

Proposal Item: 1

Total Percentage:

Order of Debate Number:

Total Voting:

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

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

Current Wording

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.

Proposed Wording

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~~ registered groups, for the election of officers and ~~/or~~ the selection of nominees for regional trustee for that region.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees
Mary Rose D., Region Six Trustee
Contact the WSO for contact information

Intent

To refer to the exact term “register” that appears in the newly updated bylaws definition of an OA group, and to clarify that nominees for regional trustee are not necessarily selected each year.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws

Cost

None

Rationale

- 1) The phrase “unaffiliated ‘member’ groups” may be confusing, whereas OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V, Section 1, Item 5 states that an OA group must be “registered.”
- 2) As written, the section states that assemblies meet to select regional trustee nominee(s) each year. This is not correct.

History

2011 – Article VII, Section 2 (paraphrased)

Delete Region Nine as an exception to region assembly meetings (adopted)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: 2

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 4 – Notice by striking and 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 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.

Proposed 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 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~~ service body. 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.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees
Mary Rose D., Region Six Trustee
Contact the WSO for contact information

Intent

To specify how notice shall be deemed to have been given to each type of service body, including service boards.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws

Cost
None

Rationale

The current bylaw does not specify how notices shall be deemed to have been given to service boards.

History

2011 – Article X, Section 4 (paraphrased)

Send special mailings to registered service bodies (adopted)

2010 – Article X, Section 4 (paraphrased)

Allow service bodies to notify the WSO if they do not want printed Conference mailings (adopted)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: 3

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 6 – Election of Trustees, Part d by striking and inserting:

Current Wording

Article IX – Board of Trustees
Section 6 – Election of Trustees

d) Once there are only two candidates remaining for regional or general service trustee position and neither candidate receives a majority after two ballots are taken, a vacancy is declared. The Board of Trustees will fill this vacancy at the second full board meeting after Conference.

Proposed Wording

Article IX – Board of Trustees
Section 6 – Election of Trustees

d) Once there are only two candidates remaining for a regional or general service trustee position and neither candidate receives a majority after two ballots are taken, a vacancy is declared. The Board of Trustees will fill this vacancy at the second ~~full~~ regular board meeting after Conference.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees
Mary Rose D., Region Six Trustee
Contact the WSO for contact information

Intent

To use the same language in OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX that appears in Subpart A, Article V.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws

Cost

None

Rationale

It is not clear what the word “full” means, and its inclusion might actually create confusion. If, for example, one trustee is absent, would that still be considered a “full” board meeting? The term “regular” is specified in OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart A, Article V – Directors/Management, Section 6 – Meetings: a) “Immediately following each World Service Business Conference meeting. . .the

Board shall hold a regular meeting to elect officers and transact other business. . ." and 6c) states "More than half of the trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: 4

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI – Intergroups, Section 2 – Registration by inserting Part c:

Current Wording

Article VI – Intergroup
Section 2 – Registration

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

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

Proposed Wording

Article VI – Intergroup
Section 2 – Registration

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

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

Current Wording

Article VI – Intergroup
Section 2 – Registration

Proposed Wording

Article VI – Intergroup
Section 2 – Registration

c) Each intergroup shall update its bylaws upon receipt of notification from the World Service Office of amendments to OA, Inc. Bylaws adopted at the World Service Business Conference that require changes to intergroup bylaws. Notices shall be deemed to have been given if sent by mail and/or electronic transmission to the registered contact for each intergroup. These updates shall be made within two years of receipt of notice.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees
Mary Rose D., Region Six Trustee
Contact the WSO for contact information

Intent

To ensure that intergroup bylaws are updated to reflect motions adopted at WSBC.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws

Cost

None

Rationale

OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B do not currently require an intergroup to update or revise its bylaws. Each intergroup's bylaws should affirm all bylaw amendments adopted by the OA Fellowship.

