

Proposal Item: A

Total Percentage:

Order of Debate Number:

Total Voting:

## World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2010 New Business Motion

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### Motion

Move to amend WSBC Continuing Effects Motion 1984d (4) & (5) by striking and inserting:

### Current Wording

WSBC Policy 1984d (4) & (5)

The following procedure for Business Conference presentations/discussions was adopted:

- 4) Format for the presentation/discussion: Specific time will be allowed on the agenda. From one to three presenters will give their views. The presentation will be timed, but the time may vary based on topic and number of presenters. The presentation will be written out and included in the Final Conference Report. The remainder of the time will be for discussion from the floor.
- 5) Format for discussion from the floor: Speakers will speak from the podium microphone. Speakers will be timed and limited to three minutes.

### Proposed Wording

WSBC Policy 1984d (4) & (5)

The following procedure for Business Conference presentations/discussions was adopted:

- 4) Format for the presentation/discussion: ~~Specific time will be allowed on the agenda. From one to three presenters will give their views. The presentation will be timed, but the time may vary based on topic and number of presenters. The presentation will be written out and included in the Final Conference Report. The remainder of the time will be for discussion from the floor.~~  
A variety of formats may be used for the Conference workshops. These may include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - a) One to three presenters will give their views followed by discussion from the floor.
  - b) The participants will form small groups and each address a set of questions. After small group discussion, each group will give feedback to the workshop as a whole.
  - c) A question and answer session where delegates may ask questions of a panel or trustee or delegate cochair on a specified subject.For all formats, a report of the workshop will be written out and included in the Final Conference Report.
- 5) Format for discussion from the floor: Speakers will speak from the podium microphone. Speakers will be ~~timed and limited to three minutes~~ time limited according to the circumstances.

### **Submitted By**

OA South and East England Intergroup, Region 9  
Kate A.

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

### **Intent**

To allow and encourage a wider variety of workshop formats.

### **Implementation**

The Conference Planning Committee will inform workshop presenters that they are able to use different formats.

### **Cost**

None.

### **Rationale**

The purpose of this proposal is to allow and encourage variety in the workshops at WSBC. Currently the workshops come one after another on the Monday and Tuesday of Conference week and as stipulated in the Conference Business Policy Manual, they must all follow the same format. This can cause a workshop fatigue among the reps. Having a variety of formats will keep the workshops fresh, hold the interest of the attendees, and allow for greater participation from a greater number of people. Variety in the workshops will result in a better experience for reps, and therefore enable them to take more back to their sponsoring service bodies. Each year at WSBC there is a strategic plan meeting and a region chair forum, neither of which are restricted to the same constraints as WSBC workshops. Each year both meetings generate ideas and enthusiasm way beyond that of the standard workshop because the format permits greater participation.

The motion also allows for other formats to be used and does not limit the presenters to the three listed, allowing them to innovate and try new methods. World Service is a great location for this innovation to take place. Reps from all over the world are in attendance and can take back good ideas and formats to the service bodies they represent. This policy change would improve Conference and enrich the experience of the attending reps.

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### **History**

No history in the past five years.

### **WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments**

In the past, presentation/discussions addressed specific topics for information and questions, and were presented to delegates during Conference Business meetings. They were not the same as workshops, which take place at times other than the Business meetings.

Proposal Item: B

Total Percentage:

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Total Voting:

## World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2010 New Business Motion

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### Motion

Move to rescind WSBC Continuing Effects Motion 1982b and adopt the 2010 WSBC Statement on Approved Literature:

### Current Wording

WSBC Policy 1982b

After a presentation/discussion on using an OA/AA-approved literature list which includes the 1976 Business Conference Statement on OA/AA-approved literature, the following was adopted that:

The current World Service Business Conference policy on literature be a list (to be updated as necessary) which includes the amended 1976 Statement on OA/AA-approved literature: "In accordance with our Traditions, we suggest OA groups maintain unity and protect our Traditions by selling only program books and pamphlets at their meetings. This would include AA Conference-approved literature and OA Conference- and board-approved literature. Intergroup or group prepared local literature should be used with the greatest discretion. Even then, we suggest that you submit it to the World Service Office for their information. This type of local literature should be considered temporary and discontinued when OA literature approved for general use is available to cover the topic." (The complete list which includes this statement, literature and explanations is available from the World Service Office.)

