

2026 WSBC Report

It's always an exhilarating experience to attend a World Service Business Conference. Thank you for allowing us to do this service.

In addition to the business sessions, there are always a lot of workshops and OA meetings. I, Susan, only attended one workshop, Unlocking Recovery Through the Power of We. We looked at ways to connect with one another and carry the message of recovery.

There were two literature motions approved. The first is for a new OA book of stories, "*Healing the Mind, Body, and Spirit: Mental Health and Recovery in Overeaters Anonymous*." The book is expected to be published by the end of this year or the beginning of next year.

The second is the revised manuscript, "*Unity with Diversity Checklist*."

The following motions were adopted:

- To include a copy of the current fiscal year budget overview in the Delegate Binder
- A Conference committee member can petition the BOT to remove a non-functioning chair of a specific Conference committee
- Delegates who have opted in will have their contact information distributed
- Requiring all groups and service bodies wishing to register with WSO to provide at least one email address and name
- The new Plain Language Big Book is now considered conference approved
- Change preamble of OA to read:
"Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength, and hope, are recovering from compulsive eating (formerly said overeating)"
- Change in the policy on closing prayers to say
"We, the 2026 Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous, suggest that OA meetings and events use any of the following..."
- Added The Serenity Statement as a prayer that can be used.
- Changing the name of Service Boards to Service Bodies in the Bylaws
- Eliminate the Bylaws Committee, replaced by the Reference Committee

Bylaws:

The following motions were defeated or withdrawn:

- Include all AA publications with original copyright dates of 2026 or after (currently 2010) be considered conference approved (D)
- Change telephone tool to outreach (W)

Bylaws:

- Motion that every two years, OA will hold a virtual retreat was referred to the Convention Planning Committee
- To create a specific focus category title, “Ethnically Jewish” (D)
- Change Tradition Five to replace compulsive overeater with compulsive eater (D)
- Change Step Twelve to replace compulsive overeater with compulsive eater (W)
- A Region Chair may designate an alternate -remove the works such as the region vice chair (D)
- Change criteria for approval of changes to the steps and traditions (W)
- Add a section in the bylaws after the steps and traditions saying member groups may change the words with a disclaimer (W)

Trustees elected:

In Service,
Susan B.
Miona J.

Committee Report from Miona- Unity with Diversity

Strategic Priorities

The committee aligned on the following core priorities:

- **Enhancing Global Inclusion**
 - Reduce U.S.-centric barriers and increase international participation
- **Improving Communication**
 - Strengthen connections between regions, intergroups, and service boards
- **Advancing Accessibility**
 - Address barriers impacting participation, including disabilities and resource access
- **Expanding Visibility**
 - Utilize digital tools and SEO strategies to increase awareness and engagement

Subcommittee Action Plans

1. Outreach / Communications

Short-Term Actions:

- Contact all regions to:
 - Identify existing UWD committees or representatives
 - Request participation in regional meetings
- Develop standardized communication scripts
- Initiate outreach to intergroups (target completion: 3–4 months)

Long-Term Actions:

- Implement SEO strategies
 - Provide training and tools for service bodies to improve digital presence
 - Expand communication channels (web, social platforms, messaging apps)
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2. Accessibility & Inclusion

Short-Term Actions:

- Plan and implement accessibility workshops
- Support and advance inclusive language motion efforts
- Re-establish collaboration with the Publications Committee

Long-Term Actions:

- Develop sustainable processes for maintaining institutional knowledge
 - Expand accessibility resources and best practices across service bodies
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3. WSBC Relocation

Short-Term Actions:

- Define scope and desired outcomes
- Conduct research on feasibility and impact
- Begin drafting potential motion for future consideration

Long-Term Actions:

- Develop a structured proposal for hosting WSBC internationally
 - Evaluate impact on participation, inclusion, and organizational growth
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Leadership & Governance

- A Delegate **Co-chair and Delegate Vice Co-chair** were established to provide leadership and coordination
 - Delegate Chair- Amodini
 - Delegate Vice Chair- Sharlotte J.
- A **Committee Secretary** was appointed to manage documentation and communication
 - Kate I.
- Subcommittees identified their own leadership roles (Chair/Secretary)

