regional boundaries is less necessary. Therefore, it makes sense to allow a regional trustee to be out of the region and yet not be out of touch.

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History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 4  
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Total Voting:

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2021  
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Regions, Section 2 – Composition by striking and inserting the following:

Current Wording

Article VII – Regions  
Section 2 – Composition

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 affiliate with one of the regions that it spans or choose not to be affiliated with any region.

Proposed Wording

Article VII – Regions  
Section 2 – Composition

a) There shall be ~~ten~~ eleven regions: one virtual region and ten geographic regions each composed of intergroups, groups, within each region, and service boards that fall within regional boundaries, and plus one virtual region its region. Subject to regional and BOT approval, language service boards that span more than one region may choose to affiliate with ~~one of the regions that it spans~~ any single region or choose not to be affiliated with ~~any a~~ a region.

Submitted By

WSBC Bylaws Committee  
Mary T., Delegate Cochair

*Contact the WSO for maker's contact information.*

Karen B., Trustee Cochair

*Contact the WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To clarify the makeup of the regions.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

Staff time to update the bylaws.

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Primary Purpose

To make this bylaw simpler and more understandable.

Rationale

The Virtual Region is a region but differentiated from the other ten because they are geographic regions and the Virtual Region is not.

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History

2019 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Require language service boards to affiliate with a region. (Postponed indefinitely)*

2019 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Allow virtual intergroups to participate in other region's activities with permission from that region. (Failed)*

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Create a virtual region. (Adopted)*

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Allow language service boards to affiliate or not affiliate with a region. (Adopted)*

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.



Proposal Item: 5  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2021  
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 3 – Delegates by striking the following:

Current Wording

Article X – Meetings of Delegates  
Section 3 – Delegates

c) Qualifications/Selection

- 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.

Proposed Wording

Article X – Meetings of Delegates  
Section 3 – Delegates

c) Qualifications/Selection

- 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.~~

Submitted By

WSBC Bylaws Committee  
Mary T., Delegate Cochair

*Contact the WSO for maker's contact information.*

Karen B., Trustee Cochair

*Contact the WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To clarify this section of the bylaws by removing redundancy.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

Staff time to update the bylaws.

Primary Purpose

To keep our bylaws clear and concise for service bodies to follow so they are not wasting time when they could be carrying the message.

Rationale

The definition of groups is covered elsewhere in the OA, Inc. Bylaws.

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History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 6  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Referred to Committee

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2021  
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 1 – World Service Business Conference by striking and inserting the following:

Current Wording

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

- a) Annual Meeting  
The corporation shall sponsor an annual meeting of the delegates of the members, which shall be known as the World Service Business Conference (hereafter may be referred to as the “Conference”). The Conference shall serve as the collective conscience of the Fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous as a whole.
- b) Time and Location  
The annual Conference shall be held during the month of May or on such dates as the Board of Trustees may determine. The Conference shall be held in the Albuquerque, New Mexico area or at such place as the Board of Trustees may designate.

Proposed Wording

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

- a) Annual Meeting  
The corporation shall sponsor an annual meeting of the delegates of the members, which shall be known as the World Service Business Conference (hereafter may be referred to as the “Conference”). The Conference shall serve as the collective conscience of the Fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous as a whole.
- b) Time and Location  
The ~~annual~~ Conference shall be held during the month of May or on such dates as the Board of Trustees may determine. The Conference shall be held in the Albuquerque, New Mexico area or at such place as the Board of Trustees may designate.
- c) Emergency  
In the event of an emergency, as determined by the Board of Trustees, the board may call the Conference, or any part of it, by virtual method(s).

Submitted By

WSBC Bylaws Committee  
Mary T., Delegate Cochair

*Contact the WSO for maker’s contact information.*

Karen B., Trustee Cochair

*Contact the WSO for maker’s contact information.*

Intent

In 2020, in the face of a global pandemic and official health agency orders that people not meet in groups or in person, the BOT had to modify the 2020 Conference agenda. Under Robert's Rules of Order and current bylaws, the BOT does not currently have the authority to hold a Conference, or any part of it, by virtual methods. This would give the BOT the ability to do this.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

Staff time to update the bylaws.

Primary Purpose

To enable the BOT to respond to emergencies as needed.

Rationale

This gives the WSBC the ability to meet its obligation to hold an annual meeting.

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History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 7  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>	
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 3 – Delegates by striking and inserting the following:

Current Wording

Article X – Meetings of Delegates  
Section 3 – Delegates

The delegates to the World Service Business Conference shall be as follows:

- a) Voting delegates shall consist of the following persons chosen in accordance with OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 6 or Article X, Section 3(c)1:
  - 5) A region that was represented at the last WSBC by fewer than 40 percent of its intergroups and other eligible service bodies may send up to five additional delegates from the region. Preference shall be given to delegates selected from intergroups and service bodies which would not otherwise be represented by delegates.

Proposed Wording

Article X – Meetings of Delegates  
Section 3 – Delegates

The delegates to the World Service Business Conference shall be as follows:

- a) Voting delegates shall consist of the following persons chosen in accordance with OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 6 or Article X, Section 3(c)1:
  - 5) A region that was represented at the last WSBC by fewer than 40 percent of its intergroups and other eligible service bodies may send up to five additional delegates from the region. ~~Preference shall be given to delegates selected from intergroups and service bodies which would not otherwise be represented by delegates.~~ When selecting these delegates, the region shall give preference to delegates from intergroups and service bodies which would not otherwise be represented.

Submitted By

WSBC Bylaws Committee  
Mary T., Delegate Cochair

*Contact the WSO for maker's contact information.*

Karen B., Trustee Cochair

*Contact the WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To clarify the intent of the selection of delegates.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

Staff time to update the bylaws.

Primary Purpose

This clearly explains that it is incumbent upon the regions to reach out to members who would not ordinarily have been represented at WSBC previously.

