



**2011 World Service Business Conference
Albuquerque, New Mexico
WRAP-UP REPORT**

“Celebrating Our 50th Conference – A Tribute to Service”

Dear Delegates,

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

The minutes, all speeches, presentation/discussion items, committee reports, workshop reports, names of delegates and trustees, bylaws and the Business Conference Policy Manual will be published in the Final Conference Report. The Final Conference Report will be mailed on August 29, 2011 to all delegates and those service bodies who did not have a delegate at Conference. The report will be available on the OA Web site as well. All workshop and committee reports were due at the World Service Office no later than May 16, 2011. To prevent delays in printing the Final Conference Report, any workshop or committee reports not received by the due date will not be published.

The Final Conference Report will be posted online in early August (excluding full delegate names and contact information). If your service body does **not** wish to receive a printed version of the Final Conference Report, notify the World Service Office via email to szimmerman@oa.org no later than **July 15, 2011**.

Thursday, April 28, 2011 – Business Meeting I

Credentials Report

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

16 Trustees
171 Voting Delegates
2 Alternates

for a total of 187 eligible voters.

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

Conference Standing Rules

Standing Rule Amendment One

Move to amend WSBC Standing Rules, Section 1C as follows:

- C) Upon proper certification by designated WSO staff, a registered alternate may be transferred to delegate status at any time during the WSBC. At that time, the alternate will receive a delegate badge and the transferring delegate's WSBC materials. If the original delegate again becomes available, these two individuals and any others from their service body will decide which of the two individuals will then be the active delegate.

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. Amendment was **adopted**.

Standing Rule Amendment Two

Move to amend WSBC Standing Rules, Section 1F as follows:

- F) Delegates are expected to abstain from voting on any WSBC motions if they do not – at time of voting – have the one-year abstinence requirement unless a delegate had received permission for an exception in qualifications as per OA, Inc. Bylaws Subpart B, Article X, Section 3c1.

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. Amendment was **adopted**.

The Conference Standing Rules were **adopted** as amended.

Consent Agenda

Proposal Item **3** (Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XIV, Section 1b and c), Proposal Item **4** (Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 7a), Proposal Item **10** (Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 2b), Proposal Item **11** (Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 2b), Proposal Item **12** (Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 7a), Proposal Item **13** (Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, Section 3c), Proposal Item **14** (Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, Section 4), Proposal Item **15** (Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 5c), Proposal Item **16** (Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, Section 8c), Proposal Item **20** (Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XIV, Section 1a) and Proposal Item **21** (Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 2c) were **adopted** on the consent agenda.

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

Conference Agenda

The Conference agenda was **adopted** as printed.

Delegate Briefing

The chairman explained the order in which New Business Motions and Bylaw Amendments would be addressed. The items were considered according to the percentage of “yes” votes, with a minimum of 50 percent (new business motions) and 40 percent (bylaw amendments) of the number of service bodies completing and returning the ballots. Unless the chairman determined otherwise, New Business Motions were considered in the following order: J, D, F, M, C, L, E, K, A, B, A-a, A-b, A-c and A-d. The Bylaw Amendments were considered in the following order: 6, 7, 17, 9, 8, 5 and 19.

Remaining Business

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

Thursday, April 28, 2011 – Business Meeting II

Credentials Report

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

- 16 Trustees
- 171 Voting Delegates
- 2 Alternates

for a total of 187 eligible voters.

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

New Business

New Business Motion J as follows:

Move to adopt the following:

Statement on Public Media

While Overeaters Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues, including social media, the delegates of the 2011 World Service Business Conference recommend against any OA member, group or service body endorsing (sponsoring, creating, funding or using) *for OA purposes* any public media of communication where the personal anonymity of OA members cannot be maintained.

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

Updated Credentials Report

16 Trustees
172 Voting Delegates
2 Alternates

for a total of 188 eligible voters.

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

New Business Motion D as follows:

Move to rescind WSBC Policy 2010b; add a ninth tool: “Action Plan.”

Motion required majority to adopt. New Business Motion D **defeated** by written ballot; 42 yes, 141 no, 1 abstention.

Remaining Business

The remainder of business consisted of trustee nominee speeches and questions and answers.

Friday April 29, 2011 – Business Meeting III

Credentials Report

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

16 Trustees
170 Voting Delegates
2 Alternates

for a total of 186 eligible voters.

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

Region Trustee Elections

The results of the region trustee elections were as follows:

Region One – Margie G.
Region Four – Teresa K.
Region Five – Allen B.
Region Seven – Barbara G.
Region Ten – Faith M.

General Service Trustee Elections

The results of the general service trustee elections were as follows:

Three-year term – Karen C.

Three-year term – Janice S.

New Business Motion F as follows:

Move that the 2012 WSBC Business Meetings I-V be simultaneously Web cast.