Leadership responsibilities include:

- Oversight of subcommittee progress
- Coordination of reporting requirements
- Ensuring alignment with committee goals

Meeting Cadence & Communication

- Full committee meetings will occur **every two (2) months**
- First scheduled meeting: **June 6, 2026**
- Subcommittees will meet more frequently based on workload

Communication Tools:

- Email listserv for official correspondence
- Virtual meeting platforms (Zoom/Teams)
- Shared document storage (with adherence to data privacy standards)

Operational Considerations

- Coordination across multiple global time zones
- Use of recording and transcription tools to ensure transparency and accessibility
- Compliance with data privacy regulations (e.g., GDPR) for recorded content
- Need for consistent documentation and archival practices

Key Outcomes

- Established a streamlined and functional committee structure

- Defined clear strategic priorities aligned with mission and values
 - Initiated actionable plans across all subcommittees
 - Confirmed leadership roles and governance processes
 - Set a consistent meeting cadence and communication framework
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Next Steps

- Subcommittees to begin execution of defined action plans
 - Initiate outreach to regions and intergroups immediately
 - Prepare updates and progress reports for June 6 meeting
 - Continue development of motions (inclusive language, WSBC relocation)
 - Strengthen engagement and recruitment efforts to support committee sustainability
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Conclusion

The meeting demonstrated strong engagement, collaboration, and commitment to advancing unity and diversity within the fellowship. The committee is well-positioned to make meaningful progress through its structured approach, clearly defined priorities, and dedicated leadership.

Committee Report from Susan-Twelfth Step Within

2025-2026 - The committee met monthly with two active sub-committees

1. The Document Review Committee Chaired by Beverly B did an outstanding job completing all their assigned review work with recommendations sent to the Materials Approval Committee for next level review.
2. Continuing the work from the previous year, The Red Button Committee chaired by Alan P reviewed and gathered twelfth step within resources from region websites and Intergroups that were deemed to be helpful and related to relapse prevention and strengthening abstinence in a wide variety of formats. The committee categorized materials into subcategories related to relapse prevention; recovering from relapse, slips, strong abstinence, working the steps, and twelfth step within committee resources. The variety and quality of resources gathered was impressive. Discussions involved next steps on the best way to make these resources available to the worldwide Fellowship.

2026-2027

Debby L: Delegate Co-Chair

Juliette R., Trustee Co-Chair

Rita Q, Vice Chair

Bob L. Secretary

The TSW Committee will meet monthly on the 4th Saturday at 8 am Pacific Time. The meeting time was adjusted to better meet the needs of members in different time zones. There will be three subcommittees this year:

The Document Review Subcommittee will be co-chaired by Beverly B and Cassandra S. As there are no documents for review at this time, they will focus efforts on supporting the theme: “The Solution is for life. The solution is in the Steps. They have developed short term and long term goals. 1. Finding documents that focus on “strong steps. 2. Reviewing TSW recovery resources and 3. Reviewing current documents.

The Red Button Subcommittee will be co-chaired by Alan P. and Roger H. The secretary will be Debby L. They plan to meet monthly after the regularly scheduled TSW Zoom meeting. Meeting discussion involved brainstorming ideas on how best to make the completed list of resources available to the larger fellowship. It was decided to contact all region chairs to discuss putting access to the gathered resources on region websites including the Virtual Region, Discussion around how to make the categories more granular so members who are struggling can quickly identify which resources are most applicable and helpful based on their needs. A decision was made to create a WhatsApp Group and invite all Region TSW Chairs to collaborate with the Red Button sub-committee. Another goal is to research the process for listing the resource in the OA Media Library.

The Ideas/Solutions Subcommittee will be chaired by Robin Mc. The secretary will be Nancy S. Discussions involved identifying a plan to help overcome relapse in OA members. They will contact Region TSW Chairs to see what relapse prevention efforts are in place. Another goal is to put together a ‘first aid kit’ related to relapse prevention. Another goal for this year is to facilitate a workshop.