Rationale

The previous wording could be misinterpreted, implying somehow that the WSBC gives preference and this change makes clear that it is the region that is responsible for giving preference to those members who would not otherwise have been represented previously.

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History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 8  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>	
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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2021  
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 1 – Composition by striking and inserting the following:

Current Wording

Article IX – Board of Trustees  
Section 1 – Composition

The Board of Trustees shall consist of eleven “regional trustees,” each representing one of the eleven regions and six “general service trustees.”

Proposed Wording

Article IX – Board of Trustees  
Section 1 – Composition

The Board of Trustees shall consist of ~~eleven~~ twelve trustees. Whenever possible, a minimum of two trustees shall come from outside of North America.\*  
~~“regional trustees,” each representing one of the eleven regions and six “general service trustees.”~~

\*Proviso: Until WSBC 2022, the board consists of seventeen members. No member of the board shall be removed by virtue of this change. The reduction of the board shall be done when terms of office come to an end. The schedule to reduce the board to a membership of twelve is as follows:

- a) 2022: 6 terms end; elect 5 (16 members)
- b) 2023: 5 terms end; elect 4 (15 members)
- c) 2024: 5 terms end; elect 4 (14 members)
- d) 2025: 5 terms end; elect 4 (13 members)
- e) 2026: 5 terms end; elect 4 (12 members)

Should there be insufficient applicants to fill positions, the board may accelerate this schedule.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees  
Karen B.

*Contact the WSO for maker’s contact information.*

Intent

To restructure the Board of Trustees.

### Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

### Cost

This group of amendments will result in a cost savings as funding twelve trustees will be less expensive than funding seventeen trustees, no matter where they come from. The exact amount will vary based on the composition of the BOT.

### Primary Purpose

Restructuring the Board of Trustees will support efforts to be more effective, both with our volunteer board as well as financially.

### Rationale

These restructuring motions were approved by the Board of Trustees to be placed on the WSBC 2020 agenda. This motion was supported for discussion by 95 percent of the responders to the Agenda Questionnaire. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this motion, along with all other non-literature motions, were not addressed in 2020. This bylaw specifies an encouragement for participation on the Board of Trustees by OA members who live outside of North America. However, it also allows the delegates to elect a full board of qualified members from those submitting applications for any term of office if needed.

Specifics of election procedures are included in the Conference Standing Rules and can be discussed and adopted at future WSBCs if this motion is adopted.

Please note that should this motion fail, the remaining motions and conforming motions will be withdrawn.

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### History

No history in the past five years.

### WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.



Proposal Item: 9  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>	
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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2021  
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 4 – Qualifications by striking and inserting the following:

Current Wording

Article IX – 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;
  - 3) Attendance as a delegate to at least two World Service Business Conferences; and
  - 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.
- 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
  - 4) Affirmed these additional qualifications on their trustee application forms.
- c) Upon election, each trustee shall make a commitment of:

Proposed Wording

Article IX – 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;
  - 3) Attendance as a delegate to at least two World Service Business Conferences; ~~and~~
  - 4) Participation at the region level (the extent of participation to be determined by each region); and
  - 5) 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.
- 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

- 1) Adherence to the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.
- 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.
- 3) Compliance with all the terms and provisions of the prevailing Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws.
- d) In addition, regional trustees:
  - 1) Are to physically reside in the region represented no less than the six months immediately prior to election.
  - 2) Elected regional trustees will maintain physical residency in the regions represented for two-thirds of each year of their terms, excluding OA-related business travel.
  - 3) If a change of status of physical residency of a regional trustee occurs following election to office, said trustee will notify the Board of Trustees of the change in status immediately. The trustee will vacate the position at the next World Service Business Conference, where elections will be held to fill the incomplete term.
  - 4) Additional qualifications for regional trustee may be set by each region.
- 4) Affirmed these additional qualifications on their trustee application forms.
- c) Upon election, each trustee shall make a commitment of:
  - 1) Adherence to the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.
  - 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.
  - 3) Compliance with all the terms and provisions of the prevailing Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws.
- ~~d) In addition, regional trustees:
  - 1) Are to physically reside in the region represented no less than the six months immediately prior to election.
  - 2) Elected regional trustees will maintain physical residency in the regions represented for two-thirds of each year of their terms, excluding OA-related business travel.
  - 3) If a change of status of physical residency of a regional trustee occurs following election to office, said trustee will notify the Board of Trustees of the change in status immediately. The trustee will vacate the position at the next World Service Business Conference, where elections will be held to fill the incomplete term.
  - 4) Additional qualifications for regional trustee may be set by each region.~~

Submitted By

Board of Trustees  
Karen B.

*Contact the WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To restructure the Board of Trustees.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

### Cost

This group of amendments will result in a cost savings as funding twelve trustees will be less expensive than funding seventeen trustees, no matter where they come from. The exact amount will vary based on the composition of the BOT.

### Primary Purpose

Restructuring the Board of Trustees will support efforts to be more effective, both with our volunteer board as well as financially.

### Rationale

These restructuring motions were approved by the Board of Trustees to be placed on the WSBC 2020 agenda. This motion was supported for discussion by 94 percent of the responders to the Agenda Questionnaire. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this motion, along with all other non-literature motions, were not addressed in 2020. Since most trustees will, in theory, be assigned as region liaisons, experience at the region level becomes more of a requirement than in the past. It will be up to each region to determine for themselves how to define what level of participation they want to adopt as part of their bylaws and policies.

