

**Agenda Questionnaire Summary
World Service Business Conference 2017**

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A	Board of Trustees Cyndy L., Bylaws Committee Trustee Cochair <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	<p>Move to rescind WSBC Policy 2014a.</p> <p>It was adopted that:</p> <p>Overeaters Anonymous email groups, commonly called loops (groups that do not meet in real time), may list their group on www.oa.org as a courtesy with the following criteria:</p> <p>1) Email groups must comply with the definition of an Overeaters Anonymous group as per OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V—Overeaters Anonymous Groups, Section 1—Definition a) 1-4.</p> <p>2) The topic and/or focus of the email group are consistent with those listed on oa.org for Overeaters Anonymous face to face and virtual groups.</p> <p>3) New members must be informed of the loop's policies, norms, and practices.</p> <p>4) Archives are to be deleted at least once a month unless the loop's policies dictate otherwise.</p> <p>5) Email groups are moderated to stay on topic.</p> <p>6) The format of the email groups is structured similarly to a registered OA group. Postings to email groups are limited to the topic, the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, or the Twelve Concepts of OA Service. Feedback, crosstalk, and advice giving are discouraged.</p> <p>7) Each email group will have a coordinator who registers the loop with an email service provider and a secretary who will liaise with the OA World Service Office.</p>	<p>Intent: To remove the policy for a courtesy listing for an email loop.</p> <p>Rationale: This policy is not needed. A loop may now register as a meeting.</p>	

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B	Board of Trustees Cyndy L., Bylaws Committee Trustee Cochair <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to establish the following policy statement. Statement on Copyright and Ownership of Creative Works The copyright of all works of authorship, created in the course of volunteer service to Overeaters Anonymous, Inc., and submitted to the WSO or the WSBC shall be owned by Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Works of authorship include, but are not limited to, literary works, musical works, including any accompanying words, dramatic works, including any accompanying music, pantomimes, and choreographic works, pictorial, graphic, and sculptural works, motion pictures, and audio visual works, sound recordings, and architectural works. In the spirit of Tradition Seven, all contributions of writing, images, and other creative works are given freely, without expectation of compensation, either monetary or attribution. This policy is an acknowledgement that ownership of the final product created for OA belongs exclusively to OA.	Intent: To remind committee members that anything they work on becomes the property of the WSO. The person who did the work has no claim to the final product. Rationale: To have a policy about who owns the results of work contributed to the WSO.	
C	Western Mass IG, Region 6 Lyn C. <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to add a tenth Tool: Mindfulness.	Intent: To add a tenth Tool: Mindfulness. Rationale Mindfulness is a way of slowing down and thinking about what we are doing at any moment. Mindfulness as a Tool will remind members to slow down, rely on Higher Power, and stop hurting themselves with food.	

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<p>D</p>	<p>Board of Trustees Cyndy L., Bylaws Committee Trustee Cochair</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend WSBC Policy 1991a by striking and inserting the following: It was adopted that: The following Conference and board committees be restructured as follows, to begin with the 1992 WSBC: 1) The Conference committees listed in Subpart B, Article XI of the Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws should confer with the corresponding board committees. 2) Committee membership will be limited to a delegate cochairman, a trustee cochairman, and two or more delegates from each region, up to thirty members <u>delegates</u> at WSBC. Additionally, a combination of up to six former trustees, current trustees, and nondelegate members may be appointed to participate in the work of the committee during the year. 3) Cochairmen <u>members</u> consisting of a Conference delegate (elected by committee members at WSBC) and a trustee (appointed by the chairman of the BOT) will coordinate the efforts of the committee. The Conference delegate cochairman will preside over the committee meetings at WSBC. The trustee cochairman will act as liaison between the committee and the BOT and will report to the Board of Trustees regarding committee activities. The cochairmen will select the committee members from the delegates that have indicated interest on the committee preference form with input from the appropriate regional trustee based on involvement and experience in same/similar committee at local, regional, and past world service levels. 4) Committee members not responding to two consecutive mailings of the committee which require answers will not receive future mailings unless the member has notified one of the cochairmen <u>members</u> of a reason for a temporary absence from committee work. 5) The committee meetings at WSBC will be open; however, only committee members will have a voice and vote. The BOT may plan other Conference-related</p>	<p>Intent: To bring the policy in line with current practice.</p> <p>Rationale: Remove gender specific language. In Item 3, the staff makes the committee assignments. In Item 5, all delegates are expected to serve on a committee. There is no need for the BOT to plan alternate activities. In Item 6, a reminder of the need for rotation of service.</p>	