History

2011 – Article VI, Section 2b (paraphrased)

Include summary of purpose in intergroup registration process (adopted)

2009 – Article VI, Section 2b (paraphrased)

Revise intergroup registration bylaw—housekeeping motion (adopted)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: 5

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Regions, Section 3 – Registration by inserting Part c:

Current Wording

Article VII – Regions
Section 3 – Registration

- a) Each region shall be duly registered with the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous by submitting bylaws and/or a summary of its purpose and operating procedures, neither of which shall be in conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws. At a minimum, such bylaws or summary of purpose shall include a statement indicating that its primary purpose is to aid those with the problems of compulsive eating through the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of OA Service of Overeaters Anonymous, and to serve and represent the OA groups from which it is formed.
- b) Each region shall submit a copy of its bylaws and/or summary of purpose to the WSO whenever either is updated or revised.

Proposed Wording

Article VII – Regions
Section 3 – Registration

- a) Each region shall be duly registered with the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous by submitting bylaws and/or a summary of its purpose and operating procedures, neither of which shall be in conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws. At a minimum, such bylaws or summary of purpose shall include a statement indicating that its primary purpose is to aid those with the problems of compulsive eating through the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of OA Service of Overeaters Anonymous, and to serve and represent the OA groups from which it is formed.
- b) Each region shall submit a copy of its bylaws and/or summary of purpose to the WSO whenever either is updated or revised.

Current Wording

Article VII – Regions
Section 3 – Registration

Proposed Wording

Article VII – Regions
Section 3 – Registration

c) Each region shall update its bylaws upon receipt of notification from the World Service Office of amendments to OA, Inc. Bylaws adopted at the World Service Business Conference that require changes to region bylaws. Notices shall be deemed to have been given if sent by mail and/or electronic transmission to the chair and/or secretary/coordinator representing each region. These updates shall be made within two years of receipt of notice.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees
Mary Rose D., Region Six Trustee
Contact the WSO for contact information

Intent

To ensure that region bylaws are updated to reflect motions adopted at WSBC.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws

Cost

None

Rationale

OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B do not currently require a region to update or revise its bylaws. Each region's bylaws should affirm all bylaw amendments adopted by the OA Fellowship.

History

2011 – Article VII, Section 3b (paraphrased)
Include summary of purpose in region registration process (adopted)

2009 – Article VII, Section 3b (paraphrased)
Revise region registration bylaw—housekeeping motion (adopted)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: 6

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Service Boards, Section 3 – Registration by inserting Part d:

Current Wording

Article VIII – Service Boards
Section 3 – Registration

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

Proposed Wording

Article VIII – Service Boards
Section 3 – Registration

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

Current Wording

Article VIII – Service Boards
Section 3 – Registration

Proposed Wording

Article VIII – Service Boards
Section 3 – Registration

d) Each service board shall update its bylaws upon receipt of notification from the World Service Office of amendments to OA, Inc. Bylaws adopted at the World Service Business Conference that require changes to service board bylaws. Notices shall be deemed to have been given if sent by mail and/or electronic transmission to the registered contact for each service board. These updates shall be made within two years of receipt of notice.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees
Mary Rose D., Region Six Trustee
Contact the WSO for contact information

Intent

To ensure that service board bylaws are updated to reflect motions adopted at WSBC.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws

Cost

None

Rationale

OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B do not currently require a service board to update or revise its bylaws. Each service board's bylaws should affirm all bylaw amendments adopted by the OA Fellowship.

History

2011 – Article VIII, Section 3b (paraphrased)

Include summary of purpose to service board registration process (adopted)

2009 – Article VIII, Section 3b (paraphrased)

Revise service board registration bylaw—housekeeping motion (adopted)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: 7

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 3 – Delegates, Part c – Qualifications/Selection by inserting Part 6:

Current Wording

Article X – Meetings of Delegates
Section 3 – Delegates

c) Qualifications/Selection
Parts 1-4 (*not printed due to space*)

- 5) If a region, intergroup or service board does not select its delegate(s) and alternate(s) or fails to inform the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous before the annual meeting, such delegate(s) and alternate(s) may appear at the Conference with evidence of their due selection deemed credible by the trustees, and such delegate(s) shall be seated.

