



## Motion Submission: Nov 2020 (modified for March 2020 submission)

**TO AMEND: To put our Zoom removal policy in line with the**

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition (The only requirement for OA membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively),**
- **5<sup>th</sup> Concept of Service (Individuals have the right of appeal and petition...)**
- **12<sup>th</sup> Concept of Service (12e. No service action shall ever be personally punitive)**

<u><b>CURRENT</b></u>	<u><b>PROPOSED</b></u>
<p>Any leader can permanently ban someone from all OA Footsteps meetings, and there is no formal mechanism for someone to contest their being permanently banned.</p> <p>These banned people might have or get the desire to stop eating compulsively, which makes them members according to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition.</p> <p>According to Concept 5 of the OA Concepts of Service, individuals are supposed to have the right of appeal and petition, so we must allow them that.</p> <p>Furthermore, permanently banning a member is personally punitive, which goes against the 12<sup>th</sup> Concept (part E).</p>	<p>Post the following on our website on the Contact page:</p> <p><u><b>Zoom Room Removal Policy</b></u> <b>Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition says that the only requirement for OA membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively.</b></p> <p><b>For that reason, anyone with a desire to stop eating compulsively, who has been removed by a host, has the right to be allowed back by contacting <a href="mailto:info@oafosteps.com">info@oafosteps.com</a>.</b></p>

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**INTENT:** put our Zoom removal policy in line with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition and the 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Concept of Service.

**IMPLEMENTATION:** Any emails would be returned by a volunteer with access to that email, find out when they were removed, and the requester would be given another opportunity.

**COST:** n/a

**PRIMARY PURPOSE:**

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Furthermore, permanently banning a member is personally punitive, which goes against the 12<sup>th</sup> Concept (part E)

**RATIONALE:** We presume good intent of anyone who would be willing to come to us to be asked back. Even if we never receive such a request, it is meaningful to all of us that we live our 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition and our 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Concept of Service.