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### History

2019 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 4 (paraphrased)

*Require a trustee applicant with one year of WSBC service to serve their second year as a delegate to the WSBC to which they are standing for election. (Failed)*

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 4 (paraphrased)

*Require trustee nominees to be a member of OA for seven years at the time of election. (Withdrawn)*

2017 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 4 (paraphrased)

*Allow candidates to meet the trustee qualifications at the time of election. (Failed)*

### WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2021  
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 5 – Nomination of Trustees by striking and inserting the following:

Current Wording

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

a) Regional Trustees

- 1) At least one-hundred twenty days prior to the scheduled opening of the annual Conference of Overeaters Anonymous, all groups within a region eligible to submit trustee nominees shall be notified by the regional officers of the forthcoming Conference, with a request to all qualified members of the Fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous from the region to submit nominations to the region.
- 2) At least ninety days prior to the annual Conference of Overeaters Anonymous, the regional representatives of each region shall choose from the nominees submitted to it no more than three qualified nominees from that region. Resumes of these nominees must be sent to the Board of Trustees within one week of their selection. Copies of these resumes must be sent to all delegates at least forty-five days prior to its annual meeting. (See exception, Section 7.)
- 3) The (no more than three) nominees for regional trustees chosen by the regional assembly or affirmed by the currently registered region representatives shall be submitted to the Conference for election.

Proposed Wording

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

a) ~~Regional Trustees~~

- 1) ~~a)~~ a) At least one-hundred twenty days prior to the scheduled opening of the annual Conference of Overeaters Anonymous, all groups within a region ~~eligible to submit trustee nominees~~ shall be notified by the regional officers of the forthcoming Conference, with a request to all qualified members of the Fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous from the region to submit nominations to the region.  
b) An incumbent trustee serving as liaison to a region different from the one from which they were originally nominated may submit an application for re-election through either the region in which they regularly attend meetings, or the region they serve as a trustee liaison.
- 2) ~~c)~~ c) At least ninety days prior to the annual Conference of Overeaters Anonymous, the regional representatives of each region shall choose from the nominees submitted to it no more than three qualified nominees ~~from that region~~. Resumes of these nominees must be sent to the Board of Trustees within one week of their selection. ~~Copies of these resumes must be sent to all delegates at least forty five days prior to its annual meeting. (See exception, Section 7.)~~

- b) Regional Trustees for Newly Appointed Regions
    - 1) Appointment
      - (i) The board shall appoint the first regional trustee for the region.
      - (ii) Each region may submit one nominee for the new regional trustee appointment in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, a) and b) with the exception of the new region who may submit three nominees.
    - 2) Elections
      - (i) The first election of the regional trustee shall occur at the World Service Business Conference the year following approval of the new region.
      - (ii) Applicants for the first elected regional trustee who live within the new region shall submit their resume to the Board of Trustees ninety days prior to the annual Conference.
      - (iii) If there are at least three qualified nominees from the new region, nominees from other regions shall not be accepted. One nominee for the elected regional trustee position may also be submitted from each other region in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 a) and b) except as otherwise provided in Section 5 b) 2) (ii).
    - 3) Copies of resumes must be sent out to all Conference delegates at least forty-five days prior to the annual Conference.
  - c) General Service Trustees
    - 1) All applicants for open position(s) of general service trustee must submit their resume 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.
    - 2) The Board of Trustees, acting as a nominating committee, shall submit a list of nominees for the open position(s), with copies of the nominees' resumes, to all Conference delegates at least forty-five days prior to the Conference.
- 3) ~~d) The (no more than three) nominees for regional trustees chosen by the regional assembly or affirmed by the currently registered region representatives shall be submitted to the Conference for election.~~
    - e) Copies of resumes must be sent to all Conference delegates at least forty-five days prior to the annual Conference (see exception, Section 7).
  - b) ~~Regional Trustees for Newly Appointed Regions~~
    - 1) ~~Appointment~~
      - ~~(i) The board shall appoint the first regional trustee for the region.~~
      - ~~(ii) Each region may submit one nominee for the new regional trustee appointment in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, a) and b) with the exception of the new region who may submit three nominees.~~
    - 2) ~~Elections~~
      - ~~(i) The first election of the regional trustee shall occur at the World Service Business Conference the year following approval of the new region.~~
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    - 1) ~~All applicants for open position(s) of general service trustee must submit their resume 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.~~
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Submitted By

Board of Trustees

Karen B.

*Contact the WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To revise the process for nomination of trustees to support restructuring.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

This group of amendments will result in a cost savings as funding twelve trustees will be less expensive than funding seventeen trustees, no matter where they come from. The exact amount will vary based on the composition of the BOT.

Primary Purpose

Restructuring the Board of Trustees will support efforts to be more effective, both with our volunteer board as well as financially.

Rationale

These restructuring motions were approved by the Board of Trustees to be placed on the WSBC 2020 agenda. This motion was supported for discussion by 94 percent of the responders to the Agenda Questionnaire. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this motion, along with all other non-literature motions, were not addressed in 2020. This motion supports restructuring.

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History

2019 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 5 (paraphrased)

*Remove virtual services trustee position as this position is now within the region trustee structure. (Adopted)*

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 5 (paraphrased)

*Allow the virtual services trustee to serve the remaining term if a virtual region is created. (Withdrawn)*

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 11  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>
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Motion

Move to combine OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI – Intergroups, Article VII – Regions, and Article VIII – Service Boards into Article VI. Subsequent sections will be renumbered as necessary.

Current Wording

Article VI – Intergroups  
Reference OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI.

Article VII – Regions  
Reference OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII.

Article VIII – Service Boards  
Reference OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII.

Proposed Wording

~~Article VI – Intergroups~~  
~~Article VII – Regions~~  
~~Article VIII – Service Boards~~

Article VI – Service Bodies  
Service bodies are formed to support the groups in matters the group cannot accomplish on their own.

There shall be four types of service bodies to provide services beyond the group level. Service bodies provide support and representation of the groups and intergroups from which they are formed and act as guardians of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.

Service Bodies

- a) Intergroups
- b) National Service Boards
- c) Language Service Boards
- d) Regions

Section 1 – Composition

- a) Intergroups are composed of two or more groups that have formed a service body for the purpose of supporting and representing these groups that are affiliated with it. Each state/province/country may have at least one service body (intergroup or national service board). In a state/province/country having only one group, that group may function as an intergroup.
- b) National service boards are composed of groups and intergroups who share a common purpose;

to deal with issues that require a combination of membership and financial resources of intergroups and groups established within a single country.

