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World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2026
 Proposed Amendment to the
 Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI – Service Bodies, paragraph before Section 1 by striking and inserting as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Wording</u>
<p>Article VI – Service Bodies</p> <p>Service bodies are formed to support the groups in matters the group cannot accomplish on their own.</p> <p>There shall be five types of service bodies to provide services beyond the group level. Service bodies provide support and representation of the groups and intergroups from which they are formed and act as guardians of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.</p> <p>Service Bodies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Intergroups b) National Service Boards c) Language Service Boards d) Specific Focus Service Boards e) Regions 	<p>Article VI – Service Bodies</p> <p>Service bodies are formed to support the groups in matters the group cannot accomplish on their own.</p> <p>There shall be five types of service bodies to provide services beyond the group level. Service bodies provide support and representation of the groups and intergroups from which they are formed and act as guardians of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.</p> <p>Service Bodies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Intergroups b) National Service Boards <u>Bodies</u> c) Language Service Boards <u>Bodies</u> d) Specific Focus Service Boards <u>Bodies</u> e) Regions

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Intent

To ensure consistency and transparency in the terminology used within our service structure. All five OA service bodies are composed of elected representatives from the groups or service bodies they serve, and all five service bodies have a smaller board of officers elected by their representatives at their assemblies. It is strange to call some of the service bodies service boards.

While formulations such as “the board of the intergroup” or “the board of the region” are clear, formulations such as the “board of the board” or “the board elected its board” seem paradoxical and confusing.

Replacing the word “board” with “body” and “boards” with “bodies” in the names of the three types of service boards, removes ambiguities between “service bodies” as collective entities of representatives and “service boards” as elected groups of officers within those entities.

This distinction helps members better understand the actual functions of each service body, highlights the representative and collaborative nature of their work, and maintains alignment across all five types of service bodies. Ultimately, this change supports clearer, inclusive communication; a stronger sense of unity; and a more accurate reflection of how our structure operates in practice.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws and the *OA Handbook for Members, Groups, and Service Bodies* and other places, such as the website where the service structure is discussed. Changes to OA literature will be conducted as part of the standard literature review process. Refer to attached conforming motions.

Cost:

Staff time to update world service resources, such as OA, Inc. Bylaws; *OA Handbook for Members, Groups, and Service Bodies*; and the website to announce the clarification through the News webpage.

How Does This Motion Support OA’s Primary Purpose?

This change supports our primary purpose of carrying the message of recovery by keeping our service structure clear and consistent at all structure levels. By making the difference between “service bodies” and “service boards” easier to understand as it works in practice, we strengthen unity; reduce confusion; encourage more volunteers within the Fellowship; and gain recognition, trust, and respect with our OA contacts or entities outside of OA.

When our service structure runs smoothly and members know how it works, we can spend more time reaching out and less time sorting out misunderstandings. In this way, even a small wording change helps us stay focused on carrying the message of recovery. We can also encourage more volunteers in service by facilitating accurate translations and creating new service bodies and legal entities worldwide.

Rationale:

The reason for this motion is to lead to more OA growth, reducing confusion and making our service structure easier to understand. OA has 5,813 groups service by 313 service bodies. Among them the twenty-one service boards (sixteen national service boards, four language service boards, and one specific focus service board) are less known than the 282 intergroups and ten regions but have a crucial role for OA growth in particular non-English-speaking countries.

Indicative examples of growth from our experience: OA groups who established a national service board (NSB) working as a national service body, and in some cases working through the board of this service body, created a legal entity (as it happened in Greece) and experienced an easier OA existence and operations in their country, according to the local laws and culture. This allowed us to rent or find rooms; maintain a bank account; face tax issues; and make OA visible on official public lists of self-help or social assistance organizations, hospitals, universities, public libraries, radio, and TV channels.

In Greece, seventeen years after the NSB establishment, the groups grew from five to seventy-three groups and includes six intergroups affiliated with the NSB. In Iran, five years after the NSB establishment, the

groups grew from fifteen to 243 and includes nine intergroups affiliated with the NSB, plus the Persian language service board (LSB) which has participants from thirty-four groups and two intergroups.

In Region Nine, thirteen NSBs carry the message within thirteen countries (Europe and the Middle East) to a population of 504,214,606. This also includes the populations of neighboring countries speaking the same languages and those serving the actions of three LSBs and one specific focus service board (SFSB).

Another indicative example: NSBs offering translations in their local languages and local publications of literature, without additional transport or import expenses, allow a larger diffusion of the OA message, maintaining the prices of literature that is more affordable (e.g., The price of our main book, OA Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions in Europe, is 10 euros when translated and printed locally, instead of 22-27 euros when commanded from Canada).

Indicative examples of confusion due to the current wording: Some members reading OA literature are unsure whether “national service board” refers to the entire fellowship structure in a country or just to the elected officers. This causes questions during study sessions and group conscience.

In another case when a service manual mentioned the “language service board,” new members thought it meant a small committee of officers, while others thought it referred to the whole body serving the language community. This led to confusion about who could attend meetings. Such disputes have often required clarification from trustees (Ask-It Basket 2025, Question 22). Currently, the terms “board” and “body” are sometimes mixed up, even though they mean different things. A “service body” is the group of members who come together to do service, while the “service board” is the smaller elected group within each service body. By changing the names to use “body” instead of “board,” we bring consistency across terminology to all five types of service bodies and clearly show how the structure works. This clarity helps more members work together more smoothly, which supports our unity (Tradition One) and strengthens our ability to carry the message to the compulsive eater who still suffers (Step Twelve and Tradition Five).