		<p>activities during the committee meetings at WSBC for delegates not serving on committees.</p> <p>6) Delegates should be registered by March 1 and have submitted a committee preference form by April 1. <u>Committee assignment is made on a first come, first served basis with the exception of the Conference-Approved Literature Committee and the Reference Subcommittee (OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XI, Sections 1 and 2).</u> Delegates will be notified of <u>their committee assignment</u> at or prior to WSBC to which committee they have been assigned. Service on a committee is expected and the commitment is maintained until the following WSBC. <u>It is recommended that those serving at the World Service level rotate committee assignments every two years.</u></p>		
E	<p>Board of Trustees Cyndy L., Bylaws Committee Trustee Cochair</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend WSBC Policy 2009b by striking and inserting the following: It was adopted that: December 12 (12/12) each year be designated as OA's International Twelfth Step Within Day, the purpose of which will be to encourage OA service boards <u>bodies</u>, meetings, and individual members to reach out to those within the Fellowship who are still suffering from compulsive eating behaviors.</p>	<p>Intent: To include intergroups, service boards, and regions in the policy.</p> <p>Rationale: To correct the wording to include all levels of service.</p>	
F	<p>Board of Trustees Cyndy L., Bylaws Committee Trustee Cochair</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend WSBC Policy 2010a by striking the following:</p> <p>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 books, booklets, and all future editions thereof, with original edition copyright 2010 or earlier; and locally produced OA literature. Locally produced literature must be developed according to the <i>OA Guidelines for Locally Produced Literature</i>, and should be used with the greatest discretion. Local literature should be considered temporary and</p>	<p>Intent: To remove the word booklets as this term is no longer used by AA on their website or catalog.</p> <p>Rationale: To update the wording to what is used for AA products.</p>	

		discontinued when OA literature approved for general use is available to cover the topic.		
G	Board of Trustees Cyndy L., Bylaws Committee Trustee Cochair <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend WSBC Policy 1985 by striking and inserting the following: Prior to the Business Conference, pamphlets <u>and books</u> that are recommended for the Conference Seal of Approval will be posted online as downloadable files, mailed to all registered Conference delegates in press proof form. Recommended books will be mailed in manuscript form. At the Business Conference, delegates will vote either to approve or reject, rather than to edit or refine the material.	Intent: Update the policy to current practice. Rationale: Literature drafts are not mailed in hard copy to save postage costs.	
H	Board of Trustees Stella C. <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend WSBC Policy 1992a by inserting the following: “Unity with Diversity” Policy THE FELLOWSHIP encourages and promotes acceptance and inclusivity. All are welcome to join OA and are not excluded because of race, creed, nationality, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, or any other trait. We welcome all who share our compulsion. THE FELLOWSHIP of Overeaters Anonymous recognizes the existence of individual approaches and different structured concepts to working our Twelve-Step program of recovery; that the Fellowship is united by our disease and our common purpose; and that individual differences in approach to recovery within our Fellowship need not divide us. THE FELLOWSHIP respects the rights of individuals, groups, and service bodies to follow a particular concept of recovery within Overeaters Anonymous and encourages each member, group, and service body to also respect those rights as they extend the embracing hand of Fellowship to those who still suffer. THE FELLOWSHIP encourages each duly registered group and service body to affirm and maintain the Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous by allowing any member to share his or her experience, strength, and hope	Intent: To remind us of our duty to honor the Traditions of our Fellowship. Rationale: These readings are specific to our Fellowship, Overeaters Anonymous, and keep our message clear of outside influences.	