- c) Language service boards are composed of groups, intergroups, and national service boards to serve the common needs of a language group, regardless of geographic proximity.
- d) Regions. There shall be eleven regions each composed of intergroups, groups, and service boards. The regions shall be as follows:
  - 1) Region No. 1 shall be the Pacific Northwest Region composed of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and Yukon.
  - 2) Region No. 2 shall be the Pacific Southwest Region composed of California, Hawaii, Reno/Tahoe area of Nevada, and Mexico.
  - 3) Region No. 3 shall be the Southwest Region composed of Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah.
  - 4) Region No. 4 shall be the West Central Region composed of Illinois (except the Greater Chicago area and Central Illinois Intergroup), Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Manitoba, Northwestern Ontario, and the territory of Nunavut.
  - 5) Region No. 5 shall be the Central Region composed of the Greater Chicago area and Central Illinois Intergroup, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Southwestern Ontario.
  - 6) Region No. 6 shall be the Northeast Region composed of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, and Bermuda.
  - 7) Region No. 7 shall be the Eastern Region composed of Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.
  - 8) Region No. 8 shall be the Southeast Region composed of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina,



Tennessee, the Virgin Islands, Central America, and South America.

9) Region No. 9 shall be composed of countries and territories in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and Western Asia, including all of Russia.

10) Region No. 10 shall be composed of countries and territories in Australia, East Asia, New Zealand, South East Asia, and the Western Pacific Basin.

11) Virtual Region is nongeographic and is primarily composed of virtual groups and virtual intergroups.

Should states/provinces/territories/countries within a region, or intergroups/national/language service boards within a state/province/territory/country wish to transfer to a region that is more convenient, the body notifies its current region, the region it would like to join, and the Board of Trustees of its desire to transfer. The BOT then submits a motion to WSBC to amend Subpart B, Article VI, Section 1d of the bylaws.

#### Section 2 – Registration

a) Each service body shall be duly registered with the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous by submitting:

1) a completed registration form;

2) bylaws and/or a summary of its purpose and operating procedures, neither of which shall be in conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws. At a minimum, such bylaws or summary of purpose shall include a statement indicating that its primary purpose is to aid those having problems with compulsive eating through the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service, and to serve and represent the OA groups from which it is formed; and

3) complete registration information on:

(i) intergroups—each affiliated group;

(ii) national service boards—each affiliated intergroup and group; and

(iii) language service boards—each participating group, intergroup, and/or national service board.

- b) Each service body shall submit a copy of its bylaws and/or summary of purpose to the WSO whenever either is updated or revised.
- c) Each service body 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 their bylaws do not conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws. Notices shall be deemed to have been given if sent by electronic transmission to the registered contact for each service body. Any updated bylaws shall be submitted to the World Service Office pursuant to OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI, Section 2a) 2 above.

### Section 3 – Affiliation and Participation

Purpose of Affiliation: To facilitate the count of the groups and service bodies of the Fellowship and to encourage the flow of support and information to all.

Purpose of Participation: To facilitate the support and the flow of information within groups and service bodies that have a common need.

For the purpose of registration and WSBC representation:

- a) An intergroup may affiliate with one national service board if it exists, shall be affiliated with one region, and may participate in one or more language service boards.
- b) A national service board is affiliated with the region where their nation exists and may participate in one or more language service boards.
- c) A language service board may affiliate with one region. When the language service board spans more than one region, it may choose which region to affiliate with. Should a language service board choose to not affiliate with a region, the BOT chair shall assign a trustee to serve as liaison to that language service board. The service bodies, and groups acting as service bodies, that participate in a language service board retain their original affiliation.

Should a virtual group choose to affiliate with a land-based intergroup or national service board, or a land-based group choose to affiliate with a virtual

intergroup, that group shall be affiliated with that service body's region.

Should a virtual intergroup choose to affiliate with a national service board, that intergroup shall be affiliated with the region of that national service board.

Groups that are not affiliated with an intergroup shall be affiliated with a national service board (if one exists) or shall be affiliated with the region where the group exists, either the geographic region or the Virtual Region.

Any group or service body may participate in the activities (including voting) of another intergroup, national service board, and/or language service board and region with their permission.

#### Section 4 – Functioning and WSBC Representation

a) Service bodies may conduct their business by any method they choose.

b) Minimal requirement for registered service bodies to maintain their registration at the WSO:

1) Intergroups shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all affiliated member groups and for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of delegate(s) to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.

2) National service boards shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all affiliated member groups and intergroups for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of delegate(s) to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.

3) Language service boards shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all member groups, intergroups, and national service boards for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of one delegate/alternate to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.

4) Regional assemblies whose members shall be called “regional representatives” or “RRs” shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all

intergroups, national/language service boards, and unaffiliated registered groups, for the election of officers and/or the selection of nominees for regional trustee for that region.

- c) To send delegates to the WSBC, a service body must be formally registered, along with its delegate information, thirty days prior to Conference opening. (See Article X, Section 3c for qualifications and selection of delegates.)
- d) In order to deregister, a service body must submit a written request to the World Service Office, region chair, and region trustee; or in the case of a language service board that is not affiliated with a region, the World Service Office and the trustee liaison.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees  
Dora P.

*Contact the WSO for maker's contact information.*

Vasiliki T.

*Contact the WSO for maker's contact information.*

Letitia M.

*Contact the WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To replace the existing three articles that define the service structure with a single consolidated section that covers all levels of service. It shows the relationship of each service level to one another and clarifies how these service bodies operate, where they are similar, and where they differ. The change allows for all of OA to experience each level of service as it works best for their area and needs. This new section eliminates the need for multiple motions when making a change that impacts each service level.