Proposed Wording

Article X – Meetings of Delegates
Section 3 – Delegates

c) Qualifications/Selection
Parts 1-4 (*not printed due to space*)

- 5) If a region, intergroup or service board does not select its delegate(s) and alternate(s) or fails to inform the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous before the annual meeting, such delegate(s) and alternate(s) may appear at the Conference with evidence of their due selection deemed credible by the trustees, and such delegate(s) shall be seated.
- 6) If region, intergroup or service board bylaws are in conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws, including failure to include amendments to OA, Inc. Bylaws adopted by World Service Business Conferences two or more years prior to the current WSBC, that region, intergroup or service board will not be permitted to register delegate(s) for the current Conference. In order to be allowed to register delegate(s), a service body has until thirty days before start of Conference to submit bylaws that are not in conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees
Mary Rose D., Region Six Trustee
Contact the WSO for contact information

Intent

To stipulate the effect on delegate credentials recognition if service body bylaws are in conflict with OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws

Cost

None

Rationale

OA, Inc. Bylaws do not specify the parliamentary action that shall occur when a service body's bylaws are in conflict with OA, Inc.'s Bylaws. This motion does.

History

2011 – Article X, Section 3c (paraphrased)
Include service boards in delegate qualifications (adopted)

2010 – Article X, Section 3c (paraphrased)
Revise delegate qualifications to two years of service “beyond” the group level (adopted)

2007 – Article X, Section 3c (paraphrased)
Refer to national/language service boards as service boards (postponed indefinitely)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: 8

Total Percentage:

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XI – Conference Committees, Section 3 – Finance Committee by striking and inserting:

Current Wording

Article XI – Conference Committees
Section 3 – Finance Committee

- a) To review the annual budget and make suggestions regarding budgetary needs and decisions.
- b) To give input on income needed for service work, especially increasing Seventh Tradition contributions to the World Service Office.
- c) To seek to improve communications between the Board of Trustees and the Fellowship in any matters concerning the finances of OA.
- d) To look at ways to raise funds for groups, intergroups and regions.

Proposed Wording

Article XI – Conference Committees
Section 3 – Finance Committee

- a) To review the annual budget ~~and make suggestions regarding budgetary needs and decisions.~~
- b) To ~~give input on income needed for service work, especially increasing Seventh Tradition contributions to the World Service Office~~ develop, suggest and implement strategies with the goal of increasing Seventh Tradition and special funds contributions to the World Service Office.
- c) To ~~seek to improve communications between the Board of Trustees and the Fellowship in any matters concerning the finances of OA~~ keep the Fellowship informed of financial decisions made by the BOT that affect groups and service bodies.
- d) To ~~look at ways to raise funds for groups, intergroups and regions~~ assist group and service body treasurers with the performance of their responsibilities.

Submitted By

Joe L., General Service Trustee (*on behalf of the WSBC Finance Committee*)
Contact the WSO for contact information

Intent

To update the bylaws with a statement of purpose which accurately reflects current tasks and directions of the WSBC Finance Committee.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws

Cost

None

Rationale

The current statement of purpose does not accurately reflect the current tasks of the committee.

History

2011 – Article XI, Section 3 (paraphrased)

Revise Finance Committee statement of purpose (did not address)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: 9

Total Percentage:

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI – Intergroups, Section 2 – Registration by striking and inserting:

Current Wording

Article VI – Intergroups
Section 2 – Registration

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

Proposed Wording

Article VI – Intergroups
Section 2 – Registration

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

Submitted By

Board of Trustees

Mary Rose D., Region Six Trustee

Contact the WSO for contact information

Intent

To provide the same language as used in OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V, Section 1a1 defining an OA group.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws

Cost

None

Rationale

There is value in stating and repeating that we are guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service. By reflecting this also in the Article VI definition of intergroups, we highlight this value.

