

Summary of World Service Business Conference 2025 Motions

Please review the [2025 WSBC Agenda Topics](#) for the full text of the proposals.

There are 3 proposed changes to OA policy (A-C) and 10 proposed changes to the OA bylaws (1-10) for your group to decide if the topic should be discussed and voted on at this year's World Service Business Conference. If you want the proposal **discussed** you put Yes in the Bring to WSBC column. If you don't want it discussed vote No.

The proposed policy change D and the proposed bylaw change 11 have been ruled out of order by the WSBC chair. You can ignore those.

The table with the proposed agenda items has 5 columns, the proposal number, who submitted the proposal, what the proposal is (the motion) the intent/rationale and a place for you to tell the Intergroup to Bring the proposal to the World Service Business Convention to Discuss.

Proposal	Submitted By	Motion	Intent/Rationale	Bring to WSBC? Yes/No
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Proposed Changes are submitted by individual OA members. No new changes are allowed for 2025.

Proposals B, C, 4 and 5 have changes that affect individuals and groups the most directly.

Proposed Policy Changes

Proposal A is a change in the name of OA Young People's Conference Committee to OA Young Adults Conference Committee because Young people can be interpreted as those under 18.

Proposal B adds a sentence to a policy statement about respecting the rights of members, groups and service to prevent proselytizing in OA to make the fellowship more welcoming. The added sentence is "In particular" (*re respecting members ways to follow a particular concept of recovery*), "this means we do not try to convince any member or visitor to adopt a belief in God."

Proposal C. This proposal expands the idea that OA has no opinion on weight loss surgery to ..various medically recommended methods of weight management and reiterates we welcome anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively.

Proposed Bylaw Changes

Proposal 1 – Changes the number of regions in OA from 11-10. The regions are a collection of OA groups. We are in Region 8. One of the regions in the Midwest was disbanded because there weren't enough people giving service.

Proposal 2 – Adds a clause for people running for trustee to state two specific ideas in writing to improve the health and long term survival of OA. Currently there are 17 trustees and they have to fill out an application, be recommended by a region and pitch on why they should be selected at the World Service Business Conference. The trustees are like guides to the regions and OA as a whole.

Proposal 3 – Reduces the maximum number of trustees from 17 to 15. The reduction will happen when a trustee leaves by not replacing them.

Proposal 4 – Makes it easier to make a change in the 12 Traditions and 12 Steps by removing a clause that required at least 55 percent of registered groups to have responded. This is because there are more registered groups than active groups and the change author thought it should not be impossible to change the steps or traditions. **A change to** the steps or traditions still required 50% of all the intergroups and services bodies to agree to discuss it at a business conference and for 75% of the registered OA groups that respond to ratify a proposed change.

Proposal 5 – Changes the steps and traditions to remove the word him and insert the word God.....i.e. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over the care of God as we understood God (instead of who we understood him) (See text of proposal 5)

Proposal 6 – Makes the World Service Business Conference Virtual every year.

Proposal 7 – Allows more people to address the World Service Business Conference. I understand this is a change to reflect what is actually being done.

Proposal 8 – Adds that the notice of the Conference will include the day(s) and hour(s) of the conference

Proposal 9 – Changes the details of how and when trustees are nominated.

Proposal 10 – Allows groups to choose to affiliate with a geographic region or the virtual region.