### Proposed Wording

~~WSBC Policy 1982b~~

~~After a presentation/discussion on using an OA/AA-approved literature list which includes the 1976 Business Conference Statement on OA/AA approved literature, the following was adopted that:~~

~~The current World Service Business Conference policy on literature be a list (to be updated as necessary) which includes the amended 1976 Statement on OA/AA-approved literature: "In accordance with our Traditions, we suggest OA groups maintain unity and protect our Traditions by selling only program books and pamphlets at their meetings. This would include AA Conference approved literature and OA Conference and board approved literature. Intergroup or group prepared local literature should be used with the greatest discretion. Even then, we suggest that you submit it to the World Service Office for their information. This type of local literature should be considered temporary and discontinued when OA literature approved for general use is available to cover the topic." (The complete list which includes this statement, literature and explanations is available from the World Service Office.)~~

### **Current Wording**

None.

### **Proposed Wording**

#### **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**

Meg H., Region 2 Trustee

Teresa K., Region 4 Trustee

Mary Rose D., Region 6 Trustee

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

### **Intent**

To clarify OA's literature policy.

### **Implementation**

Notices will be placed in *A Step Ahead* and *Lifeline*. *OA Guidelines for Locally Produced Literature* will be updated. Citations of Continuing Effects Motion 1982b on [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org) and in OA literature will be amended.

### **Cost**

Minimal.

### **Rationale**

The heart of Continuing Effects Motion 1982b is the 1976 Statement on OA/AA-approved literature. The 1976 statement does not adequately address the scope and function of "locally produced literature." In adopting this proposed statement, the 2010 WSBC will be maintaining existing policy on OA/AA literature, while also affirming the board-approved *OA Guidelines for Locally Produced Literature*—developed after 1982—which require that locally produced literature be reviewed and approved by a service body beyond the group level (except for newsletters, meeting lists, flyers, posters, letterhead and business cards).

The Board of Trustees believes that before local literature may be used within an OA group, it should be reviewed and approved according to the guidelines by a service body beyond the group level.

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**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) 2010 New Business Motion

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### **Motion**

Move to establish a Youth in OA Conference Committee.

### **Submitted By**

Di C., Region 10 Trustee

Mary Rose D., Region 6 Trustee

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

### **Intent**

To support outreach to youth at the World Service and group levels.

### **Implementation**

Interested delegates would attend a scheduled meeting on the final Saturday of the 2010 WSBC. Delegates attending subsequent Conferences would have Youth in OA as an option for committee choice, and/or delegates would be assigned to the committee.

### **Cost**

Minimal.

### **Rationale**

Currently the Youth in OA Committee is a board committee comprised of three trustees. A Conference committee comprised of delegates would create broader opportunities for sharing experience, strength and hope with regard to carrying the message to youth. Also a Conference committee would have more diversity than a board committee.

Tasks the committee could undertake may include:

- Identifying issues involved at World Service and group levels in reaching out to the youth
- Sharing experience, strength and hope with regard to carrying the message to teens
- Developing resources (literature, guidelines, etc.) for working with youth

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### **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) 2010 New Business Motion

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### **Motion**

Move to amend WSBC Continuing Effects Motion 1988a (amended 1989, 1992, 1996, 1998, 2001 and 2002), Section 3f by inserting:

### **Current Wording**

WSBC Policy 1988a (amended 1989, 1992, 1996, 1998, 2001 and 2002)

It was adopted that:

- 3) Business Conference Delegates
  - f) Communications concerning the Business Conference from the trustees and the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous to the intergroups shall be through the delegates, and each individual intergroup and regional office shall receive duplicate communications.