History

2011 – Article VI, Section 2b (paraphrased)

Include summary of purpose in intergroup registration process (adopted)

2009 – Article VI, Section 2b (paraphrased)

Revise intergroup registration bylaw—housekeeping motion (adopted)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: 10

Total Percentage:

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
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Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Regions, Section 3 – Registration by striking and inserting:

Current Wording

Article VII – Regions
Section 3 – Registration

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

Proposed Wording

Article VII – Regions
Section 3 – Registration

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

Submitted By

Board of Trustees
Mary Rose D., Region Six Trustee
Contact the WSO for contact information

Intent

To provide the same language as used in OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V, Section 1a1 defining an OA group.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws

Cost
None

Rationale

There is value in stating and repeating that we are guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service. By reflecting this also in the Article VII definition of regions, we highlight this value.

History

2011 – Article VII, Section 3b (paraphrased)

Include summary of purpose in region registration process (adopted)

2009 – Article VII, Section 3b (paraphrased)

Revise region registration bylaw—housekeeping motion (adopted)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: 11

Total Percentage:

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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
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Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Service Boards, Section 3 – Registration by striking and inserting:

Current Wording

Article VIII – Service Boards
Section 3 – Registration

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

Proposed Wording

Article VIII – Service Boards
Section 3 – Registration

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

Submitted By

Board of Trustees

Mary Rose D., Region Six Trustee

Contact the WSO for contact information

Intent

To provide the same language as used in OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V, Section 1a1 defining an OA group.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws

Cost

None

Rationale

There is value in stating and repeating that we are guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service. By reflecting this also in the Article VIII definition of service boards, we highlight this value.

History

2011 – Article VIII, Section 3b (paraphrased)

Include summary of purpose in service board registration process (adopted)

2009 – Article VIII, Section 3b (paraphrased)

Revise service board registration bylaw—housekeeping motion (adopted)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: 12

Total Percentage:

Order of Debate Number:

Total Voting:

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 1 – Composition and Section 2 – Duties and Responsibilities, Part c3) by striking and inserting:

Current Wording

Article IX – Board of Trustees
Section 1 – Composition

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

Section 2 – Duties and Responsibilities

c) Specific Duties

- 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.

Proposed Wording

Article IX – Board of Trustees
Section 1 – Composition

The Board of Trustees shall consist of ten “regional trustees,” each representing one of the ten regions, ~~and~~ six “general service trustees,” and one “virtual services trustee.”

Section 2 – Duties and Responsibilities

c) Specific Duties

- 3) The ~~chairman of the board will~~ annually appoint a regional or general service trustee to also serve as virtual services trustee (VST); will representing virtual groups and service boards at the Board of Trustees.

Submitted By

Board of Trustees
Mary Rose D., Region Six Trustee
Contact the WSO for contact information

Gerri Helms, Region Eight Trustee/Virtual Services Trustee

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Intent

To create a new trustee position to support virtual groups and service boards.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws

Nominations will be accepted according to OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Section 7 – Vacancies.

Cost

\$6,500 per year for travel to board meetings

Rationale

The structure of virtual services has in some ways been established for three years and in others is still in formation and transition as members experience the similarities and the differences between virtual groups and face-to-face groups. The differences start with how a group may be formed, and involve concerns as to how Seventh Tradition contributions might be made, how a meeting might take a group conscience, how numbers of meetings might band together to hold business meetings, and how virtual service boards might identify, elect and fund delegates to attend the World Service Business Conference. A virtual services trustee would develop and conduct virtual Service, Traditions and Concepts workshops, hold online meetings focused on OA's main goals (strong meetings, committed service bodies, public/professional awareness and financial health), and do the basic member and group support that each regional trustee does within his or her geographic area. This is a service that is large enough, important enough, that it is no longer sufficient to add it to a regional trustee's assignment; rather, it requires and deserves a trustee dedicated to the concerns of this critical and growing segment of OA recovery.