		<p>in meetings regardless of the individual approach or specific concept that member may follow.</p> <p><u>THE FELLOWSHIP recognizes the importance of using a meeting format that includes the OA Preamble, the Twelve Steps, and the Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, and mentioning the Seventh Tradition contribution. By doing so, we as a Fellowship collectively acknowledge we will safeguard Overeaters Anonymous today and in the future.</u></p> <p>Duly registered is defined as being in full compliance with Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V.</p>		
I	<p>Stephanie D., Virtual Services Trustee</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information</i></p>	<p>Move to amend WSBC Policy 2014a by striking, inserting, and renumbering the following:</p> <p>It was adopted that:</p> <p>Overeaters Anonymous email groups, commonly called loops (groups that do not meet in real time), may list their group on www.oa.org as a courtesy with the following criteria: register as a group per OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V. It is suggested that they also adopt the following practice:</p> <p>1) Email groups must comply with the definition of an Overeaters Anonymous group as per OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V— Overeaters Anonymous Groups, Section 1— Definition a) 1-4.</p> <p>2) The topic and/or focus of the email group are consistent with those listed on oa.org for Overeaters Anonymous face to face and virtual groups.</p> <p>3) New members must be informed of the loop's policies, norms, and practices.</p> <p>4) 1) Archives are to be deleted at least once a month unless the loop's policies dictate otherwise.</p> <p>5) 2) Email groups are moderated to stay on topic.</p> <p>6) The format of the email groups is structured similarly to a registered OA group. Postings to email groups are limited to the topic, the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, or the Twelve Concepts of OA Service. Feedback, crosstalk, and advice giving are discouraged.</p> <p>7) Each email group will have a coordinator who registers</p>	<p>Intent:</p> <p>To change the policy to only the information that still applies to email loops.</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <p>Email loops may now register as meetings. The suggestion about archives and moderation is to make sure members are aware of these practices.</p>	

		the loop with an email service provider and a secretary who will liaise with the OA World Service Office.		
J	Heart of Canada IG, Region 4 Lawrie C. <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information</i>	Move to amend WSBC Policy 2005c by striking and inserting the following: Combine WSBC Policies 1987d, 1988c, and 1999b to read: The World Service Business Conference (WSBC) adopts as policy the following procedures for the submission and consideration of all a) new business motions, b) policy motions, and c) bylaw amendments to Subpart B of the Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws. 1) All submissions of proposed new business motions, policy motions, and/or amendments to Subpart B of the Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws shall include a) a statement of intent; b) a statement of the procedures necessary for the implementation of the proposal (if necessary); c) a statement of estimated cost associated with the proposal; d) a history of related new business items or bylaw amendments that were voted upon by the WSBC in the past five years and the results of those votes; and e) up to one page of arguments in favor of each new business item or bylaw amendment submitted by the maker of the motion at the time of submission; <u>and f) an explanation of how this motion will help carry the message of recovery to those who still suffer.</u>	Intent: To remind everyone of the primary purpose of OA when submitting business for the World Service Business Conference. Rationale: Discussing and voting on motions to change bylaws and to change or create new policies takes a great deal of time. This proposal would encourage these discussions and motions to center on our primary purpose	
K	Heart of Canada IG, Region 4 Lawrie C. <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information</i>	Move that: a) WSBC 2017 request the Board of Trustees to investigate and develop proposals for submission to WSBC no later than WSBC 2019 that would encourage WSBC to conduct its business in accordance with Concept Twelve (c – to reach decisions by substantial unanimity). b) In doing so, the board examine the ways in which other twelve-step fellowships reach their decisions at their business meetings. c) In doing so, the board examine alternatives to the use of <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> , including consensus methods of decision making.	Intent: Asking the Board of Trustees to look at the way we do things now and see if there are better ways to make sure everyone is heard. Rationale: To find ways to discuss issues so that most people agree with decisions made at WSBC.	

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L	Stella C. Region Nine Trustee <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information</i>	Move that the World Service Business Conference 2017 adopt the following policy: Overeaters Anonymous will establish a special fund to assist in translating OA literature, forms, correspondence, website, and other materials to languages other than English. Money contributed to this fund is in addition to the International Publications/Translations Committee's budget. The BOT will establish guidelines to allocate the funds.	Intent: To create a dedicated fund for translations. Rationale: We need funds devoted to translation to serve our members who do not read English. We need funds beyond what the general OA budget allows.	
M	Stella C. Region Nine Trustee <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information</i>	Move that the World Service Business Conference 2017 adopt the following policy: Overeaters Anonymous will establish an ad-hoc committee to consider the implementation/registration of a Spanish language service board (SLSB). The Spanish Fellowship will work with the BOT in order to establish how the SLSB will fit into the OA service structure.	Intent: To create a committee that will consider all aspects of how this service body will function. Rationale: The concept of a service board which spans regions as well as the virtual world is new. How they will operate within existing procedures, or if changes are to be made, needs to be considered.	
N	Junccab NSB, Region 8 Dora P. <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information</i>	Move that the World Service Business Conference 2017 create a Sponsorship Day to be held annually on the third Saturday in August.	Intent: To set aside a day to focus on how important sponsorship is to recovery. Rationale: Sponsorship is very important to recovery. Creating this day will call members to work towards this.	

