

Proposal Item: A

Total Percentage:

Order of Debate Number:

Total Voting:

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
New Business Motion

Motion

Move to amend WSBC Policy 1993c by striking and inserting as follows:

Current Wording

WSBC Policy 1993c

Amended 1994, 2001, and 2002

It was adopted that:

World Service Business Conference 2002 adopt a policy that the World Service Office shall mail an annual letter to all regions, national/language service boards, and intergroups requesting donations to help fund delegates to attend World Service Business Conferences. Delegates selected to receive this fund will be those from intergroups and national/language service boards (in all regions). Priority will be given to those intergroups and national/language service boards that have not previously sent delegates to Conference.

Proposed Wording

WSBC Policy 1993c

Amended 1994, 2001, and 2002

It was adopted that:

World Service Business Conference ~~2002~~ 2012 adopt a policy that the World Service Office shall mail an annual letter to all regions, ~~national/language~~ service boards, and intergroups requesting ~~donations~~ contributions to help fund delegates to attend World Service Business Conferences. Delegates selected to receive this fund will be those from intergroups and ~~national/language~~ service boards (~~in all regions~~) demonstrating need. Priority will be given to those intergroups and ~~national/language~~ service boards that have not previously sent delegates to Conference.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees

Mary Rose D., Region Six Trustee

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Intent

To include virtual service boards in the list of service bodies that will be asked to contribute to or be allowed to apply for funding assistance from the Delegate Support Fund. The amendment also clarifies that assistance is granted according to financial need.

Implementation

Update Business Conference Policy Manual

Cost

None

Rationale

Virtual service boards are eligible to send delegates to WSBC, and should be allowed to apply for funding assistance as well. Furthermore, this policy originally granted funding only to intergroups and service boards from Regions Nine and Ten. Those regions were underrepresented at WSBC due in large part to their inability to fund the great expense of travel from those areas to WSBC. The policy was later amended to include all regions as the Fellowship recognized that any intergroups or service board could have insufficient funds to send delegates. This motion clarifies that funding assistance will be awarded to intergroups and service boards that would otherwise not be able to fund delegates to attend WSBC.

History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: B

Total Percentage:

Order of Debate Number:

Total Voting:

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
New Business Motion

Motion

Move to amend WSBC Policy 2010a by striking and inserting as follows:

Current Wording

WSBC Policy 2010a

The following policy statement was adopted:

Statement on Approved Literature

In accordance with our Traditions, we suggest that OA groups maintain unity and honor our Traditions by selling and displaying only approved books and pamphlets at their meetings. This includes OA Conference- and board-approved literature; AA Conference-approved literature; and locally produced OA literature. Locally produced literature must be developed according to the *OA Guidelines for Locally Produced Literature*, and should be used with the greatest discretion. Local literature should be considered temporary and discontinued when OA literature approved for general use is available to cover the topic.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees

Mary Rose D., Region Six Trustee

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Intent

To affirm that the “early” AA books are among our essential founding texts and are approved for use at OA groups, while upholding OA Traditions Six and Ten, that OA as a whole has no opinion on the ongoing or future work of AA.

Implementation

Update Business Conference Policy Manual

Proposed Wording

WSBC Policy 2010a

The following policy statement was adopted:

Statement on Approved Literature

In accordance with our Traditions, we suggest that OA groups maintain unity and honor our Traditions by using, selling and displaying only approved books and pamphlets at their meetings. This includes OA Conference- and board-approved literature; AA Conference-approved literature books with original edition copyright 2010 or earlier; and locally produced OA literature. Locally produced literature must be developed according to the *OA Guidelines for Locally Produced Literature*, and should be used with the greatest discretion. Local literature should be considered temporary and discontinued when OA literature approved for general use is available to cover the topic.

Cost
None

Rationale

- 1) By specifying “books,” this motion identifies and limits the AA materials authorized for use at OA groups. “AA Conference-approved literature” is an imprecise term, sometimes applied to any printed AA literature, including pamphlets and articles from *Grapevine*. OA groups sometimes treat AA’s magazine as AA Conference-approved material, which it is not.
- 2) The current OA literature policy endorses the ongoing and future literary efforts of AA, a separate society in which we do not participate, and about which we have no organizational opinion. This thwarts our singleness of purpose, and does not honor our Traditions.
- 3) Setting the AA original copyright date at 2010 or earlier preserves approval for all future editions of approved AA books, including the *Big Book* and the *AA 12&12*; while marking our maturity as a Twelve-Step organization, recognizing that—after fifty years’ development—OA has a robust canon of literature that is focused on recovery from the disease of compulsive eating, which may “stand on the shoulders” of alcoholism recovery literature, but now goes beyond it.

History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: C

Total Percentage:

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
New Business Motion

Motion

Move to adopt WSBC Policy 2012 as follows:

Statement on Creating Service Centers

Service bodies may form service centers to assist them in communicating with the groups and to help carry the message, providing that they adhere to the Traditions, as guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service, and do not alter or print any OA board- or Conference-approved literature unless approved by the World Service Office.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees

Barbara B., General Service Trustee

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Intent

To indicate current practice.