History

2023 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI, Section 1 (paraphrased)

Changed “special focus service boards” to “specific focus boards.” (Adopted)

Conference Motions Review Committee Comments

As of December 2025, there are approximately 5,800 total groups and approximately 330 service bodies (encompasses intergroups, service boards, and regions).

Conforming Motions – WSBC Bylaw Amendment Proposal 1

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V – Overeaters Anonymous Groups, Section 2 – Composition, Part c by striking and inserting as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Wording</u>
<p>Article VI – Service Bodies Section 2 – Composition</p> <p>c) Affiliation/Participation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A group may affiliate with only one intergroup or national service board through the registration process. 2) Unaffiliated groups that are not ready to form a service body or new groups without any intergroup or national service board in their language may affiliate with an intergroup or national service board that supports groups in their language including translation of OA literature. 3) Any group or service body may participate in the activities (including voting) of another service body with their permission. 	<p>Article VI – Service Bodies Section 2 – Composition</p> <p>c) Affiliation/Participation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A group may affiliate with only one intergroup or national service board <u>body</u> through the registration process. 2) Unaffiliated groups that are not ready to form a service body or new groups without any intergroup or national service board <u>body</u> in their language may affiliate with an intergroup or national service board <u>body</u> that supports groups in their language including translation of OA literature. 3) Any group or service body may participate in the activities (including voting) of another service body with their permission.

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI – Service Bodies, Section 1 – Composition by striking and inserting as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Wording</u>
<p>Article VI – Service Bodies Section 1 – Composition</p> <p>a) Intergroups are composed of two or more groups that have formed a service body for the purpose of supporting and representing these groups that are affiliated with it. Each state/province/country may have at least one service body (intergroup or national service board). In a state/province/country having only one group, that group may function as an intergroup.</p> <p>b) National service boards are composed of groups and intergroups who share a common purpose; to deal with issues that require a combination of membership and financial resources of intergroups and groups established within a single country.</p> <p>c) Language service boards composed of groups, intergroups, and national service boards to</p>	<p>Article VI – Service Bodies Section 1 – Composition</p> <p>a) Intergroups are composed of two or more groups that have formed a service body for the purpose of supporting and representing these groups that are affiliated with it. Each state/province/country may have at least one service body (intergroup or national service board <u>body</u>). In a state/province/country having only one group, that group may function as an intergroup.</p> <p>b) National service boards <u>bodies</u> are composed of groups and intergroups who share a common purpose; to deal with issues that require a combination of membership and financial resources of intergroups and groups established within a single country.</p> <p>c) Language service boards <u>bodies</u> composed of groups, intergroups, and national service</p>

<p>serve the common needs of a language group, regardless of geographic proximity.</p> <p>d) Specific focus service boards are composed of two or more groups or intergroups to serve the common needs of groups and intergroups with the same specific focus, regardless of geographic proximity.</p> <p>e) There shall be ten regions: one virtual region and nine geographic regions each composed of intergroups, groups, and service boards that fall within its region. Subject to region and Board of Trustees approval, language service boards that span more than one region may choose to affiliate with any single region or choose not to be affiliated with a region.</p>	<p>boards <u>bodies</u> to serve the common needs of a language group, regardless of geographic proximity.</p> <p>d) Specific focus service boards <u>bodies</u> are composed of two or more groups or intergroups to serve the common needs of groups and intergroups with the same specific focus, regardless of geographic proximity.</p> <p>e) There shall be ten regions: one virtual region and nine geographic regions each composed of intergroups, groups, and <u>national/language/specific focus</u> service boards <u>bodies</u> that fall within its region. Subject to region and Board of Trustees approval, language service boards <u>bodies</u> that span more than one region may choose to affiliate with any single region or choose not to be affiliated with a region.</p>
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI – Service Bodies, Section 2 – Registration, Part a by striking and inserting as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Wording</u>
<p>Article VI – Service Bodies Section 2 – Registration</p> <p>a) Each service body shall be duly registered with the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous by submitting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 having problems with compulsive eating through the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service, and to serve and represent the OA groups from which it is formed; and 3) complete registration information on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) intergroups – each affiliated group; ii) national service boards – each affiliated intergroup and group; iii) language service boards – each participating group, intergroup, and national service board; and 	<p>Article VI – Service Bodies Section 2 – Registration</p> <p>a) Each service body shall be duly registered with the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous by submitting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 having problems with compulsive eating through the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service, and to serve and represent the OA groups from which it is formed; and 3) complete registration information on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) intergroups – each affiliated group; ii) national service boards <u>bodies</u> – each affiliated intergroup and group; iii) language service boards <u>bodies</u> – each participating group, intergroup, and national service board <u>body</u>; and