Motion required majority vote to adopt. New Business Motion F **defeated**.

New Business Motion M as follows:

Move to change the ninth tool: “~~Action Plan~~” to “A Plan of Action.”

Motion required majority vote to adopt. New Business Motion M **defeated**.

New Business Motion C as follows:

Move to include the Tools of Recovery of OA in the Conference Policy Manual.

The following are the Tools of Recovery of OA: A Plan of Eating, Sponsorship, Meetings, Telephone, Writing, Literature, Anonymity, Service and Action Plan.

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

Friday, April 29, 2011 – Business Meeting IV

Credentials Report

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

16 Trustees
170 Voting Delegates
2 Alternates

for a total of 186 eligible voters.

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

New Business Motion L as follows:

Move to amend WSBC Continuing Effects Motion 1988b (Amended 2002 and 2009) as follows:

WSBC Policy 1988b (Amended 2002 and 2009)

Statement on Abstinence and Recovery

Abstinence in Overeaters Anonymous is the action of refraining from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors while working towards or maintaining a healthy body weight.

Spiritual, emotional and physical recovery is the result of living the Overeaters Anonymous Twelve-Step program.

Motion required majority to adopt. New Business Motion L **adopted** by written ballot. 118 yes, 60 no, 3 abstentions.

New Business Motion E as follows:

(Substitute Amendment)

Move that all AA literature except *Alcoholics Anonymous* (the Big Book) and *The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* be removed from OA-approved literature.

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. New Business Motion E **failed** as amended by written ballot. 70 yes, 111 no, 2 abstentions.

Updated Credentials Report

16 Trustees
169 Voting Delegates
2 Alternates

for a total of 185 eligible voters.

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

New Business Motion K as follows:

Move that the Overeaters Anonymous Fellowship bestow the title of founder to Rozanne S.

Motion required majority vote to adopt. New Business Motion K **adopted** by written ballot. 121 yes, 56 no, 4 abstentions.

New Business Motion A as follows:

Move to rescind WSBC Continuing Effects Motion 2005b.

~~It was adopted that:~~

~~WSBC 2005 directs the Board of Trustees (BOT) to implement a matching grant program whereby service bodies may apply for and receive funds from OA, Inc. for projects enhancing unity and the ability to carry the message both within and outside OA. Total yearly funding for grants shall not exceed 1 percent of total donations to the World Service Office (WSO) for the prior year.~~

Motion required majority vote to adopt. New Business Motion A **adopted** by standing vote.

New Business Motion B as follows:

Move to amend WSBC Continuing Effects Motion 1990 as follows:

WSBC Policy 1990

The following policy statement was adopted:

The World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous suggests that intergroups, regions, individual groups or any other sponsoring service bodies refrain from publishing the names or non-OA titles of speakers/leaders at OA functions in any informational materials (flyers, newsletters, etc.). OA service titles (but not names) may be used when a speaker/leader is performing the service responsibility of his or her OA office.

Motion required majority vote to adopt. New Business Motion B **adopted**.

New Business Motion A-a as follows:

Move to grant the Conference Seal of Approval to the revised pamphlet, *Recovery Checklist*.

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

Substitute New Business Motion A-b

Move to refer Motion A-b to the Board of Trustees in order to stop publication and sales of *If God Spoke to OA*, and post the text on the OA Web site.

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. Substitute New Business Motion A-b **defeated**.

New Business Motion A-b

Move to remove the Conference Seal of Approval from the pamphlet *If God Spoke to OA* and discontinue its production and sales.

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. New Business Motion A-b **defeated** by standing count vote. 107 yes, 67 no.

Saturday, April 30, 2011 – Business Meeting V

Credentials Report

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

16 Trustees
168 Voting Delegates
2 Alternates

for a total of 184 eligible voters.

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

New Business Motion A-c as follows:

Move to grant the Conference Seal of Approval to the pamphlet, *A Common Solution: Diversity and Recovery*.

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

New Business Motion A-d as follows:

Move to grant the Conference Seal of Approval to the revised pamphlet, *The Tools of Recovery*.

Motion required 2/3 vote to adopt. New Business Motion A-d **adopted** by written ballot. 148 yes, 33 no.

Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Proposal Item 15

Move to amend OA, Inc Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 5 – Nomination of Trustees, Part c)1) as follows:

Article IX – Board of Trustees

Section 5 – Nomination of Trustees

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 nominee's intergroup/service board or a region in which the nominee has recently served, or a majority vote of the Board of Trustees if the nominee is a sitting trustee.

Proposal Item 15 **adopted** on the consent agenda.

Proposal Item 4

Move to amend OA, Inc Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V – Overeaters Anonymous Groups, Section 2 – Composition, Part b as follows:

Article V – Overeaters Anonymous Groups
Section 2 – Composition

- b) Groups compose the intergroups and service boards as set forth in Articles VI and VIII hereof.

