

WSBC Report 2021

Attending this WSBC has been a real privilege for me. I was the delegate in Albuquerque in 2019 and a delegate in 2020 in the conference that was held virtually. Each time I have gained so much knowledge and am so grateful to be representing Piedmont Intergroup and taking our voice to World Service.

248 Eligible voters

20 countries represented: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Iran, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, S. Africa, Spain, United Kingdom (England and Scotland & US)

OFFICER REPORTS

Chair's Report

Rented space for WSBC as internet bad in building

Treasurer's Report

Contributions up-\$948,957-helped with virtual conferences

Book Sales and digital sales up; now digital pamphlets

Lifeline

ARC-automatic recurring contributions -515 members-\$11,666.64 as of March 31, 2021

3 restricted funds-translation, professional exhibits and delegate support fund

Payroll protection plan-\$134,800 received as a loan from government-government forgave the loan-there were no staff layoffs

Managing Director's Report

At OA.org, under find a meeting, hybrid meetings will be a category; literature and spirituality added as special topic categories

Future of a Lifeline 2.0 in the works

OA.org website is being upgraded

WSO News Bulletin monthly-to subscribe go to OA.org and look for Let's Keep in Touch

A Step Ahead quarterly under OA.org document library; e-books on Amazon Kindle, Barnes and Noble Nook and Apple Books

To Young Person-e-book

Contributions up-surplus of \$488,751

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Approved Literature Committee

Revised the manuscript portion of the *Service, Traditions and Concepts Workshop Manual*

Working on revising *To the Teen* questionnaire, online meeting format, non-real-time meeting format

Conference Planning Committee

Planned Virtual WSBC

Convention 2021 Committee

As of WSBC planning Convention in Orlando face to face, but will plan in case move to virtual

Delegate Support Fund Committee

Awarded \$4,500 to 5 delegates (including PI) but not needed as virtual-paid only \$149 per delegate for registration fees

International Publications/Translations Committee Report

Funds to translate for Iran, Russia Latvia one time grants-these are countries where OA is becoming established

Funds used to translate some literature into 12 other languages

Priority to translate e-pamphlets for newcomers and translate *The Twelves Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA, Second Edition* and *The Twelve Step Workbook of OA, Second Edition*

Literature Review Committee Report

Reviewed several pieces of literature-some will be reviewed at a later date (eg. *A Common Solution: Diversity and Recovery; To the Man Who Wants to Stop Compulsive Overeating; Beyond our Wildest Dreams*-to include history)

Public Awareness/Professional Tradeshows Committee Report

With covid, monies funded for tradeshows were given for 3 tradeshows but events postponed until 2021

Strategic Planning Committee Report

Committee looking at how OA as an organization operates and how the different service bodies relate to each other

Website Review Committee

Events calendar not a part of the website; see OA Facebook Events

Added a podcast of Rozanne S, our founder

There is a translatable page to explain and give info regarding OA translations

Plan to improve time zone function and enhance Find a Meeting function

WSBC Virtual Ad Hoc Committee

Researched how to hold a virtual WSBC-discovered a hybrid WSBC would be more complicated

Bylaws Committee

Formed Emergency Virtual Conference Motion Subcommittee to allow for virtual WSBC

KISS Subcommittee to update Business Conference Policy Manual to be user friendly

Motion Makers Subcommittee-to advise motion makers to resubmit motions from 2020

Subpart B, Bylaws Review Subcommittee to yearly go through Bylaws and Policy Manual to see if up to date

Conference Approved Literature Committee

Dignity of Choice and *A Plan of Eating* were combined to *A New Plan of Eating: A physical, Emotional and Spiritual Journey*

The Tools of Recovery pamphlet updated

Voices of Recovery updated to reflect corrections re references to updated literature

Public Information/Professional Outreach Committee

Creating a 24/7 Welcome Room virtual room for newcomers, fellows-submitting for approval

Reaching Youth and Men Subcommittee-created a YP survey and working on a guideline to retain men

Region 8

Journals available at oaregion8.org to order

TWELFTH STEP WITHIN COMMITTEE

Prepared a sponsorship survey

OA Holiday Event Kits revised for workshops for IDEA, Unity Day, Sponsorship Day and Twelfth Step Within Day

Organized under OA.org two categories under Document Library-Holiday Workshops and Resources

Unity and Diversity Committee

Two contexts -1) range of eating disorders and 2) social/demographic differences

Read OA Unity Statement at meetings

Young Persons' Committee

Created e-retreat; YP podcasts, facebook and Instagram and college and University outreach

I was assigned to the Twelfth Step within Committee and our first meeting was rescheduled to May 8th after Intergroup.