iv) specific focus service boards – each participating group and intergroup.	iv) specific focus service boards <u>bodies</u> – each participating group and intergroup.
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI – Service Bodies, Section 3 – Affiliation and Participation by striking and inserting as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Wording</u>
<p>Article VI – Service Bodies Section 3 – Affiliation and Participation</p> <p>Purpose of Affiliation: To facilitate the count of the groups and service bodies of the Fellowship and to encourage the flow of support and information to all.</p> <p>Purpose of Participation: To facilitate the support and the flow of information within groups and service bodies that have a common need.</p> <p>For the purpose of registration and World Service Business Conference representation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) An intergroup may affiliate with one national service board if it exists, shall be affiliated with one region, and may participate in one or more language service boards. If the intergroup affiliates with a national service board, that intergroup may choose to affiliate with the national service board’s region or choose to remain in the currently assigned region. b) A national service board is affiliated with the region where their nation exists and may participate in one or more language service boards. c) A language service board may affiliate with one region. When the language service board spans more than one region, it may choose which region to affiliate with. Should a language service board choose to not affiliate with a region, the Board of Trustees chair shall assign a trustee to serve as liaison to that language service board. The service bodies, and groups acting as service bodies, that participate in a language service board retain their original affiliation. d) A specific focus service board may affiliate with one region. When the specific focus service board spans more than one region, it may choose which region to affiliate with. 	<p>Article VI – Service Bodies Section 3 – Affiliation and Participation</p> <p>Purpose of Affiliation: To facilitate the count of the groups and service bodies of the Fellowship and to encourage the flow of support and information to all.</p> <p>Purpose of Participation: To facilitate the support and the flow of information within groups and service bodies that have a common need.</p> <p>For the purpose of registration and World Service Business Conference representation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) An intergroup may affiliate with one national service board <u>body</u> if it exists, shall be affiliated with one region, and may participate in one or more language service boards <u>bodies</u>. If the intergroup affiliates with a national service board <u>body</u>, that intergroup may choose to affiliate with the national service board’s <u>body’s</u> region or choose to remain in the currently assigned region. b) A national service board <u>body</u> is affiliated with the region where their nation exists and may participate in one or more language service boards <u>bodies</u>. c) A language service board <u>body</u> may affiliate with one region. When the language service board <u>body</u> spans more than one region, it may choose which region to affiliate with. Should a language service board <u>body</u> choose to not affiliate with a region, the Board of Trustees chair shall assign a trustee to serve as liaison to that language service board <u>body</u>. The service bodies, and groups acting as service bodies, that participate in a language service board <u>body</u> retain their original affiliation. d) A specific focus service board <u>body</u> may affiliate with one region. When the specific focus service board <u>body</u> spans more than one

<p>Should a specific focus service board choose to not affiliate with a region, the Board of Trustees chair shall assign a trustee to serve as liaison to that specific focus service board. The groups that participate in a specific focus service board retain their original affiliation.</p> <p>A group may choose to affiliate with an intergroup. The group shall be affiliated with the intergroup’s region.</p> <p>Should a group choose not to affiliate with an intergroup, but affiliates with a national service board, that group shall be affiliated with that national service board’s region.</p> <p>Groups that choose not to affiliate with an intergroup or a national service board may choose to affiliate with the region where the group exists or the Virtual Region.</p> <p>Any group or service body may participate in the activities (including voting) of another intergroup, national service board, language service board, and/or specific focus service board, and region with their permission.</p>	<p>region, it may choose which region to affiliate with. Should a specific focus service board <u>body</u> choose to not affiliate with a region, the Board of Trustees chair shall assign a trustee to serve as liaison to that specific focus service board <u>body</u>. The groups that participate in a specific focus service board <u>body</u> retain their original affiliation.</p> <p>A group may choose to affiliate with an intergroup. The group shall be affiliated with the intergroup’s region.</p> <p>Should a group choose not to affiliate with an intergroup, but affiliates with a national service board <u>body</u>, that group shall be affiliated with that national service board’s <u>body’s</u> region.</p> <p>Groups that choose not to affiliate with an intergroup or a national service board <u>body</u> may choose to affiliate with the region where the group exists or the Virtual Region.</p> <p>Any group or service body may participate in the activities (including voting) of another intergroup, national service board <u>body</u>, language service board <u>body</u>, and/or specific focus service board <u>body</u>, and region with their permission.</p>
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI – Service Bodies, Section 4 – Functioning and WSBC Representation by striking and inserting as follows:

<p><u>Current Wording</u></p> <p>Article VI – Service Bodies Section 4 – Functioning and World Service Business Conference Representation</p> <p>a) Service bodies may conduct their business by any method they choose.</p> <p>b) Minimal requirement for registered service bodies to maintain their registration at the World Service Office:</p> <p>1) Intergroups shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all affiliated member groups, and for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of delegate(s) to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.</p>	<p><u>Proposed Wording</u></p> <p>Article VI – Service Bodies Section 4 – Functioning and World Service Business Conference Representation</p> <p>a) Service bodies may conduct their business by any method they choose.</p> <p>b) Minimal requirement for registered service bodies to maintain their registration at the World Service Office:</p> <p>1) Intergroups shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all affiliated member groups, and for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of delegate(s) to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.</p>
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<p>2) National service boards shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all affiliated member groups and intergroups for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of delegate(s) to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.</p> <p>3) Language service boards shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all member groups, intergroups, and national service boards for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of one delegate/alternate to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.</p> <p>4) Specific focus service boards shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all member groups for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of one delegate/alternate to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.</p> <p>5) Region assemblies whose members shall be called “region representatives” or “RRs” shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all service bodies and unaffiliated registered groups, for the election of officers and/or the selection of nominees for trustee(s) from that region and any sitting trustee from outside of that region who is currently serving as their trustee liaison.</p> <p>c) To send delegates to the World Service Business Conference a service body must be formally registered, along with its delegate information, thirty days prior to Conference opening. (See Article VIII, Section 3c) for qualifications and selection of delegates.)</p> <p>d) In order to deregister, a service body submits a written request to the World Service Office, region chair, and trustee liaison; or in the case of a language service board or specific focus service board that is not affiliated with a region, the World Service Office and the trustee liaison.</p>	<p>2) National service boards <u>bodies</u> shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all affiliated member groups and intergroups for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of delegate(s) to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.</p> <p>3) Language service boards <u>bodies</u> shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all member groups, intergroups, and national service boards <u>bodies</u> for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of one delegate/alternate to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.</p> <p>4) Specific focus service boards <u>bodies</u> shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all member groups for election of officers and selection, when necessary, of one delegate/alternate to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.</p> <p>5) Region assemblies whose members shall be called “region representatives” or “RRs” shall convene at least once a year, after prior notice has been given to all service bodies and unaffiliated registered groups, for the election of officers and/or the selection of nominees for trustee(s) from that region and any sitting trustee from outside of that region who is currently serving as their trustee liaison.</p> <p>c) To send delegates to the World Service Business Conference a service body must be formally registered, along with its delegate information, thirty days prior to Conference opening. (See Article VIII, Section 3c) for qualifications and selection of delegates.)</p> <p>d) In order to deregister, a service body submits a written request to the World Service Office, region chair, and trustee liaison; or in the case of a language service board <u>body</u> or specific focus service board <u>body</u> that is not affiliated with a region, the World Service Office and the trustee liaison.</p>
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII – Board of Trustees, Section 4 – Qualifications, Part a by striking and inserting as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Wording</u>
Article VII – Board of Trustees Section 4 – Qualifications	Article VII – Board of Trustees Section 4 – Qualifications
a) Qualifications for trustee shall be: 1) Seven years in the Fellowship; 2) Five years of service beyond the meeting level, including at least two years of service as a region representative, region committee chair, region board member, region trustee liaison, or having served as a board member of a national service board;	a) Qualifications for trustee shall be: 1) Seven years in the Fellowship; 2) Five years of service beyond the meeting level, including at least two years of service as a region representative, region committee chair, region board member, region trustee liaison, or having served as a board member of a national service board <u>body</u> ;