### **Proposed Wording**

WSBC Policy 1988a (amended 1989, 1992, 1996, 1998, 2001 and 2002)

It was adopted that:

- 3) Business Conference Delegates
  - f) Communications concerning the Business Conference from the trustees and the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous to the intergroups shall be through the delegates, and each individual intergroup and regional office shall receive duplicate communications, unless otherwise instructed by each individual service body.

### **Submitted By**

Israel National Service Board, Region 9  
Susan S.

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

### **Intent**

To eliminate printed copies of mailings to service bodies that don't require them.

### **Implementation**

The region chairs are to communicate this policy to the service bodies of their region via email or any method of their choosing. Thereafter, delegates can advise the WSO of any changes via email. Each service body will renew their mailing preference annually based on the WSO deadline date.

### **Cost**

None. There will be substantial savings in mailing costs if this motion is adopted.

### **Rationale**

In countries where English is not the primary language, some packages/mailings are often thrown in the trash unopened. This is due to a lack of understanding English or receiving unnecessary copies. We are talking about thousands of dollars, which we could be saving from mailings. Let's save on money wasted.

This was put forth and approved to be presented as an emergency new business motion at the 2009 WSBC. Due to lack of time, it wasn't brought to the floor to vote on.

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### **History**

No history in the past five years.

### **WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments**

The cost savings below is based on the current number (22) of non-English-speaking service boards registered with the WSO.

Conference Mailing #1 (TOTAL: \$544.50)

- Printing - \$60.28
- Postage - \$284.90
- Final Conference Report - \$199.32

Conference Mailing #2 (TOTAL: \$401.28)

- Printing - \$116.38
- Postage - \$284.90

Total cost savings per year is \$945.78, assuming that all of the non-English-speaking service boards registered with the WSO chooses not to receive mailings #1 and #2. NOTE: The third Conference mailing is only mailed to registered delegates.

Proposal Item: E

Total Percentage:

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## World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2010 New Business Motion

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### Motion

Move to amend WSBC Continuing Effects Motion 1993b by inserting:

### Current Wording

WSBC Policy 1993b

The following policy statement was adopted:

It is the group conscience of the 1993 World Service Business Conference that the sale or display of literature other than OA-approved literature (as described in WSBC Policy 1982b) is an implied endorsement of outside enterprises, and therefore in violation with Tradition Six.

### Proposed Wording

WSBC Policy 1993b

The following policy statement was adopted:

It is the group conscience of the 1993 World Service Business Conference that the sale or display of literature other than OA-approved literature and AA Conference-approved literature (as described in WSBC Policy 1982b) is an implied endorsement of outside enterprises, and therefore in violation with Tradition Six.

### Submitted By

Israel National Service Board, Region 9

Susan S.

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

### Intent

To clarify that it be stated, as in Policy 1982b, that OA and AA Conference-approved literature can be sold or displayed.

### Implementation

Amend the current policy and provide notice to the Fellowship of the change through the usual avenues (Final Conference Report, *Lifeline*, *A Step Ahead*, trustee reports, etc.).

### Cost

None.

### Rationale

To correct and clarify Policy 1993b according to what is already stated in Policy 1982b. To make it clear that selling or displaying AA Conference-approved literature is not against Tradition Six and is permitted.

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**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) 2010 New Business Motion

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### **Motion**

Move to require all groups (face-to-face and virtual) and service bodies (intergroups, service boards, regions) wishing to register with the World Service Office to provide at least one email contact and name when submitting their registration request. The required email address is for use within the OA organization and will not be published.

### **Submitted By**

Region Chairs Committee  
Francene A., R3 Chairman

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

### **Intent**

To increase and improve communication within all levels of the OA organization by expanding contact information available to the World Service Office, the Board of Trustees, OA regions, intergroups and service boards.

### **Implementation**

#### *Electronic/Online Forms*

Adding a data review to all electronic registration form(s) on [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org) to ensure there is data in the required fields. If the fields are left empty the system would not allow the form to be submitted. An explanation of why the information is necessary would be added to explain the need for providing information and how it will be handled.