History

2011 – Article IX, Section 2c (paraphrased)

Include virtual services trustee appointment as part of board duties and responsibilities (adopted)

2005 – Article IX, Section 2c (paraphrased)

Appoint existing trustee to oversee virtual service boards (adopted)

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: 13

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Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI – Intergroups, Section 3 – Functioning by inserting:

Current Wording

Article VI – Intergroups
Section 3 – Functioning

- a) Intergroups may conduct the business of their groups by any method they choose.
- b) 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.)

Proposed Wording

Article VI – Intergroups
Section 3 – Functioning

- a) Intergroups may conduct the business of their groups by any method they choose.
- b) 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.)
- c) Unless intergroup bylaws specify otherwise, an intergroup may be deregistered only by notifying the World Service Office that a motion to deregister has been adopted by two-thirds vote of an intergroup meeting for the stated purpose of discussing intergroup deregistration, called with a 30-day advance notification to member groups.

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Intent

To ensure that an intergroup cannot be deregistered without advance notification, meeting and vote.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws

Ask the World Service Office to notify the regional trustee, who will contact the region or the national service board for that intergroup to verify that the decision to deregister was made by a legally constituted meeting scheduled for that purpose.

Cost

None

Rationale

Caledonian Intergroup was recently deregistered by a chair who had resigned. Although a new board had been elected, the request to deregister the intergroup was made by members from the previous board.

No individual(s) should have the authority to deregister an intergroup without advance notification, meeting and vote. Current practice allows intergroup deregistration to be requested by only one or two individuals.

This situation can be prevented in future circumstances if the region or the national service board for an intergroup is notified of any such deregistration request. A region or national service board would be in a position to substantiate the legitimacy of the request.

History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: 14

Total Percentage:

Order of Debate Number:

Total Voting:

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Board of Trustees, Section 2 – Duties and Responsibilities, Parts b and c by striking and inserting:

Current Wording

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

b) Subject to the limitations of these bylaws, and to the action of the delegates at the Conference, all powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business affairs of the corporation shall be controlled by the Board of Trustees. Without prejudice to such general powers but subject to the same limitations, it is hereby expressly declared that the trustees shall have the following powers:

7) To act as spokesman for Overeaters Anonymous in all matters affecting Overeaters Anonymous as a whole.

c) Specific Duties

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.

Proposed Wording

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

b) Subject to the limitations of these bylaws, and to the action of the delegates at the Conference, all powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business affairs of the corporation shall be controlled by the Board of Trustees. Without prejudice to such general powers but subject to the same limitations, it is hereby expressly declared that the trustees shall have the following powers:

7) To ~~act as spokesman for~~ speak on behalf of Overeaters Anonymous in all matters affecting Overeaters Anonymous as a whole.

c) Specific Duties

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.

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Intent

To make the language of OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B gender neutral.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws

Cost

None

Rationale

Language in OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B always refers to chairman or chairmen, neither of which necessarily reflects reality. Use of “chair” is one of the “variations on the form” that are “now frequently encountered” and “may be in use as the general practice in particular assemblies.” (*Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, p. 23)

History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: 15

Total Percentage:

Order of Debate Number:

Total Voting:

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X – Meetings of Delegates, Section 2 – Special Meetings, Section 3 – Delegates, Section 6 – Presiding Officer and Section 8 – Business Agenda by striking and inserting:

Current Wording

Article X – Meetings of Delegates

Section 2 – Special Meetings

Special meetings of the delegates for any purpose or purposes may be called at any time by the chairman of the board or by a majority of the trustees.

Section 3 – Delegates

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

- a) Voting delegates shall consist of the following persons chosen in accordance with this Article X, Section 3(c)1.
- 4) Each region shall be entitled to one vote through its duly elected chairman or alternate.