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Meetings of Delegates, Section 3 – Delegates by striking and inserting as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Wording</u>
Article VIII – Meetings of Delegates Section 3 – Delegates	Article VIII – Meetings of Delegates Section 3 – Delegates
The delegates to the World Service Business Conference shall be as follows:	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 OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI, Section 4c) or Article VIII, Section 3c)1: 1) Delegates from intergroups. 2) Delegates from service boards chosen from groups, intergroups, and countries not otherwise represented. 3) Delegates from countries not having any geographically based service board. 4) Each language or specific focus service board is entitled to have one qualified delegate only, regardless of the number of groups or service bodies (at least two meetings) that compose the language or specific focus service board.	a) Voting delegates shall consist of the following persons chosen in accordance with OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI, Section 4c) or Article VIII, Section 3c)1: 1) Delegates from intergroups. 2) Delegates from <u>national</u> service boards <u>bodies</u> chosen from groups, intergroups, and countries not otherwise represented. 3) Delegates from countries not having any geographically based service board <u>body</u> . 4) Each language or specific focus service board <u>body</u> is entitled to have one qualified delegate only, regardless of the number of groups or service bodies (at least two meetings) that compose the language or specific focus service board <u>body</u> .
c) Qualifications/Selection 1) Qualifications for selection of World Service delegates/alternates shall be set by each intergroup, region (in the case of region delegates), or service board provided that each delegate/alternate shall	c) Qualifications/Selection 1) Qualifications for selection of World Service delegates/alternates shall be set by each intergroup, region (in the case of region delegates), or <u>national/ language/specific focus</u> service board <u>body</u>

<p>have at least one year of current abstinence and at least two years of service beyond the group level. (Permission for any exception in qualifications for valid reasons, if deemed credible by the trustees, may be received by application to the World Service Office.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Each intergroup or national service board shall be entitled to have one qualified delegate for up to the first fifteen groups it represents and one for each additional fifteen groups or any fraction thereof, as per the January Service Body Information Report from the World Service Office, except that the national service board shall not represent the same groups as intergroups represent. 3) Countries without intergroups or national service boards that 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. 4) Each language or specific focus service board is entitled to have one qualified delegate only, regardless of the number of groups or service bodies (at least two meetings) that compose the language or specific focus service board. 5) Delegates and alternates should be selected at least fifty days before the annual Conference, and the names forwarded immediately upon selection to the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous. 6) 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. 	<p>provided that each delegate/alternate shall have at least one year of current abstinence and at least two years of service beyond the group level. (Permission for any exception in qualifications for valid reasons, if deemed credible by the trustees, may be received by application to the World Service Office.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Each intergroup or national service board <u>body</u> shall be entitled to have one qualified delegate for up to the first fifteen groups it represents and one for each additional fifteen groups or any fraction thereof, as per the January Service Body Information Report from the World Service Office, except that the national service board <u>body</u> shall not represent the same groups as intergroups represent. 3) Countries without intergroups or national service boards <u>bodies</u> that 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. 4) Each language or specific focus service board <u>body</u> is entitled to have one qualified delegate only, regardless of the number of groups or service bodies (at least two meetings) that compose the language or specific focus service board <u>body</u>. 5) Delegates and alternates should be selected at least fifty days before the annual Conference, and the names forwarded immediately upon selection to the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous. 6) If a region, intergroup, or <u>national/language/specific focus</u> service board <u>body</u> 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.
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Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Meetings of Delegates, Section 8 – Business Agenda, Part c by striking and inserting as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Wording</u>
Article VIII – Meetings of Delegates Section 8 – Business Agenda	Article VIII – 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.	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 <u>national/language/specific focus</u> service boards <u>bodies</u> 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.

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XII – Bylaw Amendments, Section 1 – Procedure, Part d by striking and inserting as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Wording</u>
Article XII – Bylaw Amendments Section 1 – Procedure	Article XII – Bylaw Amendments Section 1 – Procedure
Subpart B of these Bylaws may be amended as follows:	Subpart B of these Bylaws may be amended as follows:
d) In order for an amendment proposed to be submitted to the World Service Business Conference, these proposals will need to be approved by 50 percent of all intergroups and service boards responding. The Agenda Questionnaire must be returned to the World Service Office by sixty days prior to the Conference.	d) In order for an amendment proposed to be submitted to the World Service Business Conference, these proposals will need to be approved by 50 percent of all intergroups and <u>national/language/specific focus</u> service boards <u>bodies</u> responding. The Agenda Questionnaire must be returned to the World Service Office by sixty days prior to the Conference.