#### *Paper Forms*

On the paper registration forms, indications will be added that the information is required. An explanation of why the information is necessary would be added to explain the need for providing information and how it will be handled

The region chairs will request and encourage implementation to update information already existing for service bodies.

### **Cost**

Implementation—Total cost is being determined. Costs involve changes to fields, links and popups.

Potential Cost Savings—Fewer hours spent researching and trying to locate meeting contacts. Savings by service bodies opting for electronic communications rather than paper.

### **Rationale**

Maintaining connection with those seeking recovery and those carrying the message of recovery is so important. In keeping with our primary purpose to “carry the message to the still suffering compulsive overeater,” OA can use today’s

technology to stay in contact with our registered service bodies. Providing updated meeting information for newcomers and members alike is crucial. Providing the World Service Office with current, electronic contact information allows the staff a more efficient way to get in touch with a service body quickly to clear up any questions they may have on meeting information, and expedite updates of Web site data. The electronic collection of this data is done through a secure network connection. The electronic contact information will not be published on the Web, nor will it be made available to anyone outside the OA organization. Through reports sent to the region chairs, this contact information will keep regions informed of the meetings and intergroups in their regions, and will give them improved ways to contact the service bodies they serve.

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### **History**

No history in the past five years.

### **WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments**

Depending on the outcome of the motion and any amendments, the potential costs could range from \$500 - \$1,500 USD. This includes adding extra required fields, user notes and additional internal programming.

Proposal Item: G

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## World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2010 New Business Motion

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### Motion

Move to rescind WSBC Continuing Effects Motion 1991c and adopt the following:

### Current Wording

WSBC Policy 1991c

It was adopted that:

The terms “compulsive overeater, compulsive eater,” and “compulsive eating, compulsive overeating” be used interchangeably in OA literature, as determined to be appropriate by the Literature Committee during the regular literature writing, editing and approval process.

### Proposed Wording

~~WSBC Policy 1991c~~

~~It was adopted that:~~

~~The terms “compulsive overeater, compulsive eater,” and “compulsive eating, compulsive overeating” be used interchangeably in OA literature, as determined to be appropriate by the Literature Committee during the regular literature writing, editing and approval process.~~

The OA World Service Business Conference suggests that in all new or revised OA materials the words “compulsive eater” and “compulsive eating” be used to describe our disease in general terms, except in the personal stories of OA members.

### Submitted By

Teresa K., Trustee Cochair

*(Submitted on behalf of the Unity with Diversity Committee)*

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

### Intent

To make our materials more inclusive as to the different manifestations of our disease.

### Implementation

The suggestion should be born in mind when writing new OA materials. Also, when existing literature is reviewed, the committee doing the review should consider whether the word “overeating” can be replaced with “compulsive eating” (and “compulsive overeater” with “compulsive eater”), i.e. whether “overeating” was used to describe our disease in general. If so, the substitution should be followed through.

**Cost**

None. Printed materials and literature will be revised when they are up for review. Information on the Web site can be changed immediately.

**Rationale**

The 1991c policy is highly counterintuitive and most newcomers, and many regular members, know nothing about it. For people suffering from different manifestations of our disease it would be easier to identify with the words “compulsive eating” than “overeating,” while those who suffer from overeating as such are still compulsive eaters. By the new policy we would strive to be more inclusive, doing what we can to help all those who still suffer.

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**History**

No history in the past five years.

**WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments**

None.

Proposal Item: H

Total Percentage:

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## World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2010 New Business Motion

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### **Motion**

Move that the WSBC Final Conference Report be made available electronically and that receipt of a printed version be optional to all delegates and service bodies to whom it is currently distributed.

### **Submitted By**

Region Chairs Committee  
Francene A., R3 Chairman

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

### **Intent**

To reduce the cost of printing and shipping the Final Conference Report and to make it available electronically.

### **Implementation**

The Final Conference Report would be posted on a secure page at [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org) with an electronic marker making it invisible to Web crawlers to protect the personal information in the report. All delegates and service bodies who currently receive the printed report would be offered the option to continue to receive a printed version, or to view or download the report similar to the way the Conference materials are distributed electronically.