Proposal Item 4 **adopted** on the consent agenda.

Proposal Item 12

Move to amend OA, Inc Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 7 – Vacancies, Part a)2) as follows:

Article IX – Board of Trustees
Section 7 – Vacancies

a) Regional Trustees

- 2) Should such vacancy occur within one hundred twenty days prior to Conference, the usual deadlines for the selection of regional trustee nominees shall be suspended. In this case only, resumes of regional trustee candidates nominated by the region shall be received by the Board of Trustees at least two weeks prior to the official opening of Conference to be considered for election at that Conference. Regions may affirm the nominations in a manner determined by the region. Copies of these resumes shall be supplied to the delegates by the opening Conference.

Proposal Item 12 **adopted** on the consent agenda.

Proposal Item 3

Move to amend OA, Inc Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XIV – Bylaw Amendments, Section 1 – Procedure, Parts b and c as follows:

Article XIV – Bylaw Amendments
Section 1 – Procedure

- b) The chairman of the board shall cause a copy of the proposed amendments to be communicated to each delegate whose name appears in the office of the secretary of the corporation and to each registered service body and trustee by January 10 prior to the annual Conference.
- c) In order for an amendment proposed to be submitted to the World Service Business Conference, these proposals will need to be approved by fifty percent of all intergroups and service boards responding. The agenda questionnaire must be returned to the WSO by sixty days prior to the Conference.

Proposal Item 3 **adopted** on the consent agenda.

Proposal Item 6

Move to amend OA, Inc Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Regions, Section 1 – Composition, Part a as follows:

Article VII – Regions
Section 1 – Composition

- a) There shall be ten regions composed of intergroups, groups within each region and service boards that fall within regional boundaries. Subject to BOT approval, language service boards that span more than one region may choose to affiliate with one of the regions that it spans. Virtual service boards are not included in the regional structure.

Motion required 2/3 to adopt. Proposal Item 6 **adopted**.

Proposal Item 7

Move to amend OA, Inc Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Regions, Section 2 – Regional assemblies, as follows:

Article VII – Regions
Section 2 – Regional Assemblies

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 member groups, for the election of officers and the selection of nominees for regional trustee for that region.

Motion required 2/3 to adopt. Proposal Item 7 **adopted** as amended.

Proposal Item 14

Move to amend OA, Inc Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X –Meetings of Delegates, Section 4 – Notice as follows:

Article X – Meetings of the Delegates
Section 4 – Notice

Notice of the regular annual Conference and all special meetings of delegates shall be given to each registered service body, unless otherwise instructed by each individual service body, by 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.

Proposal Item 14 **adopted** on the consent agenda.

Proposal Item 17

Move to amend OA, Inc Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XI – Conference Committees, Section 2 – Bylaws Committee, Parts a and c as follows:

Article XI – Conference Committees
Section 2 – Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee shall be composed of one or two delegates from each region, selected either at regional assembly or by a method practical to the region. One or two delegates shall also be selected from the collective virtual service boards by a method practical to them. In addition, other delegates attending WSBC may choose to serve on the Bylaws Committee.

- a) The Reference Subcommittee shall be composed of the Bylaws Committee chairman and representative of the Board of Trustees who

shall be the cochairmen; and the representatives selected from each region and the virtual service boards to serve on the Bylaws Committee.

- c) Names of the Bylaws Committee members selected by the regions and virtual service boards shall be sent to the World Service Office forty-five days prior to the Conference.

Motion required 2/3 to adopt. Proposal Item 17 **adopted**.

Proposal Item 21

Move to amend OA, Inc Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 2 – Duties and Responsibilities, Part c as follows:

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

- c) Specific Duties
 - 2) The regional trustees shall be the representatives of the Board of Trustees in their respective regions and at the region assemblies.
 - 3) The chairman of the board will annually appoint a regional or general service trustee to also serve as virtual services trustee (VST), representing virtual groups and service boards at the Board of Trustees.
 - 4) The general service trustees shall have general authority with respect to the routine conduct of the business affairs of the corporation, including the following specific duties:

Proposal Item 21 **adopted** on the consent agenda.

Proposal Item 9

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws Subpart B, Article VIII – Service Boards, Section 3 – Registration, Part b, as follows:

Article VIII – Service Boards
Section 3 – Registration

- b) Each service board shall submit a copy of its bylaws and/or summary of purpose to the WSO whenever either is updated or revised.

Motion required 2/3 to adopt. Proposal Item 9 **adopted**.

Proposal Item 13

Move to amend OA, Inc Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 3 – Delegates, Part c) 3) as follows:

Article X – Meetings of Delegates
Section 3 – Delegates

c) Qualifications/Selection

- 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 delegate approval in accordance with the number of groups in that country.