Motion

Move to amend World Service Business Conference Policy 1993c by striking and inserting as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u> WSBC Policy 1993c	<u>Proposed Wording</u> WSBC Policy 1993c
<p>It was adopted that: The World Service Office shall contact all service bodies annually requesting contributions for the Delegate Support Fund to help delegates to attend World Service Business Conferences. Delegates selected to receive funding will be those from intergroups and service boards demonstrating need. Priority will be given to those intergroups and service boards that have not previously sent delegates to Conference.</p>	<p>It was adopted that: The World Service Office shall contact all service bodies annually requesting contributions for the Delegate Support Fund to help delegates to attend World Service Business Conferences. Delegates selected to receive funding will be those from intergroups and <u>national/language/specific focus</u> service boards <u>bodies</u> demonstrating need. Priority will be given to those intergroups and <u>national/language/specific focus</u> service boards <u>bodies</u> that have not previously sent delegates to Conference.</p>

Submitted By

NSB OA of Greece, Region 9

Amodini K.

Contact the World Service Office for maker’s contact information.

Intent

To ensure consistency and transparency in the terminology used within our service structure. By replacing the word “Board” with “Body” and “Boards” with “Bodies” in the names of the three types of service bodies, we remove the ambiguity between “service bodies” as collective entities and “service boards” as elected groups within those entities. This distinction helps members better understand the actual functions of each service body, highlights the representative and collaborative nature of their work, and maintains alignment across all five types of service bodies. Ultimately, this change supports clearer communication, a stronger sense of unity, and a more accurate reflection of how our structure operates in practice.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

Staff time to update world service resources, such as OA, Inc. Bylaws, literature, and the website to announce the clarification through the News webpage.

Primary Purpose

This change supports our primary purpose of carrying the message of recovery by keeping our structure clear and consistent. By making the difference between “service bodies” and “service boards” easier to understand, we strengthen unity and reduce confusion. When our service structure runs smoothly and members know how it works, we can spend more time reaching out and less time sorting out misunderstandings. In this way, even a small wording change helps us stay focused on carrying the message of recovery. This way we can also encourage more volunteers in service, facilitating translations, and creating new service bodies worldwide.

Rationale

Conforming motions will need to be updated if the main motion for Article VI – Service Bodies is amended.

Proposal Item: 2
 Total Percentage:
 Total Voting:

Status:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amended
<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/>	Referred to Committee

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2026
 Proposed Amendment to the
 Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article I – Twelve Steps and Article II – Twelve Traditions by inserting as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Wording</u>
<p>Article I – Twelve Steps</p> <p>12) Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to compulsive overeaters and to practice these principles in all our affairs.</p> <p>Permission to use the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous for adaptation granted by AA World Services, Inc.</p> <p>Article II – Twelve Traditions</p> <p>12) Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all these Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.</p> <p>Permission to use the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous for adaptation granted by AA World Services, Inc.</p>	<p>Article I – Twelve Steps</p> <p>12) Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to compulsive overeaters and to practice these principles in all our affairs.</p> <p>Permission to use the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous for adaptation granted by AA World Services, Inc.</p> <p><u>Member groups of Overeaters Anonymous may change the words God, Him, His, and Himself when reading these Steps, provided they preface the reading with this disclaimer: “The Conference-approved Twelve Steps can be found on oa.org and in Overeaters Anonymous literature. What you are about to hear is modified by group conscience.” The Steps may not be modified or altered when printed or published in any format.</u></p> <p>Article II – Twelve Traditions</p> <p>12) Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all these Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.</p> <p>Permission to use the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous for adaptation granted by AA World Services, Inc.</p> <p><u>Member groups of Overeaters Anonymous may change the words God, Him, His, and Himself when reading these Traditions, provided they</u></p>

	<p><u>preface the reading with this disclaimer: “The Conference-approved Twelve Traditions can be found on oa.org and in Overeaters Anonymous literature. What you are about to hear is modified by group conscience.” The Traditions may not be modified or altered when printed or published in any format.</u></p>
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Submitted By

World Service Business Conference Unity with Diversity Committee
Marsha L.
Contact the World Service Office for maker’s contact information.

Intent

To allow groups to change the words God, He, Him, His, and Himself as they see appropriate, which also allows them to endorse the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA without reservation.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost:

Negligible since no printed material is changing.

How Does This Motion Support OA’s Primary Purpose?

Recognizing the worldwide scope of Overeaters Anonymous, and in keeping with Tradition Two, this motion empowers individual groups to use language that embraces the beliefs and spiritual sensibilities of its members while remaining in compliance with OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Rationale:

By putting the word choice in the hands of the groups, we hope to relieve the World Service Business Conference of the task of finding a set of words the entire Fellowship approves. We acknowledge that the Fellowship is too diverse for that. We are not proposing alternative words here, as that would open the door to debating the alternative words. The groups are the decision-making unit of OA and are in the best position to understand the needs of their membership. This approach to the problem also avoids reprinting the Steps and Traditions.

History

2025 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article I, Steps Three, Seven, Eleven and Article II, Tradition 2 (paraphrased)
Change specific gender references to non-gender references. (Failed 87 yes, 84 no – required 2/3 to adopt)

2024 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article I, Steps Three, Seven, Eleven (paraphrased)
Change specific gender references to non-gender references. (Failed)

2024 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article II, Tradition Two (paraphrased)
Change specific gender references to non-gender references. (Failed)

2021 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article I, Steps Three, Seven, Eleven (paraphrased)
Change specific gender references to non-gender references. (Failed to make the agenda – 46 percent)

2021 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article II, Tradition Two (paraphrased)

Change specific gender references to non-gender references. (Failed to make the agenda – 46 percent)

Conference Motions Review Committee Comments

Per OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XII – Bylaw Amendments, Section 1 – Procedure:

- f) Amendments to Article I (Twelve Steps) and Article II (Twelve Traditions) of Subpart B of these Bylaws may only be adopted if, in addition to d) above, they are ratified by three-fourths of the registered Overeaters Anonymous groups responding within six months of notification, provided at least 55 percent of the registered groups have responded.