To also change the use of “the Far East” to “Eastern Asia” in the map of OA (Region Ten), which is less contentious and to add “all of Russia” to Western Asia (Region Nine).

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws. Each service level will need to review their bylaws to allow for any changes they may want to incorporate.

Cost

Staff time to update the bylaws. Redesign of the inverted pyramid image. May require edits of the handbook.

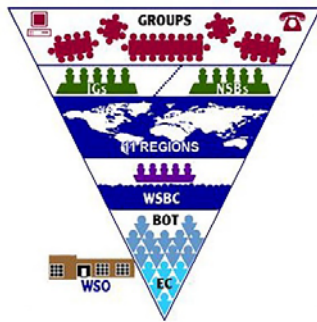
Primary Purpose

Increases and equalizes the opportunity for service bodies to support and participate.

## Rationale

With the establishment of the Virtual Region and the Spanish Language Service Board, it has become clear that the actual relationships of service bodies are different in practice than the current bylaws reflect.

There is a desire to ensure relationships between service levels can be determined by the service bodies involved. By allowing each service entity the right to make their own decisions on participation at their meetings and assemblies, the cooperation brings more service opportunities and support to those who want it. Within the records maintained by the WSO, only one affiliation per level is allowed, thus ensuring that each group, intergroup, service board, and region continues to have equitable representation at the Conference.



## Existing Model

### North America

- Groups may affiliate with intergroups.
- All groups and intergroups are affiliated with a region.
- Intergroups may send delegates to WSBC.
- Unaffiliated groups are represented by the region chair at WSBC.

North America is restricted from having national service boards and language service boards.

### Outside North America

#### Groups may affiliate with

- Intergroups
- National Service Boards
- Language Service Boards
- All groups are affiliated with a region.

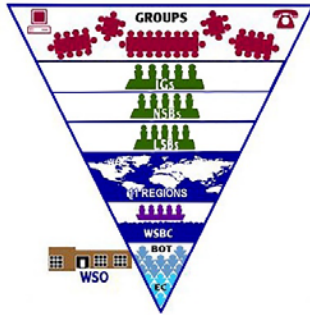
#### Intergroups may affiliate with

- National Service Boards
- Language Service Boards
- All intergroups are affiliated with a region.

#### National service boards may affiliate with

- Language Service Boards
- All national service boards are affiliated with a region.

Language service boards may, but are not required to, affiliate with a region.



## Proposed Model

### Worldwide

Groups may affiliate with

- Intergroups
- National Service Boards
- All groups are affiliated with a region.
- Groups that do not affiliate with an intergroup or national service board are represented by the region chair at WSBC.

Intergroups may affiliate with

- National Service Boards
- All intergroups are affiliated with a region.

National service boards may affiliate with

- All national service boards are affiliated with a region.

Language service boards may affiliate with a region but are not required to do so. Language service boards exist for the purpose of supporting translation efforts in specific languages.

While a group, intergroup, or national service board may not be affiliated with a language service board, any of these may participate in the work of the LSB. The LSB is limited to one representative at WSBC, no matter how many participating members they represent.

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## History

2019 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Remove the allowance that land-based groups can affiliate with a virtual intergroup and vice versa. (Withdrawn)*

2019 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Require language service boards to affiliate with a region. (Postponed indefinitely)*

2019 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Allow virtual intergroups to participate in other region's activities with permission from that region. (Failed)*

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Create virtual intergroups. (Adopted)*

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Create a virtual region. (Adopted)*

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Allow language service boards to affiliate or not affiliate with a region. (Adopted)*

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 1 (paraphrased)

*Discontinue virtual service boards. (Adopted)*

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Allow virtual groups to affiliate with a virtual service board and a national service board. (Withdrawn)*

2017 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Allow groups affiliated with virtual service boards to also affiliate with national service boards. (Did not address)*

2016 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 1 (paraphrased)

*Allow states/provinces/countries/territories to petition movement to another region through the region first. (Adopted)*

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 12  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>	
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V – Overeaters Anonymous Groups, Section 2 – Composition by inserting the following:

Current Wording

Article V – Overeaters Anonymous  
Section 2 – Composition

- a) A group may be formed, as set forth in Article V, Section 1, by two or more persons meeting together, either
  - 1) in the same physical location (land-based);
  - 2) through some form of electronic device (virtual); or
  - 3) both.
- b) Groups compose the intergroups and service boards set forth in Articles VI and VIII hereof.
- c) A group may affiliate with only one intergroup or service board. However, groups may also participate in the activities (including voting) of another service body (intergroup, national service board, language service board, region) with their permission.

Proposed Wording

Article V – Overeaters Anonymous  
Section 2 – Composition

- a) A group may be formed, as set forth in Article V, Section 1, by two or more persons meeting together, either
  - 1) in the same physical location (land-based);
  - 2) through some form of electronic device (virtual); or
  - 3) both (hybrid).
- b) Groups compose the intergroups and service boards set forth in Articles VI and VIII hereof.
- c) Affiliation/Participation:
  - 1) A group may affiliate with only one intergroup or national service board.
  - 2) ~~However, g~~Groups may also participate in the activities (including voting) of another service body (intergroup, national service board, language service board, and/or region) with their permission.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees  
Letitia M.

*Contact the WSO for maker's contact information.*

Dora P.

*Contact the WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To define hybrid groups that include both face-to-face and virtual attendance meeting components, so they are considered and can be registered as a single group.



Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

None.

Primary Purpose

To help grow Overeaters Anonymous around the world.

Rationale

To clarify how this type of group/meeting is registered so it is managed in the Find a Meeting database.

