

2025 WSBC Report

World Service Business Conference May 5 – May 10, 2025

Total eligible voters – 199

Countries represented – 27 – Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, Costa Rica, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iran, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, United States, and Wales.

Languages represented – 17 – Danish, Dutch, English, Farsi, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Gujarati, Hebrew, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Welsh.

Geen Dots – 52

Literature motions approved:

Just for Today wallet card.

Sponsorship in OA: Guiding others into recovery

To the man who wants to stop eating compulsively, Welcome

New Business Proposal A: Approved

Change name of Youngs **People's** Conference Committee to Young **Adults** Conference Committee.

New Business Proposal B: Approved with amendments

Change Unity with Diversity Polity **from** - In particular, this means we do not try to convince any member or visitor to adopt a belief in God **To** - Our welcome extends to all faiths and beliefs and we do not try to convince anyone to adopt any specific belief system.

New Business Proposal C: Approved with amendment

Change wording from: In keeping with Tradition Ten, Overeaters Anonymous has no opinion on bariatric (weight loss) surgery. In the spirit of Tradition Three, Overeaters Anonymous welcomes anyone with a desire to stop eating compulsively, including those who have had bariatric surgery or are contemplating it. **TO:** In keeping with Tradition Ten, Overeaters Anonymous has no opinion on the various medically recommended methods of weight management. In the spirit of Tradition Three, Overeaters Anonymous welcomes anyone with a desire to stop eating compulsively.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal 1: Approved

Change wording from: There shall be eleven regions: one virtual region and ten geographic regions **TO:** There shall be ten regions: one virtual and nine geographic regions, **Also Region No. 3** shall be the Southwest Region composed of Arizona, Colorado, Central and West Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Utah. **Region No. 4** was dissolved/disbanded in July 2024 and ratified at World Service Business Conference 2025.

Region No. 5 shall be the Central Region composed of East Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri (except Greater Ozarks Intergroup), North Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. **Region No. 10** shall be composed of countries and territories in Australia, East Asia, New Zealand, Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific Basin.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal 2: Failed

Proposed Wording Board of Trustees, Qualifications: Stated two specific ideas, in writing, to

improve the health and long-term survival of the Fellowship.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal 3: **Passed with amendment.**

The Board of Trustees shall consist of between thirteen and seventeen trustees **canged to:** between thirteen and sixteen trustees. *Proviso:* The number of trustees will be reduced by attrition as vacancies occur with no elected trustee being removed as a result of this amendment.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal 4: **Failed**

Amendments to Article 1 (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 notifications,. **Struck:** provided at least 55 percent of the registered groups have responded,

Bylaw Amendment Proposal 5: **Failed**

Change the wording of the gender of God **from** Him **to** God in the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditionf of Overeaters Anonymous.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal 6: **Failed**

The Conference shall be held via videroconferencing platform. *It will continue to be held on a two year rotation of in person and videoconferencing.*

Bylaw Amendment Proposal 7: **Approved**

Nondelegates will include volunteers.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal 8: **Approved**

Wording for the Meetings of Delegets to read: Such notice shall be sent no less than sixty days before each meeting and shall specify the **day(s), hour(s)**, method, and manner of the meetng.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal 9: **Approved**

Added wording: Current trustees not serving as a region liaison may submit their applications for re-election to the Board of Trustees for affirmation. At least ninety days prior to the annual Conference of Overeaters Anonymous, the Boatd of Trustees may affirm nominations received from current trustees not serving as region liaisons. All affirmed nominee applications shall be submitted to the Confernce for consideration. Copies of applications must be sent to all Conference delegates at least forty-five days prior to the annual Conference.

Bylaw Amendment Proposal 10: **Approved**

Groups that choose not to affiliate with an intergroup or a national service board may choose to affiliate with the geographic region where the group exists or the Virtual Region.

Trustees elected to three year terms: Blair P. - Region 6

Bob L – Region 7

Juliette R – Region 5

Preston F – Region 5

Board of Trustees officer positions: Chair – Bob L

First Vice Chair – Meg M

Second Vice Chair – Cyndy L

Treasurer – Beverly M

Trustee Liaison assignments: Region One – Beverly M
Region Two – Michael K
Region Three – Cindy C
Region Five -Juliette R
Region Six – Blair P
Region Seven – Bob L
Region Eight – Laurie O
Region Nine – Emilia I
Region Ten – Susan M
Virtual Region – Gary D

Committee Chairs: Board Approved Literature – BJ J
Board Reference Manual – Cyndy L
Convention 2025 – Gary D
Delegate Support Fund – Beverly M
Internal Information Committee – Laurie O
International Publications/Translations – Susan M
Literature Review - Cindy C
Materials Approval Committee – Meg M
Public Awareness/ Professional Tradeshow – Gary D
Strategic Planning – Meg M
Website Review – Cyndy L
Ad hoc E-commerce – Meg M
Ad hoc Living Abstinently – Emilia I

Conference Committee Co-chairs: Bylaws – Bob F
Conference approved literature – Cindy C
Public Information/Professional Outreach – Gary D
Region Chairs – Meg M
Twelfth Step Within – Juliette R
Unity with Diversity – Preston F
Young Adults – Blair P

2026 World Service Business Conference will be in person.

I again enjoyed the WSBC. I like attending in person better because I can meet people from all over the world and not be isolated at home in front of a computer.

In grateful service,
Deborah B
2025 WSBC Delegate