Item d) states:

- d) In order for an amendment proposed to be submitted to the World Service Business Conference, these proposals will need to be approved by 50 percent of all intergroups and service boards responding. The Agenda Questionnaire must be returned to the World Service Office by sixty days prior to the Conference.

Proposal Item: 3
Total Percentage:
Total Voting:

Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Failed <input type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Committee

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2026
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article II – Twelve Traditions, Tradition Five by striking as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Wording</u>
Article II – Twelve Traditions 5) Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the compulsive overeater who still suffers.	Article II – Twelve Traditions 5) Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the compulsive overeater who still suffers.

Submitted By

Anorexic/Bulimic Specific Focus Service Board, Virtual Region
Ethyl M.
Contact the World Service Office for maker’s contact information.

Intent

To bring the wording of the Fifth Tradition in line with the Third Tradition and the OA Preamble to include all who suffer from our disease.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws. Change the Traditions in all online materials immediately; change the Traditions in all printed OA materials once the current stock is used up.

Cost:

Unknown.

How Does This Motion Support OA’s Primary Purpose?

As it states in the OA Preamble, “Our primary purpose is to abstain from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors and to carry the message of recovery through the Twelve Steps of OA to those who still suffer.” Our Fifth Tradition should include all who suffer from our disease, per our Preamble and Third Tradition.

Rationale:

OA serves a much broader membership than just those who suffer from compulsive overeating. Our Third Tradition states that the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. This change would make our Traditions internally consistent.

History

2024 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article II, Tradition Two (paraphrased)

Change specific gender references to non-gender references. (Failed 87 yes, 84 no)

2024 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article II, Tradition Two (paraphrased)

Change specific gender references to non-gender references. (Failed)

2021 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article II, Tradition Two (paraphrased)

Change specific gender references to non-gender references. (Failed to make the agenda – 46 percent)

Conference Motions Review Committee Comments

Per OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XII – Bylaw Amendments, Section 1 – Procedure:

- f) Amendments to Article I (Twelve Steps) and Article II (Twelve Traditions) of Subpart B of these Bylaws may only be adopted if, in addition to d) above, they are ratified by three-fourths of the registered Overeaters Anonymous groups responding within six months of notification, provided at least 55 percent of the registered groups have responded.

Item d) states:

- d) In order for an amendment proposed to be submitted to the World Service Business Conference, these proposals will need to be approved by 50 percent of all intergroups and service boards responding. The Agenda Questionnaire must be returned to the World Service Office by sixty days prior to the Conference.

Proposal Item: 4
Total Percentage:
Total Voting:

Status:
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted
<input type="checkbox"/> Failed
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Committee

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2026
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article I – Twelve Steps, Step Twelve by striking as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Wording</u>
Article I – Twelve Steps 12) Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to compulsive overeaters and to practice these principles in all our affairs.	Article I – Twelve Steps 12) Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to compulsive overeaters and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Submitted By

Anorexic/Bulimic Specific Focus Service Board, Virtual Region
Ethyl M.
Contact the World Service Office for maker’s contact information.

Intent

To bring the wording of the Twelve Steps in line with the Third Tradition and with the OA Preamble.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws. Change the Steps in all online materials immediately; change the Steps in all printed OA materials once the current stock is used up.

Cost:

Unknown.

How Does This Motion Support OA’s Primary Purpose?

Our Preamble says, “Our primary purpose is to abstain from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors and to carry the message of recovery through the Twelve Steps of OA to those who still suffer.” Our Twelfth Step must include all who suffer from our disease, per our Preamble and Third Tradition.

Rationale:

OA serves a much broader membership than just those who suffer from compulsive overeating. Our Third Tradition states that the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. This change would make our Steps consistent with our Traditions.

History

2025 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article I, Steps Three, Seven, and Eleven (paraphrased)

Change specific gender references to non-gender references. (Failed 87 yes, 84 no)

2024 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article I, Steps Three, Seven, Eleven (paraphrased)

Change specific gender references to non-gender references. (Failed)

2021 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article I, Steps Three, Seven, Eleven (paraphrased)

Change specific gender references to non-gender references. (Failed to make the agenda – 46 percent)

Conference Motions Review Committee Comments

Per OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XII – Bylaw Amendments, Section 1 – Procedure:

- f) Amendments to Article I (Twelve Steps) and Article II (Twelve Traditions) of Subpart B of these Bylaws may only be adopted if, in addition to d) above, they are ratified by three-fourths of the registered Overeaters Anonymous groups responding within six months of notification, provided at least 55 percent of the registered groups have responded.

Item d) states:

- d) In order for an amendment proposed to be submitted to the World Service Business Conference, these proposals will need to be approved by 50 percent of all intergroups and service boards responding. The Agenda Questionnaire must be returned to the World Service Office by sixty days prior to the Conference.