Section 6 – Presiding Officer

All meetings of delegates shall be presided over by the chairman of the Board of Trustees. In the absence of the chairman, the first vice chairman shall preside over the meetings of the delegates.

Section 8 – Business Agenda

- a) The chairman shall provide that the agenda for the annual Conference includes written reports of the treasurer, managing director, board and Conference committee chairmen.

Proposed Wording

Article X – Meetings of Delegates

Section 2 – Special Meetings

Special meetings of the delegates for any purpose or purposes may be called at any time by the chairman of the board or by a majority of the trustees.

Section 3 – Delegates

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

- b) Voting delegates shall consist of the following persons chosen in accordance with this Article X, Section 3(c)1.
- 4) Each region shall be entitled to one vote through its duly elected chairman or alternate.

Section 6 – Presiding Officer

All meetings of delegates shall be presided over by the chairman of the Board of Trustees. In the absence of the chairman, the first vice chairman shall preside over the meetings of the delegates.

Section 8 – Business Agenda

- a) The chairman shall provide that the agenda for the annual Conference includes written reports of the treasurer, managing director, board and Conference committee chairmen.

Current Wording (continued)

Article X – Meetings of Delegates
Section 8 – Business Agenda

- b) Notwithstanding any action of the chairman or mandate of Section 7 above, questions of policy shall take precedence over proposed bylaws amendments at all Conference meetings, except for such bylaw amendments as may be required to conform with or be mandated by any action of State or Federal statute, code or law. The agenda of the Conference shall specifically provide for consideration of policy questions before consideration of bylaw amendments.

Proposed Wording (continued)

Article X – Meetings of Delegates
Section 8 – Business Agenda

- b) Notwithstanding any action of the chairman or mandate of Section 7 above, questions of policy shall take precedence over proposed bylaws amendments at all Conference meetings, except for such bylaw amendments as may be required to conform with or be mandated by any action of State or Federal statute, code or law. The agenda of the Conference shall specifically provide for consideration of policy questions before consideration of bylaw amendments.

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Intent

To make the language of OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B gender neutral.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws

Cost

None

Rationale

Language in OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B always refers to chairman or chairmen, neither of which necessarily reflects reality. Use of “chair” is one of the “variations on the form” that are “now frequently encountered” and “may be in use as the general practice in particular assemblies.” (*Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, p. 23)

History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: 16

Total Percentage:

Order of Debate Number:

Total Voting:

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XI – Conference Committees, Section 1 – Conference Literature Committee, Section 2 – Bylaws Committee, Section 4 – Region Chairs Committee and Section 6 – Conference Committee Chairman by striking and inserting:

Current Wording

Article XI – Conference Committees

- Section 1 – Conference Literature Committee
- a) The Conference Literature Committee shall be composed of twelve or more delegates selected by the chairman of the Literature Committee of the Board of Trustees from among delegates at the Conference, to obtain good geographic representation, strong abstinence and a willingness to serve.
- Section 2 – 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.
- Section 4 – Region Chairs Committee
- b) The Region Chairs Committee shall be composed of the current region chairmen only. A region chairman may designate an alternate, such as the region vice chairman, to serve on the committee in her/his absence.

Proposed Wording

Article XI – Conference Committees

- Section 1 – Conference Literature Committee
- a) The Conference Literature Committee shall be composed of twelve or more delegates selected by the ~~chairman~~ of the Literature Committee of the Board of Trustees from among delegates at the Conference, to obtain good geographic representation, strong abstinence and a willingness to serve.
- Section 2 – Bylaws Committee
- a) The Reference Subcommittee shall be composed of the Bylaws Committee ~~chairman~~ delegate 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.
- Section 4 – Region Chairs Committee
- b) The Region Chairs Committee shall be composed of the current region ~~chairmen~~ chairman only. A region ~~chairman~~ may designate an alternate, such as the region vice ~~chairman~~, to serve on the committee in her/his absence.