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History

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Allow groups to affiliate with only one intergroup or service board, but it may participate with other service bodies. (Adopted)*

2016 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Remove virtual groups definition. (Adopted)*

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Proposal Item: 13  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

Status:	
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article I – Twelve Steps by striking and inserting the following:

Current Wording

Article I – Twelve Steps

The Twelve Steps suggested for recovery in the Fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous are as follows:

- 1) We admitted we were powerless over food—that our lives had become unmanageable.
- 2) Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
- 3) Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him*.
- 4) Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
- 5) Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
- 6) Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
- 7) Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
- 8) Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
- 9) Made direct amends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
- 10) Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.
- 11) Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
- 12) Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to

Proposed Wording

Article I – Twelve Steps

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- 3) Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood ~~Him~~ Them*.
- 4) Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
- 5) Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
- 6) Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
- 7) Humbly asked ~~Him~~ Them to remove our shortcomings.
- 8) Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
- 9) Made direct amends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
- 10) Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.
- 11) Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God *as we understood ~~Him~~ Them*, praying only for knowledge of ~~His~~ Their will for us and the power to carry that out.

compulsive overeaters and to practice these principles in all our affairs. 12) Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to compulsive overeaters and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Submitted By

Caledonian Intergroup, Region Nine  
Sandra M.

*Contact the WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To remove the gender identity with reference to God within the Steps.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws. We suggest that the Steps could be updated in all digital formats to begin with. Other forms of literature and communications could be updated as and when they are going through a change.

Cost

Unknown. However, we would ask that this is done in an economical way, where possible, instead of applying the changes to all previous printed literature.

Primary Purpose

The proposed motion will help the Fellowship become more inclusive with no bias to gender to individuals' concept of God.

Rationale

The rationale is to remove any gender prejudice that was historically created when the concept of God was deemed to be male. As times are changing, it's important for us as a Fellowship to adapt and be more diverse as dictated in our own Unity and Diversity Policy Statement, which promotes acceptance and inclusivity.

The Steps are such a fundamental part of our recovery that if we are truly trying to be inclusive, then we should not be alienating people by pushing a gender identity on any member's concept of a Higher Power.

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History

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article I (paraphrased)

*Allow groups to select a gender or non-gender for Steps Three, Seven, and Eleven. (Withdrawn)*

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

Per OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XIV – Bylaw Amendments:

- d) Except as otherwise specified by these bylaws, proposed amendments to Subpart B may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting, provided a quorum is present.
- e) Amendments to Article I (Twelve Steps) and Article II (Twelve Traditions) of Subpart B of these bylaws may only be adopted if, in addition to d) above, they are ratified by three-fourths of the registered Overeaters Anonymous groups responding within six months of notification, provided that at least 55 percent of the registered groups have responded.

Proposal Item: 14  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>	
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article II – Twelve Traditions by striking and inserting the following:

Current Wording

Article II – Twelve Traditions

The Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous are:

- 1) Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon OA unity.
- 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.
- 3) The only requirement for OA membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively.
- 4) Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or OA as a whole.
- 5) Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the compulsive overeater who still suffers.
- 6) An OA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the OA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
- 7) Every OA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
- 8) Overeaters Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
- 9) OA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Proposed Wording

Article II – Twelve Traditions

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- 1) Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon OA unity.
- 2) For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as ~~He~~ They may express ~~Himself~~ Themselves in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
- 3) The only requirement for OA membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively.
- 4) Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or OA as a whole.
- 5) Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the compulsive overeater who still suffers.
- 6) An OA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the OA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
- 7) Every OA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
- 8) Overeaters Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
- 9) OA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

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| <p>10) Overeaters Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence, the OA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.</p> <p>11) Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television and other public media of communication.</p> <p>12) Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all these Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.</p> | <p>10) Overeaters Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence, the OA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.</p> <p>11) Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television and other public media of communication.</p> <p>12) Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all these Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.</p> |
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Submitted By

Caledonian Intergroup, Region Nine  
Sandra M.

*Contact the WSO for maker's contact information.*

Intent

To remove the gender identity with reference to God within the Traditions.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws. We suggest that the Traditions could be updated in all digital formats to begin with. Other forms of literature and communications could be updated as and when they are going through a change.

Cost

Unknown. However, we would ask that this is done in an economical way, where possible, instead of applying the changes to all previous printed literature.

Primary Purpose

The proposed motion will help the Fellowship become more inclusive with no bias to gender to individuals' concept of God.

Rationale

The rationale is to remove any gender prejudice that was historically created when the concept of God was deemed to be male. As times are changing, it's important for us as a Fellowship to adapt and be more diverse as dictated in our own Unity and Diversity Policy Statement, which promotes acceptance and inclusivity.

The Traditions are such a fundamental part of our recovery that if we are truly trying to be inclusive, then we should not be alienating people by pushing a gender identity on any member's concept of a Higher Power.

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History

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article II (paraphrased)

*Allow groups to select a gender or non-gender for Tradition Two. (Withdrawn)*

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

Per OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XIV – Bylaw Amendments:

- d) Except as otherwise specified by these bylaws, proposed amendments to Subpart B may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting, provided a quorum is present.
- e) Amendments to Article I (Twelve Steps) and Article II (Twelve Traditions) of Subpart B of these bylaws may only be adopted if, in addition to d) above, they are ratified by three-fourths of the registered Overeaters Anonymous groups responding within six months of notification, provided that at least 55 percent of the registered groups have responded.

Proposal Item: 15  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

Status:	
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 3 – Delegates by striking and inserting the following:

Current Wording

Article X – Meetings of Delegates  
Section 3 – Delegates

c) Qualifications/Selection

- 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.
- 3) Countries without intergroups or national/ language service boards which seek representation at the annual Conference shall have at least one delegate. Larger representation shall be determined by the Board of Trustees, with the delegate approval in accordance with the number of groups in that country.

Proposed Wording

Article X – Meetings of Delegates  
Section 3 – Delegates

c) Qualifications/Selection

- 2) Each intergroup or national 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 national 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.~~
- 3) Countries without intergroups or national/ ~~language~~ service boards ~~which that~~ seek representation at the annual Conference shall have at least one delegate. Larger representation shall be determined by the Board of Trustees, with the delegate approval in accordance with the number of groups in that country.
- 4) Each language service board is entitled to have one qualified delegate only, regardless of the number of groups or service bodies that compose the language service board.