Proposal Item: 5
 Total Percentage:
 Total Voting:

Status:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amended
<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/>	Referred to Committee

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2026
 Proposed Amendment to the
 Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XII – Bylaw Amendments, Section 1 – Procedure by striking and inserting as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Wording</u>
Article XII – Bylaw Amendments Section 1 – Procedure Subpart B of these Bylaws may be amended as follows: d) In order for an amendment proposed to be submitted to the World Service Business Conference, these proposals will need to be approved by 50 percent of all intergroups and service boards responding. The Agenda Questionnaire must be returned to the World Service Business Conference by sixty days prior to the Conference. f) Amendments to Article I (Twelve Steps) and Article II (Twelve Traditions) of Subpart B of these Bylaws may only be adopted if, in addition to d) above, they are ratified by three-fourths of the registered Overeaters Anonymous groups responding within six months of notification, provided at least 55 percent of the registered groups have responded.	Article XII – Bylaw Amendments Section 1 – Procedure Subpart B of these Bylaws may be amended as follows: d) In order for an amendment proposed to be submitted to the World Service Business Conference, these proposals will need to be approved by 50 percent of all intergroups and service boards responding. The Agenda Questionnaire must be returned to the World Service Business Conference by sixty days prior to the Conference. f) Amendments to Article I (Twelve Steps) and Article II (Twelve Traditions) of Subpart B of these Bylaws may only be adopted if, in addition to d) above, they are ratified by three-fourths of the registered Overeaters Anonymous groups <u>service bodies</u> responding within six months of notification, provided at least 55 percent of the registered groups <u>service bodies</u> have responded.

Submitted By

Anorexic/Bulimic Specific Focus Service Board, Virtual Region
 Ethyl M.
 Contact the World Service Office for maker’s contact information.

Intent

To make the requirement for changing the Steps or Traditions more workable given the long-standing difficulties of direct communication between groups and world service.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost:

None. It would probably save staff time in the event of a proposed change to the Steps or Traditions, since they would have to contact fewer bodies and the contact information is likely more up to date.

How Does This Motion Support OA's Primary Purpose?

In order to carry the message to the compulsive overeater who still suffers, the message must be given in language that people can understand.

Language naturally changes over time. OA members of the present and future need to be able to reword the Steps and Traditions to give the most effective message of OA recovery possible.

Rationale:

In order for the membership to be represented, there needs to be a way for anything about the program that the Fellowship wants to change to be changeable.

Though we do not think this was the intention, the effect of the current Bylaws for changing the Steps or Traditions makes it virtually impossible. A change that is wanted by 100 percent of the groups that have up-to-date contact information with the World Service Office could not be implemented because there are so many meetings on the books that no longer exist or cannot be contacted.

Groups interact with world service through their service boards. That is the natural place for groups to express their opinion on any change to OA.

It makes good sense for there to be a higher bar for changing the Steps or Traditions, but having it be virtually impossible makes OA unresponsive to the members of today.

History

2025 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XII, Section 1 (paraphrased)

Remove the percentage of registered groups required to respond. (Failed 96 yes, 77 no)

2024 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XII, Section 1 (paraphrased)

Remove the percentage of registered groups required to respond. (Failed)

2021 – Bylaws, Subpart B, Article I, Steps Three, Seven, Eleven (paraphrased)

Change specific gender references to non-gender references. (Failed to make the agenda – 46 percent)

Conference Motions Review Committee Comments

As of December 2025, there are approximately 5,800 total groups and approximately 330 service bodies (encompasses intergroups, service boards, and regions).

Proposal Item: 6
 Total Percentage:
 Total Voting:

Status:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amended
<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/>	Referred to Committee

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2026
 Proposed Amendment to the
 Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Conference Committees, Section 2 – Bylaws Committee by striking and inserting as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Wording</u>
<p>Article IX – Conference Committees Section 2 – Bylaws Committee</p> <p>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. In addition, other delegates attending the World Service Business Conference may choose to serve on the Bylaws Committee.</p> <p>a) The Reference Subcommittee shall be composed of the Bylaws Committee delegate chair and representative of the Board of Trustees who shall be the cochairs; and the representatives selected from each region to serve on the Bylaws Committee.</p> <p>b) The Reference Subcommittee shall meet at times designated on the Conference schedule or agenda, and other times as required by the Conference. The Reference Subcommittee will meet on the day prior to the conclusion of scheduled new business to consider emergency new business.</p> <p>c) Names of the Bylaws Committee members selected by the regions shall be sent to the World Service Office forty-five days prior to the Conference.</p> <p>d) The Reference Subcommittee shall further operate according to guidelines developed by the Bylaws Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees.</p>	<p>Article IX – Conference Committees Section 2 – Bylaws <u>Reference</u> Committee</p> <p>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. In addition, other delegates attending the World Service Business Conference may choose to serve on the Bylaws Committee.</p> <p>a) The Reference Sub<u>C</u>ommittee shall be composed of: the Bylaws Committee delegate chair and representative of the Board of Trustees who shall be the cochairs; and the representatives selected from each region to serve on the Bylaws Committee.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><u>1) A representative of the Board of Trustees.</u> <u>2) Up to two delegates from each region, selected by a method determined practical to the region.</u></p> <p>b) The Reference Subcommittee shall meet at times designated on the Conference schedule or agenda, and other times as required by the Conference. The Reference Subcommittee will meet on the day prior to the conclusion of scheduled new business to consider emergency new business.</p> <p>e) b) Names of the Bylaws Committee members delegates selected by the regions shall be sent to the World Service Office forty-five days prior to the Conference.</p> <p>c) The Reference Sub<u>C</u>ommittee shall further operate according to guidelines developed by the Bylaws Committee and approved by the</p>

	<p><u>Board of Trustees be chaired jointly by the representative from the Board of Trustees (trustee cochair) and one member elected from among the committee members (delegate cochair).</u></p> <p>d) <u>The Reference Committee shall meet:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) <u>At times designated on the Conference schedule or agenda.</u>2) <u>At other times as required by the Conference, the committee trustee cochair, or the chair of the Board of Trustees.</u> <p>e) <u>The Reference Committee shall operate in accordance with guidelines developed by the Reference Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees.</u></p> <p>f) <u>The Reference Committee is a standing committee of the Conference.</u></p> <p>g) <u>Members of this committee may be asked to serve on another Conference committee.</u></p> <p>h) <u>Five delegates of the Reference Committee will be elected by the committee to serve on the committee throughout the year. The elected members will be exempt from Item g above. This committee, along with the trustee and delegate cochairs, will be available to:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) <u>Assist or review motions when requested by any service body or the Board of Trustees.</u>2) <u>Review OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B and the Business Conference Policy Manual every three years beginning in 2028.</u> <p>i) <u>The Reference Committee is exempt from Section 6, Items b and d, of this Article.</u></p>
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Submitted By

World Service Business Conference Bylaws Committee

Cyndy L.