### **Cost**

Implementation—The estimated cost to establish a secure page and password would be a one-time cost of \$225 - \$375 USD.

Potential Cost Savings—The printed Final Conference Report costs \$8.85 per book. After 24-42 copies (breakeven point first year to allow for the costs above) then there would only be cost savings for copies not done via print.

### **Rationale**

In 2009, 440 copies (233 service bodies, 189 delegates, 6 staff, 2 archives, 10 extra copies) were printed at the expense of \$3,895 USD. Service bodies receive a copy only if they do not have a delegate at Conference. Making the report available online where it can be used as a resource without receiving the printed copy would reduce that expense.

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### **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) 2010 New Business Motion

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### Motion

Move to add a ninth tool: "A Plan of Moving."

### Submitted By

Mary Rose D., Region 6 Trustee

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

### Intent

To recognize that a reasoned plan of changes in our physical activity can help us abstain from compulsive eating.

### Implementation

The Conference-Approved Literature Committee would develop a segment on the ninth tool, "A Plan of Moving," for *The Tools of Recovery* pamphlet. The ninth tool would be added in relevant OA print literature as it becomes depleted and new supplies are ordered, and would be added immediately to online resources (example: Item 7 – Tools in *Suggested Meeting Format*). Articles would be written for *A Step Ahead* and *Lifeline*.

### Cost

Minimal, except for the cost of an additional page in *The Tools of Recovery* pamphlet.

### Rationale

"When the distortion has been great, a long period of patient striving may be necessary." (*AA Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, p. 118)

If we continue to repeat what we have been doing up to the time when we arrive in OA, we will probably get the same results. Since our compulsion is eating, the tool "A Plan of Eating" gives us food boundaries to help us abstain. Our problem is not only in what we eat; it is in how we eat, and how we move or fail to move in our lives. Many of us arrive physically "stuck." Developing a personal "Plan of Moving" is a tool to support our progress towards recovery.

Over the years, members have proposed "exercise" as a ninth tool. Some have called it an outside issue; others warn that such a tool might encourage exercise compulsion. As part of our recovery, many of us have integrated some plan of moving into our lives.

The purpose of an OA tool is to help us abstain from compulsive eating. "A Plan of Moving" is not necessarily an exercise plan, although it might incorporate one. "A Plan of Moving" is as individual as "A Plan of Eating." It is a reasoned plan of physical actions that a compulsive eater might do to support abstinence. For some, it might include

walking or dancing. For others, it might include a reduction in current compulsive levels of activity. Some members need to change aspects of their personal grooming; others must attend to the care of their homes. As with “A Plan of Eating,” a member would reason out a recovery plan of moving with a medical professional, an instructor and/or a sponsor; answering the question “What do I need to change or maintain in my physical activity to support my abstinence and program of recovery?” Otherwise stated, “Where am I stuck in my physical life?”

It is not accurate to reject “A Plan of Moving” as if it were an outside issue or because “exercise” may be abused or abusive. It is critical that as recovering compulsive eaters, we reason out and recognize what we need to move and how we need to move in our lives, to help us heal from the physical distortions that this disease engenders.

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### **History**

2006 – WSBC Policy (*paraphrased*)

This policy was to create a ninth tool, exercise. (*Defeated: 63 yes, 115 no*)

### **WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments**

None.

Proposal Item: 1

Total Percentage:

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**World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2010  
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 IX – Board of Trustees, Section 4 – Qualifications, Part a by striking and inserting:

**Current Wording**

Article IX – Board of Trustees  
Section 4 – Qualifications

- a) Qualifications for trustee shall be:
- 2) Five years of service above the meeting level;

**Proposed Wording**

Article IX – Board of Trustees  
Section 4 – Qualifications

- a) Qualifications for trustee shall be:
- 2) Five years of service ~~above~~ beyond the meeting level;

**Submitted By**

Board of Trustees  
Mary Rose D., Region 6 Trustee

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

**Intent**

To reflect our understanding that, in the OA “inverted pyramid” structure, no member—regardless of service position—is higher than another member, and service bodies exist beyond the groups to serve those groups.