Current Wording (continued)

Article XI – Conference Committees
Section 6 – Conference Committee Chairman

- a) Election – A Conference cochairman and a vice chairman for each Conference committee shall be elected annually by a majority of the delegates present at the annual Conference committee meetings. The Conference cochairman shall be a delegate and shall not serve more than two consecutive one-year terms. The vice chairman shall assume all responsibilities in the absence of the Conference cochairman.
- c) Vacancies – If, for any reason, the Conference committee cochairman is unable to fulfill the position and there is no vice chairman, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, in consultation with the trustee cochairman responsible for liaison between the Conference committee and the board, shall appoint a delegate from the committee to serve as Conference cochairman.
- d) A vacancy shall be presumed if the Conference committee cochairman fails to communicate with the committee for three consecutive months.

Proposed Wording (continued)

Article XI – Conference Committees
Section 6 – Conference Committee Chairman

- a) Election – A Conference cochairman and a vice chairman for each Conference committee shall be elected annually by a majority of the delegates present at the annual Conference committee meetings. The Conference cochairman shall be a delegate and shall not serve more than two consecutive one-year terms. The vice chairman shall assume all responsibilities in the absence of the Conference cochairman.
- c) Vacancies – If, for any reason, the Conference committee cochairman is unable to fulfill the position and there is no vice chairman, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, in consultation with the trustee cochairman responsible for liaison between the Conference committee and the board, shall appoint a delegate from the committee to serve as Conference cochairman.
- d) A vacancy shall be presumed if the Conference committee cochairman fails to communicate with the committee for three consecutive months.

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Intent

To make the language of OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B gender neutral.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws

Cost

None

Rationale

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History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: 17

Total Percentage:

Order of Debate Number:

Total Voting:

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XIV – Bylaw Amendments, Section 1 – Procedure, Parts a and b by striking:

Current Wording

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.
- 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.

Proposed Wording

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.
- 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.

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Intent

To make the language of OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B gender neutral.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws

Cost

None

Rationale

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History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None

Proposal Item: 18

Total Percentage:

Order of Debate Number:

Total Voting:

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2012
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Service Boards, Section 4 – Functioning by inserting:

Current Wording

Article VIII – Service Boards
Section 4 - Functioning

- a) Service boards shall conduct business under the bylaws and policies established by their intergroups and groups.
- b) A service board must be formally registered, along with its delegate information, thirty days prior to Conference to send delegates to the current Conference. (See Article X, Section 3c for qualifications and selection of delegates.)

Proposed Wording

Article VIII – Service Boards
Section 4 - Functioning

- a) Service boards shall conduct business under the bylaws and policies established by their intergroups and groups.
- b) A service board must be formally registered, along with its delegate information, thirty days prior to Conference to send delegates to the current Conference. (See Article X, Section 3c for qualifications and selection of delegates.)
- c) Unless service board bylaws specify otherwise, a service board may be deregistered only by notifying the World Service Office that a motion to deregister has been adopted by two-thirds vote of a service board meeting for the stated purpose of discussing service board deregistration, called with a 30-day advance notification to member groups. Attendance count and vote will be of and by group representatives only; no additional vote will be accorded to intergroup(s).

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Intent

To ensure that a service board cannot be deregistered without advance notification, meeting and vote.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws

Ask the World Service Office to notify the regional or virtual services trustee, who will contact the service board to verify that the decision to deregister was made by a legally constituted meeting scheduled for that purpose.

Cost

None

Rationale

No individual(s) should have the authority to deregister a service board without advance notification, meeting and vote. Current practice allows service board deregistration to be requested by only one or two individuals.

Before a service board is deregistered, it is critical that the regional or virtual services trustee contact the service board to substantiate the legitimacy of the request.

History

No history in the past five years.

WSBC Motions Review Committee Comments

None