Diane D.

Contact the World Service Office for maker's contact information.

Intent

To eliminate the Bylaws Committee as a regular Conference committee. The Reference Subcommittee is recognized as a special committee of the Conference with a defined scope of work and will be renamed Reference Committee.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws. The Reference Committee will be composed as described in the motion with representation from the Board of Trustees and delegates from each region.

Cost:

No additional cost anticipated.

How Does This Motion Support OA's Primary Purpose?

This motion strengthens OA's primary purpose by improving the World Service Business Conference. It allows members to serve on the Reference Committee without being tied to the Bylaws Committee for a full year. They are then able to serve on another committee during the year.

Rationale:

Historically, the Bylaws Committee and Reference Subcommittee functions have been connected, which can mean that members who may wish to serve on the Reference Subcommittee but not wish to serve on the Bylaws Committee were left with no choice. This motion establishes the Reference Committee as a standing committee with a focused and limited mandate, allowing delegates to serve on other committees as well.

History

No history in the past five years.

Conference Motions Review Committee Comments

None.

Conforming Motions – WSBC Bylaw Amendment Proposal 6

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII – Meetings of Delegates, Section 8 – Business Agenda, Part c by striking and inserting as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Wording</u>
Article VIII – 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 50 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.	Article VIII – 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 50 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 Sub Committee in order to be brought to the Conference floor.

Motion

Move to amend World Service Business Conference Policy 1991a, Part 6 by striking and inserting as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Wording</u>
WSBC Policy 1991a It was adopted that: 6) Delegates should be registered by March 1 and have submitted a committee preference form by April 1. Committee assignment is made on a first come, first served basis except the Conference-Approved Literature Committee and the Reference Subcommittee (OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Sections 1 and 2). Delegates will be notified of their committee assignment at or prior to World Service Business Conference. Service on a committee is expected and the commitment is maintained until the following World Service Business Conference. It is recommended that those serving at the world service level rotate committee assignments every two years.	WSBC Policy 1991a It was adopted that: 6) Delegates should be registered by March 1 and have submitted a committee preference form by April 1. Committee assignment is made on a first come, first served basis except the Conference-Approved Literature Committee and the Reference Sub Committee (OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX, Sections 1 and 2). Delegates will be notified of their committee assignment at or prior to World Service Business Conference. Service on a committee is expected and the commitment is maintained until the following World Service Business Conference. It is recommended that those serving at the world service level rotate committee assignments every two years.

Submitted By

World Service Business Conference Bylaws Committee

Cyndy L.

Diane D.

Contact the World Service Office for maker’s contact information.

Intent

To remove the word “Subcommittee” as the primary committee will no longer exist.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost

Cost to update the Bylaws and other documents.

Primary Purpose

This avoids having to update at a later date.

Rationale

Conforming motions will need to be updated if the main motion for Article IX – Conference Committees is amended.

Proposal Item: 7
Total Percentage:
Total Voting:

Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Failed <input type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Committee

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) 2026
Proposed Amendment to the
Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B

Motion

Move to amend OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article IX – Conference Committees, Section 3 – Region Chairs Committee by striking and inserting as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Wording</u>
Article IX – Conference Committees Section 3 – Region Chairs Committee	Article IX – Conference Committees Section 3 – Region Chairs Committee
a) The Region Chairs Committee shall act as a channel of communication between the Board of Trustees and the members of the Fellowship in their respective regions, for the purpose of sharing resources and solutions.	a) The Region Chairs Committee shall act as a channel of communication between the Board of Trustees and the members of the Fellowship in their respective regions, for the purpose of sharing resources and solutions.
b) The Region Chairs Committee shall be composed of the current region chairs only. A region chair may designate an alternate, such as the region vice chair, to serve on the committee in their absence.	b) The Region Chairs Committee shall be composed of the current region chairs only.
c) Section 5 of Article IX does not apply to this committee.	c) A region chair may designate an alternate, such as the region vice chair , to serve on the committee in their absence.
	e) d) Section 5 of Article IX does not apply to this committee.

Submitted By

Virtual Region

Cee Z.

Contact the World Service Office for maker’s contact information.

Intent

To give the region chairs flexibility when they cannot attend a committee meeting.

Implementation

Update OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Cost:

There is no financial cost. It only requires an update to the Bylaws.

How Does This Motion Support OA's Primary Purpose?

Our primary purpose is to carry the message of recovery. Committees are one of the ways we make that possible. This motion helps make sure those committees keep running smoothly even if the region chair is not available.

Rationale:

The current wording can imply that only the vice chair can serve as the alternate. That can be limiting if the vice chair is busy or unavailable. By opening the options to other trusted and experienced servants—like a past region chair, a current board officer, or a committee chair—we make it easier to keep the work moving forward. This ensures continuity, shared responsibility, and stronger support for the Fellowship.

History

No history in the past five years.

Conference Motions Review Committee Comments

None.