**Implementation**

Bylaw changes may be posted on [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org). Articles may be written in *A Step Ahead* and *Lifeline*.

**Cost**

None.

**Rationale**

There is a persistent belief among the membership—reflected in existing bylaw language—that trustees are higher than or “above” other members, and that service bodies (intergroups, service boards, region assemblies) are “above” the groups, rather than accountable to them. Amending this word would more accurately describe the service qualification expected of a trustee.

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### **History**

#### 2009 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX (paraphrased)

This amendment added “worked through all Twelve Steps” and deleted “completed Step Five” as a requirement for trustee nominees. *(Adopted)*

#### 2008 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX (paraphrased)

This amendment added “current continuous abstinence” as a requirement for trustee nominees. *(Adopted)*

### **WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments**

None.

Proposal Item: 2

Total Percentage:

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**World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2010  
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 3 – Delegates, Part c – Qualifications/Selection by striking and inserting:

**Current Wording**

Article X – Meetings of Delegates  
Section 3 – Delegates

c) Qualifications/Selection

- 1) Qualifications for selection of World Service delegates/alternates shall be set by each intergroup, region (in the case of region delegates) or service board provided that each delegate/alternate shall have at least one year of current abstinence and at least two years of service above the group level. (Permission for any exception in qualifications for valid reasons, if deemed credible by the trustees, may be received by application to the World Service Office.)

**Proposed Wording**

Article X – Meetings of Delegates  
Section 3 – Delegates

c) Qualifications/Selection

- 1) Qualifications for selection of World Service delegates/alternates shall be set by each intergroup, region (in the case of region delegates) or service board provided that each delegate/alternate shall have at least one year of current abstinence and at least two years of service ~~above~~ beyond the group level. (Permission for any exception in qualifications for valid reasons, if deemed credible by the trustees, may be received by application to the World Service Office.)

**Submitted By**

Board of Trustees  
Mary Rose D., Region 6 Trustee

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

**Intent**

To reflect our understanding that, in the OA “inverted pyramid” structure, no member—regardless of service position—is higher than another member, and service bodies exist beyond the groups to serve those groups.

**Implementation**

Bylaw changes may be posted on [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). Articles may be written in *A Step Ahead* and *Lifeline*.

**Cost**

None.

**Rationale**

There is a persistent belief among the membership—reflected in existing bylaw language—that delegates are higher than or “above” other members, and that service bodies (intergroups, service boards, region assemblies) are “above” the groups, rather than accountable to them. Amending this word would more accurately describe the service qualification expected of a delegate.

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**History**

No history in the past five years.

**WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments**

None.

Proposal Item: 3

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**World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2010  
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 4 – Notice by inserting:

**Current Wording**

Article X – Meetings of Delegates  
Section 4 – Notice

Notice of the regular annual Conference and all special meetings of delegates shall be given to each member region and intergroup and national/language service board entitled to vote thereat, by prepaid mail and/or electronic transmission. Notices shall be deemed to have been given if sent by mail and/or electronic transmission to the delegates representing each region and intergroup. Such notice shall be sent no less than sixty days before each meeting, and shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting and shall state the general nature of the business to be considered at such meeting. The notice of the annual Conference shall designate it as such.

**Proposed Wording**

Article X – Meetings of Delegates  
Section 4 – Notice

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**Submitted By**

Israel National Service Board, Region 9  
Susan S.

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

**Intent**

To eliminate unnecessary mailings to service bodies that don't need them.

**Implementation**

Amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 4 – Notice. Each service body will renew their mailing preference annually based on the WSO deadline date.

### **Cost**

None.

### **Rationale**

In amending WSBC Policy 1988a, Section 3f, this bylaw Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 4 – Notice must also be amended.

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### **History**

No history in the past five years.

### **WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments**

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