All About Conference and Meet the Maker

Gave procedure information in All About Conference

Meet the Maker heard the rationale behind each motion

LITERATURE CONSIDERED

Motion A-a: Move to revise *The Tools of Recovery* pamphlet ADOPTED 201 TO 11

Motion A-b: Motion on *A New Plan of Eating: A Physical, Emotional and Spiritual Journey* (to replace *Dignity of Choice* AND *A Plan of Eating*) ADOPTED 155-58

Motion A-c Motion to revise *The Voices of Recovery* ADOPTED 142-71

NEW BUSINESS PROPOSALS

Proposal A Motion to adopt new definition of Abstinence-an amendment was made and ADOPTED 165-54

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 working and living the Overeaters Anonymous Twelve Step program on a daily basis.

Motion B –Motion to allow change to definition of Abstinence and Recovery in years ending in zero DEFEATED 68-153

Motion C –Motion to change definition of Abstinence and Recovery-not addressed as Motion 1 adopted

Motion D –Motion clarifying OA Holidays to include “full weekend including Fridays” (instead of two-day weekend) ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT

Motion E Motion to revise Preamble – DEFEATED with much discussion 93-125

Motion F Motion regarding developing new and updating literature to be more inclusive ADOPTED 138-75

Motion G – Motion to Change OA Young Persons’ to Peoples” Conference Committee-on CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTED 194-1

Motion H Motion to revise Unity with Diversity Policy ADOPTED 137-62

Motion I Motion with Amendment defining hybrid group ADOPTED as AMENDED 143-9
(a hybrid meeting is a group of members attending 1 meeting face to face and some meeting virtually)

BYLAW AMENDMENTS
Requires 2/3s to adopt

Proposal 1 Move to amend that board vote last –WITHDRAWN

Proposal 2 Move to amend that Trustees shall serve no more than 8 consecutive years -DEFEATED 101-120

Proposal 3 Move to amend requirement of Trustees regarding residence WITHDRAWN

Proposal 4 Move to amend regarding Regions compositions (eleven regions-1 virtual and 10 geographic) WITHDRAWN

Proposal 5 Move to amend to clarify number of delegates per groups WITHDRAWN

Proposal 6 Move to amend to allow a virtual WSBC if an emergency ON CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTED

Proposal 7 Move to amend to clarify selection of delegates to give preference to intergroups and service boards who would not otherwise be represented. ON CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTED

Proposal 8 Move to Amend number of Trustees WITHDRAWN

Proposal 9 Move to Amend qualifications of Trustees WITHDRAWN

Proposal 10 Move to Amend the restructuring of Trustees WITHDRAWN

Proposal 11 NOT CONSIDERED AS PROPOSAL 11 COVERS SAME ISSUES

Proposal 12 Move to amend regarding definition of hybrid groups so they can be registered as 1 group even though some meet face to face and some are on electronic devices
ADOPTED 192-18

Proposal 13 and 14 NOT ON AGENDA- were moving to amend the wording of 12 steps and 12 traditions

Proposal 15 Move to amend to clarify representation of national service boards and language service boards as well as intergroups at WSBC ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT 198-8

Proposal 16 Move to combine a subpart of Bylaws to clarify service bodies to cover all levels of service to include Intergroups, National Service Boards, Language Service Boards, Special Focus Service Boards and Regions ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT 175-35

Proposal 17 WITHDRAWN (not necessary as 16 Adopted)

EMERGENCY MOTION –Motion to provide translation at WSBC by 2022 conference DEFEATED 86-132
The BOT is setting up an ad hoc committee to research the possibilities. Wording of motion not accepted

ELECTIONS OF TRUSTEES

Neva Region 3

Beth B Region 6

Dora P Virtual Region

CJ M –General Service Trustee

Judy H General Service Trustee

Vacancies on Board of Trustees

2 openings for General Service Trustee (Ron P stepping down and another vacancy)

Hannah Region 2 Trustee (1 year left)

My experience

I was a green dot in 201 and virtual in 2020. This year I went to Meet the Maker and the Reference Subcommittee meetings and it made a huge difference in my understanding. I didn't realize in 2019 how important it is to attend them and hear all the questions and answers as to each motion.

Great things I heard

FEAR-Fear is faith that has said its prayers

FEAR Fuck everything and run or feel everything and recover

Tools are the handrails to keep us on the steps

Just for Today I let go of all the sick illusions I have about myself and realize I'm a beautiful person and a child of God

My food plan is simple-food I eat and food I don't eat

In grief, look at the good times I had with the people who died

God does not call the equipped. He equips the unequipped

I don't need to re-invent the wheel but I have to be prepared for a flat

Chair of BOT given a globe that rotates to symbolize we continue to rotate service positions.

"Together we can do what we could never do alone"

Susan W