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1	Board of Trustees Cyndy L., Bylaws Committee Trustee Cochair <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 6 – Election of Trustees by striking, inserting, and re-lettering the following: a) To be eligible for election, each nominee must appear before the delegates at the World Service Business Conference and address the assembled delegates from three to five minutes and answer questions from the floor. No new nominations will be accepted from the floor. <u>No candidate may run for more than one position.</u> b) To be elected, each trustee nominee must receive a majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the time of the election. c) If more than one ballot is necessary for any position, any candidate having less than one-fifth of the total vote will be withdrawn automatically on subsequent ballots, except that the top two candidates must remain. If no candidate has less than one-fifth of the votes, the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot. d) Once there are only two candidates remaining for any trustee position and neither candidate receives a majority after two additional ballots are taken, a vacancy is declared. The Board of Trustees will fill this vacancy at the second regular board meeting after Conference. e) The election at WSBC of the next category of trustee shall occur after the candidate(s) in the previous category have been elected or the position(s) have been declared vacant. The order of election shall be: regional trustee(s), virtual services trustee, general service trustee(s). f) The newly elected trustees shall take office immediately at the conclusion of the Conference.	Intent: Item a): To make it clear a candidate cannot run for both region trustee and general service trustee in the same year. Item e): Current practice is to have all nominations closed prior to the Conference. Nominations from the floor are not allowed. Delaying the election of the general service trustees until after the region trustees are elected is unnecessary. Rationale: In 2016, a new voting procedure was introduced. All votes were cast and collected with no interruption. The process was simple and well organized. This change will bring the bylaws and the procedure into agreement for future Conferences.	
2	Board of Trustees Stephanie D. <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i>	Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V – Overeaters Anonymous Groups, Section 1 – Definition by striking, inserting, and re-lettering the following: These points shall define an Overeaters Anonymous group:	Intent: To ensure groups use the Overeaters Anonymous Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Preamble as part of their format, making it	

		<p>a) As a group, they meet to practice the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service.</p> <p>b) <u>Use of a meeting format that includes the OA Preamble, Twelve Steps, and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous.</u></p> <p>↳ c) All who have the desire to stop eating compulsively are welcome in the group.</p> <p>⇒ d) No member is required to practice any actions in order to remain a member or to have a voice (share at a meeting).</p> <p>↳ e) As a group they have no affiliation other than Overeaters Anonymous.</p> <p>⇒ f) It has affiliated as an Overeaters Anonymous group by registering with the World Service Office.</p>	<p>clear that they are Overeaters Anonymous groups.</p> <p>Rationale: Requiring a group to include these readings as part of their format makes it clear they are Overeaters Anonymous groups and not another Twelve-Step fellowship. There are groups who use formats which do not make it clear they are OA groups. They have no format or use AA material. Some do not collect a Seventh Tradition. This creates disharmony and hurts OA as a whole. This change would encourage more unity within the Fellowship.</p>	
3	<p>Arizona Serenity in the Desert IG, Region 3 Tori W.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart A, Article X – Dissolution by striking the following: Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation to an organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.</p>	<p>Intent: To remove religious from the type of organization who could receive funds if OA were to close.</p> <p>Rationale: Per the OA Preamble, “OA is not affiliated with any public or private organization, political movement, ideology, or religious doctrine.” In order to maintain the all-inclusive atmosphere of OA we remain open to all religious approaches. Selecting a specific religious</p>	

			organization for receipt of funds upon closing would be in violation of this philosophy.	
4	<p>Region One Beverly M.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 4 – Qualifications by striking and inserting the following:</p> <p>a) Qualifications for trustee shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Seven years in the Fellowship; 2) Five years of service beyond the group 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>b) Qualifications for trustee must be met at the time the application for trustee is submitted to the WSO of election. Specifically, such trustee nominees must also have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>Intent: To change the date when the qualifications for trustee must be met.</p> <p>Rationale: Changing the requirement to when elected allows for more candidates to be considered. It is better for the Fellowship that nominees stand for election, instead of being appointed, just because they do not meet the requirement of the day the applications are due.</p>	
5	<p>Region Seven Trustee Barbara G.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information.</i></p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI – Intergroups, Section 4 – Functioning by inserting the following:</p> <p>a) Intergroups may conduct the business of their groups by any method they choose.</p> <p>b) With prior notice to all member groups, intergroups shall convene at least once a year for election of officers and</p>	<p>Intent: To let the region trustee cancel an inactive intergroup if they did not submit the written request before closing.</p>	

