

**Motion Title:**

Meeting Committee Responsibilities

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**To Amend:**

(not technically an amendment - more a request for the Traditions, Concepts and Definition of an OA Group to be followed) Remove the "Sharing OA-Approved Literature" requirement from new meetings until any such rule has received the consideration laid out in Concept 12(subparts d and f), and OAWS definition of a group (part c) d. All important decisions shall be reached by discussion, vote and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; f. No OA service committee or service board shall ever perform any acts of government, and each shall always remain democratic in thought and action. c. No member is required to practice any actions in order to remain a membe

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**Current:**

Added to the new website design was a new requirement for people starting new meetings. In addition to the agreements that OAWS requires (3rd Tradition and the 5 points that define an OA group), members are now required to check "Agree" to the statement below. If you check Disagree, you receive an email saying the meeting will not be listed unless you comply.

Sharing OA-Approved Literature (check box to agree/decline)

I Agree/Decline to share only OA-Approved literature in accordance with the following: "Members and groups may not reprint or post OA literature (in any digital medium) without written permission from OA, Inc." The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees further asks that members not share images or screen live video of OA literature but instead ask a member who owns the literature to read it aloud. For more information and a list of exceptions to this rule, see the Copy Requests page by clicking the "Copy Requests" link at [oa.org/sitemap](https://oa.org/sitemap). Literature is an important source of income for OA, so thank you for honoring this request, which supports our Tradition of being self-supporting." - February 2019 Trademark Letter, OA.org  
- <https://oa.org/app/uploads/2020/04/trademark-letter.pdf>

Neither OAWS nor the OA Virtual Region require this agreement for starting a new group or meeting. In fact, the opposite is implied by the 3rd of the 5 points that define a meeting: c) No member is required to practice any actions in order to remain a member.

PLEASE NOTE: A VOTE FOR THIS MOTION DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU APPROVE OF SCREEN-SHARING, ONLY THAT YOU BELIEVE SUCH A RULE MUST BE DELIBERATED BY THE VIG GROUP CONSCIENCE

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**Proposed:**

We go back to requiring the same agreement we had before, that OAWS, and the the Virtual Region requires

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**Primary Purpose:**

The following Concepts, Traditions relate to this motion:

Tradition 9 -OA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Concept 12d - All important decisions shall be reached by discussion, vote and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity.

Concept 12f - No OA service committee or service board shall ever perform any acts of government, and each shall always remain democratic in thought and action.

WSO OA Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V (Definition of an OA group), part c - No member is required to practice any actions in order to remain a member

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**Intent:**

(this is a resubmission of the "To Amend" field - it cut part of the motion off:

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f. No OA service committee or service board shall ever perform any acts of government, and each shall always remain democratic in thought and action.

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**Cost:**

none

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**Time Frame:**

can be implemented immediately

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**Are you willing to commit to six months of service in order to facilitate this motion, if applicable?**

Yes! I am willing!