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Intent

To have fair representation at WSBC of and prevent multiple representation from the same service bodies.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

Staff time to update the bylaws.

Primary Purpose

To encourage connections within the OA service structure in order to grow a stronger Fellowship.

Rationale

Article VII – Regions, Article VIII – Service Boards (for consistency)

To increase inclusivity and opportunities for service bodies to participate at all levels.

This motion was asked to be discussed by 97 percent of the service bodies that responded to the 2020 Agenda Questionnaire. The WSBC proposed bylaw amendments were not considered due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.



Proposal Item: 16  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

<b>Status:</b>	
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Motion

Move to combine OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI – Intergroups, Article VII – Regions, and Article VIII – Service Boards into Article VI. Subsequent sections will be renumbered as necessary.

Current Wording

Article VI – Intergroups  
Reference OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI.

Article VII – Regions  
Reference OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII.

Article VIII – Service Boards  
Reference OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII.

Proposed Wording

~~Article VI – Intergroups~~  
~~Article VII – Regions~~  
~~Article VIII – Service Boards~~

Article VI – Service Bodies  
Service bodies are formed to support the groups in matters the group cannot accomplish on their own.

There shall be five types of service bodies to provide services beyond the group level. Service bodies provide support and representation of the groups and intergroups from which they are formed and act as guardians of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.

Service Bodies

- a) Intergroups
- b) National Service Boards
- c) Language Service Boards
- d) Special Focus Service Boards
- e) Regions

Section 1 – Composition

- a) Intergroups are composed of two or more groups that have formed a service body for the purpose of supporting and representing these groups that are affiliated with it. Each state/province/country may have at least one service body (intergroup or national service board). In a state/province/country having only one group, that group may function as an intergroup.

- b) National service boards are composed of groups and intergroups who share a common purpose; to deal with issues that require a combination of membership and financial resources of intergroups and groups established within a single country.
- c) Language service boards are composed of groups, intergroups, and national service boards to serve the common needs of a language group, regardless of geographic proximity.
- d) Special focus service boards are composed to serve the common needs of groups with the same special focus, regardless of geographic proximity.
- e) Regions. There shall be eleven regions each composed of intergroups, groups, and service boards. The regions shall be as follows:
  - 1) Region No. 1 shall be the Pacific Northwest Region composed of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and Yukon.
  - 2) Region No. 2 shall be the Pacific Southwest Region composed of California, Hawaii, Reno/Tahoe area of Nevada, and Mexico.
  - 3) Region No. 3 shall be the Southwest Region composed of Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah.
  - 4) Region No. 4 shall be the West Central Region composed of Illinois (except the Greater Chicago area and Central Illinois Intergroup), Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Manitoba, Northwestern Ontario, and the territory of Nunavut.
  - 5) Region No. 5 shall be the Central Region composed of the Greater Chicago area and Central Illinois Intergroup, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Southwestern Ontario.
  - 6) Region No. 6 shall be the Northeast Region composed of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, and Bermuda.
  - 7) Region No. 7 shall be the Eastern Region composed of Delaware, District of

- Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.
- 8) Region No. 8 shall be the Southeast Region composed of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, the Virgin Islands, Central America, and South America.
- 9) Region No. 9 shall be composed of countries and territories in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and Western Asia, including all of Russia.
- 10) Region No. 10 shall be composed of countries and territories in Australia, East Asia, New Zealand, South East Asia, and the Western Pacific Basin.
- 11) Virtual Region is nongeographic and is primarily composed of virtual groups and virtual intergroups.
- Should states/provinces/territories/countries within a region, or intergroups/national/language service boards within a state/province/territory/country wish to transfer to a region that is more convenient, the body notifies its current region, the region it would like to join, and the Board of Trustees of its desire to transfer. The BOT then submits a motion to WSBC to amend Subpart B, Article VI, Section 1d of the bylaws.

#### Section 2 – Registration

- a) Each service body shall be duly registered with the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous by submitting:
- 1) a completed registration form;
  - 2) bylaws and/or a summary of its purpose and operating procedures, neither of which shall be in conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws. At a minimum, such bylaws or summary of purpose shall include a statement indicating that its primary purpose is to aid those having problems with compulsive eating through the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service, and to serve and represent the OA groups from which it is formed; and
  - 3) complete registration information on:
    - (i) intergroups—each affiliated group;

- (ii) national service boards—each affiliated intergroup and group; and
  - (iii) language service boards—each participating group, intergroup, and/or national service board.
  - (iv) special focus boards—each participating group.
- b) Each service body shall submit a copy of its bylaws and/or summary of purpose to the WSO whenever either is updated or revised.
- c) Each service body 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 their bylaws do not conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws. Notices shall be deemed to have been given if sent by electronic transmission to the registered contact for each service body. Any updated bylaws shall be submitted to the World Service Office pursuant to OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI, Section 2a) 2 above.

### Section 3 – Affiliation and Participation

Purpose of Affiliation: To facilitate the count of the groups and service bodies of the Fellowship and to encourage the flow of support and information to all.

Purpose of Participation: To facilitate the support and the flow of information within groups and service bodies that have a common need.

For the purpose of registration and WSBC representation:

- a) An intergroup may affiliate with one national service board if it exists, shall be affiliated with one region, and may participate in one or more language service boards.
- b) A national service board is affiliated with the region where their nation exists and may participate in one or more language service boards.
- c) A language service board may affiliate with one region. When the language service board spans more than one region, it may choose which region to affiliate with. Should a language service board choose to not affiliate with a region, the BOT chair shall assign a trustee to serve as liaison to that language service board. The service bodies, and groups acting as

- service bodies, that participate in a language service board retain their original affiliation.
- d) A special focus service board may affiliate with one region. When the special focus service board spans more than one region, it may choose which region to affiliate with. Should a special focus service board choose to not affiliate with a region, the BOT chair shall assign a trustee to serve as liaison to that special focus service board. The groups that participate in a special focus service board retain their original affiliation.