		<p>selection, when necessary, of delegate(s) to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.</p> <p>c) An intergroup must be formally registered, along with its delegate information, thirty days prior to Conference opening to send delegates to the current Conference. (See Article X, Section 3c for qualifications and selection of delegates.)</p> <p>d) In order to deregister, an intergroup must submit a written request to the World Service Office, region chair, and region trustee.</p> <p><u>1) Should an intergroup fail to send such a request, but is determined to no longer be operational, the region trustee has the authority to notify the World Service Office that the intergroup has been dissolved and to remove it from the WSO records.</u></p> <p><u>2) Determination that an intergroup is no longer operational will require:</u></p> <p><u>i) Documentation of attempts made to contact the intergroup officers or meetings that were affiliated with the intergroup; and</u></p> <p><u>ii) The intergroup no longer has more than one affiliated group.</u></p>	<p>Rationale: Intergroups sometimes close without notifying the WSO. Current bylaws require a written request be sent before the intergroup can be disbanded. This process allows the trustee to approve the removal of the intergroup without the written notice.</p>	
6	<p>Region Seven Trustee Barbara G.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information</i></p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Service Boards, Section 4 – Functioning by inserting the following:</p> <p>a) Service boards shall conduct the business under the bylaws and policies established by their intergroups and groups.</p> <p>b) With prior notice to all member groups and intergroups, service boards shall convene at least once a year for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of delegate(s) to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.</p> <p>c) A service board must be formally registered, along with its delegate information, thirty days prior to Conference opening to send delegates to the current Conference. (See Article X, Section 3c for qualifications and selection of delegates.)</p>	<p>Intent: To let the region or virtual services trustee cancel an inactive service board if they did not submit the written request before closing.</p> <p>Rationale: Service boards sometimes close without notifying the WSO. Current bylaws require a written request be sent before the service board can be disbanded. This process allows the trustee to approve the removal of the service</p>	

		<p>d) In order to deregister, a service board must submit a written request to the World Service Office, and either the region chair and region trustee, or virtual services trustee, as applicable.</p> <p><u>1) Should a service board fail to send such a request, but is determined to no longer be operational, the region or virtual services trustee has the authority to notify the World Service Office that the service board has been dissolved and to remove it from the WSO records.</u></p> <p><u>2) Determination that a service board is no longer operational will require:</u></p> <p><u>i) Documentation of attempts made to contact the service board officers or intergroups/meetings that were affiliated with the service board; and</u></p> <p><u>ii) The service board no longer has more than one affiliated group.</u></p>	board without the written notice.	
7	<p>CCA Online VSB and Junccab NSB, Region Eight Dora P.</p> <p><i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information</i></p>	<p>Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Service Boards, Section 2 – Composition by inserting the following:</p> <p>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. <u>In cases in which there are common needs from a virtual service board (about language) that exceed the boundaries of one country to the virtual world, the national service board may serve the groups from this virtual service board.</u></p> <p>b) Language service boards may be registered to serve common needs of a language group, regardless of geographic proximity.</p> <p>c) Virtual service boards may be registered to serve the needs of virtual groups. <u>In countries with language needs, the groups from the virtual service board can affiliate with the national service board too.</u></p>	<p>Intent: To allow virtual groups and virtual service boards (outside the US and Canada) to affiliate with a national service board where there are common needs.</p> <p>Rationale: This association of the virtual groups and service boards allows for further strength in issues that affect countries outside of the US and Canada. The more members working together for unity can only be for the good of OA.</p>	

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8	Connecticut IG, Region Six Tom M. <i>Contact WSO for maker's contact information</i>	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: a) Annual <u>Biennial</u> Meeting The corporation shall sponsor an annual a 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”) <u>occurring every other year</u> . The Conference shall serve as the collective conscience of the Fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous as a whole. b) Time and Location The annual <u>biennial</u> 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.	Intent: To change the annual World Service Business Conference from annual to every other year. This would make it more affordable for service bodies to send delegates and cut costs for the WSO. Rationale: a) The annual Conference keeps many service bodies from sending delegates due to cost. If it were held every other year, then service bodies would be able to save up and possibly send more delegates. b) An annual Conference is not needed. The Board of Trustees will still meet every quarter to ensure the day-to-day business of OA is done. c) Committees can meet virtually to conduct their work. Decisions which require the input of delegates can be made every other year. d) Having the Conference every other year would help the WSO to become stronger financially while cutting the need for literature sales. This should increase the WSO’s reserves by about 5.5 percent,	

			given its current reserves of around \$270,000.	
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