Proposal Item 13 **adopted** on the consent agenda.

Proposal Item 8

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws Subpart B, Article VII – Regions, Section 3 – Registration, Part b, as follows:

Article VII – Regions
Section 3 – Registration

- b) Each region shall submit a copy of its bylaws and/or summary of purpose to the WSO whenever either is updated or revised.

Motion required 2/3 to adopt. Proposal Item 8 **adopted**.

Proposal Item 5

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws Subpart B, Article VI – Intergroups, Section 2 – Registration, Part b, as follows:

Article VI – Intergroups
Section 2 – Registration

- b) Each intergroup shall submit a copy of its bylaws and/or summary of purpose to the WSO whenever either is updated or revised.

Motion required 2/3 to adopt. Proposal Item 5 **adopted**.

Proposal Item 19

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws Subpart B, Article V – Overeaters Anonymous Groups, Section 1 – Definition, Part a, as follows:

Article V – Overeaters Anonymous Groups
Section 1 – Definition

- a) These points shall define an Overeaters Anonymous group:
- 1) As a group, they meet to practice the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service.
 - 2) All who have the desire to stop eating compulsively are welcome in the group.
 - 3) No member is required to practice any actions in order to remain a member or to have a voice (share at a meeting).
 - 4) As a group they have no affiliation other than Overeaters Anonymous.
 - 5) It has affiliated as an Overeaters Anonymous group by registering with the World Service Office.

Motion required 2/3 to adopt. Proposal Item 19 **adopted**.

Proposal Item 11

Move to amend OA, Inc Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 2 – Duties and Responsibilities, Part b) 9) as follows:

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

- b) 9) To furnish counsel and guidance to members, groups and service bodies.

Proposal Item 11 **adopted** on the consent agenda.

Proposal Item 20

Move to amend OA, Inc Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XIV – Bylaw Amendments, Section 1 – Procedure, Part a as follows:

Article XIV – Bylaw Amendments
Section 1 – Procedure

Subpart B of these bylaws may be amended as follows:

- a) Amendments to Subpart B of these bylaws may be proposed by any registered service body, trustee, the Region Chairs Committee or the Conference Bylaws Committee and shall be submitted to the chairman of the Board of Trustees, postmarked or be date and time stamped through electronic transmission by December 10 before the annual meeting of the Conference. The Board of Trustees may also submit amendments to the bylaws.

Proposal Item 20 **adopted** on the consent agenda.

Proposal Item 10

Move to amend OA, Inc Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 2 – Duties and Responsibilities, Part b) 6) as follows:

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

- b) 6) To call to the attention of any group or service body any non-adherence to the Twelve Traditions or the Twelve Concepts of OA Service which the trustee believes the group or service body has made, acting only in an advisory capacity in matters affecting Overeaters Anonymous as a whole.

Proposal Item 10 **adopted** on the consent agenda.

Proposal Item 16

Move to amend OA, Inc Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 8 – Business Agenda, Part c) as follows:

Article X – Meetings of Delegates
Section 8 – Business Agenda

- c) New business to be placed on the agenda prior to Conference shall follow the same procedure for submission as for bylaw amendments and shall be approved by fifty percent of all intergroups and service boards responding to an agenda questionnaire by sixty days prior to the Conference. Other new business of an urgent nature must receive a majority vote of the Reference Subcommittee in order to be brought to the Conference floor.

Proposal Item 16 **adopted** on the consent agenda.

Due to time constraints, Bylaw Amendments 1, 2 and 18 were not considered.

Remaining Business

The remaining business consisted of the green dot ceremony and acknowledgements.

Three day total for Seventh Tradition - \$3,208.76

World Service Business Conference 2011

Service Body Representation

Per the November 2004 BOT meeting, a motion was passed that states “On the final morning of the Conference, a count of those represented intergroups and national/language service boards shall be made.” Therefore, the counts below are based on the final morning (4/30/11) of WSBC 2011.

| Region | Total # of Service Bodies (as of 4/30/11) | Total # of Service Bodies Represented at WSBC 2011 | Percentage of Service Bodies Represented at WSBC 2011 |
|------------------|--|---|--|
| Region 1 | 25 | 10 | 40% |
| Region 2 | 34 | 19 | 56% |
| Region 3 | 26 | 16 | 62% |
| Region 4 | 19 | 5 | 26% |
| Region 5 | 30 | 13 | 43% |
| Region 6 | 42 | 21 | 50% |
| Region 7 | 25 | 11 | 44% |
| Region 8 | 57 | 14 | 25% |
| Region 9 | 55 | 7 | 13% |
| Region 10 | 12 | 3 | 25% |

Per OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, Section 3, Part a) 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 otherwise not be represented by delegates.

Therefore, Regions Four, Eight, Nine and Ten are eligible to send five additional delegates to WSBC 2012.