A group may choose to affiliate with an intergroup. The group shall be affiliated with the intergroup's region.

Should a group choose not to affiliate with an intergroup, but affiliates with a national service board, that group shall be affiliated with that national service board's region.

Groups that choose not to affiliate with an intergroup or a national service board shall be affiliated with the region where the group exists, either the geographic region or the Virtual Region.

Any group or service body may participate in the activities (including voting) of another intergroup, national service board, and/or language service board and region with their permission.

#### Section 4 – Functioning and WSBC Representation

- a) Service bodies may conduct their business by any method they choose.
- b) Minimal requirement for registered service bodies to maintain their registration at the WSO:
- 1) Intergroups shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all affiliated member groups and for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of delegate(s) to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.
  - 2) National service boards shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all affiliated member groups and intergroups for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of delegate(s) to

- the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.
- 3) Language service boards shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all member groups, intergroups, and national service boards for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of one delegate/alternate to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.
  - 4) Special focus service boards shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all member groups for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of one delegate/alternate to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.
  - 5) Regional assemblies whose members shall be called “regional representatives” or “RRs” shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all intergroups, national/language service boards, and unaffiliated registered groups, for the election of officers and/or the selection of nominees for regional trustee for that region.
- c) To send delegates to the WSBC, a service body must be formally registered, along with its delegate information, thirty days prior to Conference opening. (See Article X, Section 3c for qualifications and selection of delegates.)
  - d) In order to deregister, a service body must submit a written request to the World Service Office, region chair, and region trustee; or in the case of a language or special focus service board that is not affiliated with a region, the World Service Office and the trustee liaison.

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### Intent

To replace the existing three articles that define the service structure with a single consolidated section that covers all levels of service. It shows the relationship of each service level to one another and clarifies how these service bodies operate, where they are similar and where they differ. The change allows for all of OA to experience each level of service as it works best for their area and needs. This new section eliminates the need for multiple motions when making a change that impacts each service level.

To also change the use of “the Far East” to “Eastern Asia” in the map of OA (Region Ten), which is less contentious and to add “all of Russia” to Western Asia (Region Nine).

Finally, this version differs from the one submitted by the Board of Trustees by including a suggested new service body—special focus service boards. They will operate in the same manner as a language service board with only participating groups and shall be entitled to a single delegate at the annual WSBC.

### Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

### Cost

Staff time to update the bylaws. Minor edits to service-related documents.

### Primary Purpose

To remove redundancy in the bylaws and allow updates to service body definitions and operations to be covered in a single article.

### Rationale

With the establishment of the Virtual Region and the Spanish Language Service Board, it has become clear that the actual relationships of service bodies are different in practice than the current bylaws reflect.

There has also been interest expressed regarding forming service bodies to support special focus groups, specifically men and what are currently referred to as atheist/agnostic meetings. This and other motions proposed for WSBC open the discussion of whether the Fellowship feels that this is a worldwide concept.

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### History

2019 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Remove the allowance that land-based groups can affiliate with a virtual intergroup and vice versa. (Withdrawn)*

2019 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Require language service boards to affiliate with a region. (Postponed indefinitely)*

2019 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Allow virtual intergroups to participate in other region’s activities with permission from that region. (Failed)*

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Create virtual intergroups. (Adopted)*

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Create a virtual region. (Adopted)*

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 2 (paraphrased)  
*Allow language service boards to affiliate or not affiliate with a region. (Adopted)*

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 1 (paraphrased)  
*Discontinue virtual service boards. (Adopted)*

2018 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 2 (paraphrased)  
*Allow virtual groups to affiliate with a virtual service board and a national service board. (Withdrawn)*

2017 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 2 (paraphrased)  
*Allow groups affiliated with virtual service boards to also affiliate with national service boards. (Did not address)*

2016 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 1 (paraphrased)  
*Allow states/provinces/countries/territories to petition movement to another region through the region first. (Adopted)*

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.



Proposal Item: 17  
Total Percentage:  
Total Voting:

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Motion

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:

Current Wording

Article VIII – Service Boards

Section 1 – Definition

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 or language service boards.

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 group, regardless of geographic proximity.

Proposed Wording

Article VIII – Service Boards

Section 1 – Definition

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 or language service boards.

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 or special focus service boards.
- b) Language service boards may be registered to serve the common needs of a language group, regardless of geographic proximity.
- c) Special focus service boards may be registered to serve the common needs of groups with the

same special focus, regardless of geographic proximity.

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Intent

This motion is in response to the need for connections between special focus groups of the same type in the Fellowship. The aim is to add a new service body that fits with our current service structure.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

Minimal. Staff time to update the bylaws. Redesign of the OA service structure diagram and updates to service-related documents.

Primary Purpose

To increase and equalize the opportunity for diverse member support that transverses all regions.

Rationale

There is a desire among the Fellowship to find a way to support connections between special focus groups across all regions. These groups wish to remain affiliated with their current intergroups and/or national service boards, but they also desire to be connected with other similar special focus groups in a way similar to the connections within the language service board.

This will facilitate a group of interested participants in their efforts to support their special focus members and encourage diversity in OA.

Should this motion be adopted and incorporated into the motion that joins all service bodies into one article, then participation/representation would fall in line with that of the language service board.

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History

2019 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 1 (paraphrased)

*Discontinue virtual service boards. (Adopted)*

2019 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Allow virtual groups to affiliate with a virtual service board and a national service board. (Withdrawn)*

2017 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

*Allow groups affiliated with virtual service boards to also affiliate with national service boards. (Did Not Address)*

2016 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 1 (paraphrased)  
*Include service boards as a service body. (Adopted)*

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None.