Implementation

Update Business Conference Policy Manual

Cost

None

Rationale

This statement is currently located in the Board of Trustees' *Board Reference Manual*. Access to this information should be open to the entire Fellowship, not just trustees.

History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: D

Total Percentage:

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
New Business Motion

Motion

Move to adopt WSBC Policy 2012 as follows:

Statement on Group Where Access is Restricted

A group which, for compelling reasons over which it has no control, where access is restricted (i.e., national security, military security, ships, military bases, or institutional setting), cannot welcome all who have the desire to stop eating compulsively will be considered to be in compliance with the points defined in Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V, Section 1, if:

- a) It has provided the Board of Trustees, in writing, the specific compelling reason.
- b) The Board of Trustees specifically approves the exception.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees

Barbara B., General Service Trustee

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Intent

To indicate current practice.

Implementation

Update Business Conference Policy Manual

Cost

None

Rationale

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History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: E

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
New Business Motion

Motion

Move to adopt WSBC Policy 2012 as follows:

Statement on Group Liability Insurance

As per OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart A, Article III – Members, the legal structure of OA, Inc. does not allow for the provision of liability insurance for OA groups or service bodies.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees

Barbara B., General Service Trustee

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Intent

To clarify that OA, Inc. cannot provide group liability insurance coverage for OA groups or service bodies registered with the WSO.

Implementation

Update Business Conference Policy Manual

Cost

None

Rationale

A statement regarding group liability insurance is currently located in the Board of Trustees' *Board Reference Manual*. Access to this information should be open to the entire Fellowship, not just trustees.

Group liability insurance is not provided for because, as per OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart A, Article III – Members, "The Corporation shall have no members as such." Any group or service body that chooses to register with Overeaters Anonymous is a separate entity, legally independent from OA and responsible for itself.

History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: F

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
New Business Motion

Motion

Move to adopt WSBC Policy 2012 as follows:

Statement on Core Values

The World Service Business Conference affirms that definitions that appear in OA, Inc. Bylaws or have been adopted as Conference policy are “core values” of the OA Fellowship. These assist in defining the nature of our organization, such that no service body or group has the authority to amend those core values, either in its bylaws or in its statement of purpose. Conference, as the effective conscience of OA as a whole (Concept Two), does have that authority.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees

Mary Rose D., Region Six Trustee

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Intent

To provide authority to the Board of Trustees to find that service body bylaws are in agreement or in conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws depending on whether definitions in service body bylaws (What is an OA group? Who may be a WSBC delegate?) reflect the definitions as set out in OA, Inc. Bylaws or policies.

Implementation

Update Business Conference Policy Manual

Cost

None

Rationale

Regional trustees review service body bylaws to determine that they are not in conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws. We currently say that definitions must not be in conflict, and that partial omissions within definitions are a basis for conflict. We derive this stance from two passages of Robert’s Rules (pps. 11 and 12) which state that “The corporate charter supersedes all its other rules, none of which can legally contain anything in conflict with the charter.” and that the Bylaws “defines the primary characteristics of the organization.” While our definitions define our core values, there is no existing policy that requires that they be preserved in service body bylaws. By adopting this motion, the WSBC will provide the BOT with the authority to require congruence of definitions among OA, Inc. Bylaws and those of intergroups, regions and service boards. This affirmation ensures that the

core values placed into the OA, Inc. Bylaws are matched and preserved in service body bylaws or policies.

History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: G

Total Percentage:

Order of Debate Number:

Total Voting:

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
New Business Motion

Motion

Move to amend WSBC Policy 1979e by striking and inserting as follows:

Current Wording

WSBC Policy 1979e
Amended 1989 and 2001

It was adopted to:

Include names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of delegates in the Final World Service Business Conference Report. "For Use Within OA Only" should appear at the top of this list.

Proposed Wording

WSBC Policy 1979e
Amended 1989 and 2001

It was adopted to:

Include names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of delegates only in the hard-copy print version of the Final World Service Business Conference Report. "For Use Within OA Only" should appear at the top of this list. In the online version of the report, all names and contact information of delegates will be redacted; only first names and last initials will be used in minutes and reports.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees
Mary Rose D., Region Six Trustee
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Intent

To reflect current practice of protecting anonymity for members at the level of public media of communication (the Internet).

Implementation

Update Business Conference Policy Manual

Cost

None

Rationale

Current practice honors the principle of anonymity, but it does not honor Continuing Effects Motion 1979e as written. In 1979, there was no vision of dual Final Conference Reports: a hard-copy print version and Internet pages. Amending this motion will honor our Tradition of anonymity at the level of public media.

History

2010 – WSBC Policy 2010c (paraphrased)

Make Final Conference Report available electronically on OA Web site; delegates/service bodies to notify the WSO if they do not want a printed version (adopted)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: H

Total Percentage:

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
New Business Motion

Motion

Move to rescind WSBC Policy 1982f.

Current Wording

WSBC Policy 1982f

It was adopted that:

Future Business Conferences begin proposed bylaw amendments directly following the last completely debated article of the previous year.

(Note: The intent is to apply this recommendation only in a year following a Business Conference that was unable to debate and vote on all proposed bylaw amendments due to a lack of time.)

Submitted By

Board of Trustees

Mary Rose D., Region Six Trustee

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Intent

To reflect current practice of debating bylaw amendments only as authorized by the current Fellowship.

Implementation

Update Business Conference Policy Manual

Cost

None

Rationale

Worldwide service bodies in a particular year decide via the agenda questionnaire what issues the delegates of the current WSBC should address, and in what order. By rescinding CEM 1982f, we cease obliging the current WSBC delegates to follow an agenda set by the Fellowship from a previous year. Note that *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, 11th Edition (pp. 90, Section 9) states: "If two business sessions are separated by more than a quarterly time interval, or if the term of a specific portion of the membership expires before the start of the later sessions (as may happen in an

Proposed Wording

~~WSBC Policy 1982f~~

~~It was adopted that:~~

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elected legislative assembly or in a board), then business can go over from the earlier session to the later one only by means of referral to a committee.” If a bylaw amendment proposal is important enough to be carried over to the next year, our rules provide for the assembly to refer it to committee. If not, the proposal should expire.

History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: I

Total Percentage:

Order of Debate Number:

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
New Business Motion

Motion

Move to rescind WSBC Policy 2009c.

Current Wording

WSBC Policy 2009c

It was adopted to:

Establish a special fund to assist in the translating of OA literature, forms, correspondence, Web site and other materials to languages other than English. Money in this fund is in addition to the Translations Committee's budget. The BOT will establish guidelines to allocate the funds.

Proposed Wording

~~WSBC Policy 2009c~~

~~It was adopted to:~~

~~Establish a special fund to assist in the translating of OA literature, forms, correspondence, Web site and other materials to languages other than English. Money in this fund is in addition to the Translations Committee's budget. The BOT will establish guidelines to allocate the funds.~~

Submitted By

Board of Trustees

Joe L., General Service Trustee

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Intent

To remove the WSBC directive which established a restricted fund for translations.

Implementation

Update Business Conference Policy Manual

The Translations Fund would cease to exist as of December 31, 2012. From that date forward, all translations would be funded from general revenues.

Cost

None

Rationale

The Translation Fund has served the Fellowship well in regards to highlighting the importance of translations within our worldwide Fellowship. Both the Fellowship and the BOT now have a heightened awareness of the need for translation. The BOT recommends that the WSBC remove the directive for the no longer necessary special fund, bearing in mind that all future translations will be funded from general revenues.

Since 2009, there have been two funding sources for translations: a restricted fund specifically for that purpose and general revenues allocated to the Translations Committee's budget. The result has been ongoing confusion regarding how much translations funds have been spent, how much are still available, which projects should be funded from each source and who decides this, and all of the ensuing accounting issues trying to keep up with both funds. As an international Fellowship, translations are vital and are a part of the cost of doing business. For that reason they should be supported through stable and consistent funding from general revenues, rather than depending on the fluctuating contributions to a special restricted fund.

History

2008 – WSBC Policy (paraphrased)

Create a special fund (\$20,000) for international translations (did not address)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: J

Total Percentage:

Order of Debate Number:

Total Voting:

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
New Business Motion

Motion

Move to adopt WSBC Policy 2012 as follows:

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. Delegates who have completed four or more years continuous service as of the close of 2012 WSBC may apply to serve continuously for no more than two additional years.

Submitted By

WSBC Bylaws Committee
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Intent

In the spirit of Tradition Two and Concepts 12a and 12c, to encourage and allow for substantial long-term service to the Fellowship while recognizing that rotation of service is fundamental to being a trusted servant in Overeaters Anonymous.

Implementation

Promulgation of adopted policy in *A Step Ahead* and the 2012 Final Conference Report. Modification of future WSBC registration forms to indicate number of consecutive years proposed delegate has attended the WSBC.

Cost

None

Rationale

Most intergroup bylaws allow for a delegate to be elected for a two-year term, with the opportunity to apply for a second two-year term. Existing policy 1988a 3b recommends that “A delegate should not serve for more than four consecutive years, except for reasons to be decided by the local intergroup with respect to its own delegate.” In adopting this motion, the OA Fellowship would be affirming that rotation of service applies at the heart of our program—that is, at the WSBC—where the group conscience of Overeaters Anonymous is developed, and that rotation of service should be a rule rather than the exception. While returning members provide both continuity and historical memory, no individual should hold claim to being a “permanent” trusted servant in this Conference. We believe that by allowing delegates who have completed four or more years of continuous WSBC

service as of the close of the 2012 WSBC to apply to serve for up to two more years, service bodies with fewer members will have sufficient time to prepare others to become delegates in 2015.

History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None