



FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED OA BYLAW AMENDMENTS

It is moved to amend Article VI – Service Bodies, Section 4 – Functioning and WSBC Representation, paragraph b by striking and inserting

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED WORDING
<p>Article VI – Service Bodies Section 4 – Functioning and WSBC Representation</p> <p>b) Minimal requirement for registered service bodies to maintain their registration at the WSO:</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>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) Special focus service boards shall convene at least once a year, after</p>	<p>Article VI – Service Bodies Section 4 – Functioning and WSBC Representation</p> <p>b) Minimal requirement for registered service bodies to maintain their registration at the WSO:</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 <u>nomination to the region, selection, when necessary,</u> of delegate(s) to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.</p> <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 <u>selection nomination to the region, when necessary,</u> 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 <u>selection nomination to the region, when necessary,</u> of one delegate/alternate to the World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.</p> <p>4) Special 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 <u>selection nomination to the region,</u> when necessary, of one delegate/alternate to the World Service</p>

<p>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>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><u>1) the election of officers</u> <u>2) the selection of nominees for trustee(s) from that region</u> <u>3) the selection of nominees of any sitting trustee from outside of that region who is currently serving as their trustee liaison</u> <u>4) World Service Business Conference Delegates from their membership.</u></p>
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It is further moved to amend Article VIII – Meetings Of Delegates, Section 3 – Delegates, paragraph a items 1-6 by striking and inserting

<p><u>CURRENT WORDING</u> Article VIII – Meetings Of Delegates Section 3 – Delegates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 special-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 special-focus service board. 5) Each region shall be entitled to one vote through its duly elected chair or alternate. 	<p><u>CURRENT WORDING</u> Article VIII – Meetings Of Delegates Section 3 – Delegates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Delegates from intergroups. 2) <u>A single</u> delegates from <u>each</u> 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 special-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 special-focus service board. 5) Each region shall be entitled to one vote through its duly elected chair or alternate <u>in addition to any delegates spaces provided to them in accordance with OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VIII, Section 3(c)2:</u>
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<p>6) A region that was represented at the last WSBC by fewer than 40 percent of its intergroups and other eligible service bodies may send up to five additional delegates from the region. When selecting these delegates, the region shall give preference to delegates from intergroups and service bodies which would not otherwise be represented.</p>	<p>6) A region that was represented at the last WSBC by fewer than 40 percent of its intergroups and other eligible service bodies may send up to five additional delegates from the region. When selecting these delegates, the region shall give preference to delegates from intergroups and service bodies which would not otherwise be represented.</p>
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It is further moved to amend Article VIII – Meetings Of Delegates, Section 3 – Delegates, paragraph c by striking and inserting

<p><u>CURRENT WORDING</u> Article VIII – Meetings Of Delegates Section 3 – Delegates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 special-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 special-focus service board. 5) Each region shall be entitled to one vote through its duly elected chair or alternate. 6) A region that was represented at the last WSBC by fewer than 40 percent of its intergroups and other eligible service bodies may send up to five additional delegates from the region. When selecting these delegates, the region shall give preference to delegates from intergroups and service bodies which would not otherwise be represented. 	<p><u>CURRENT WORDING</u> Article VIII – Meetings Of Delegates Section 3 – Delegates</p> <p>c) Qualifications/Selection</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Qualifications for selection of World Service delegates/alternates shall be set by each <u>intergroup, region (in the case of region delegates)</u> or service board 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.) 2) Each intergroup or national service board <u>Region</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 WSO, 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 the delegate approval in accordance with the number of groups in that country. 4) Each <u>national</u>, language or special-focus service board is entitled to have one qualified delegate only,
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	<p>regardless of the number of groups or service bodies (at least two meetings) that compose the language or special-focus service board.</p> <p>5) Delegates and alternates should be selected at least seventy days before the annual Conference, and the names forwarded immediately upon selection to the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous.</p> <p>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>
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INTENT:

To ensure equality for all in the decision making process.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Change of Bylaws

COST:

\$0 other than staff time to update Bylaws

PRIMARY PURPOSE:

To ensure equality for all in the decision making process.

RATIONALE

Throughout Overeaters Autonomous the inverted pyramid shown below is essential in order to ensure that the voice of the compulsive overeater is heard at all service levels. This motion brings representation into conformity with the principle so that we balanced “service authority.” So that:

- Groups send a representatives to Intergroups, and Service Boards
- Intergroups, and Service Boards send representatives to Regions
- Regions send Delegates and Trustee Nominees to World Service Business Conference

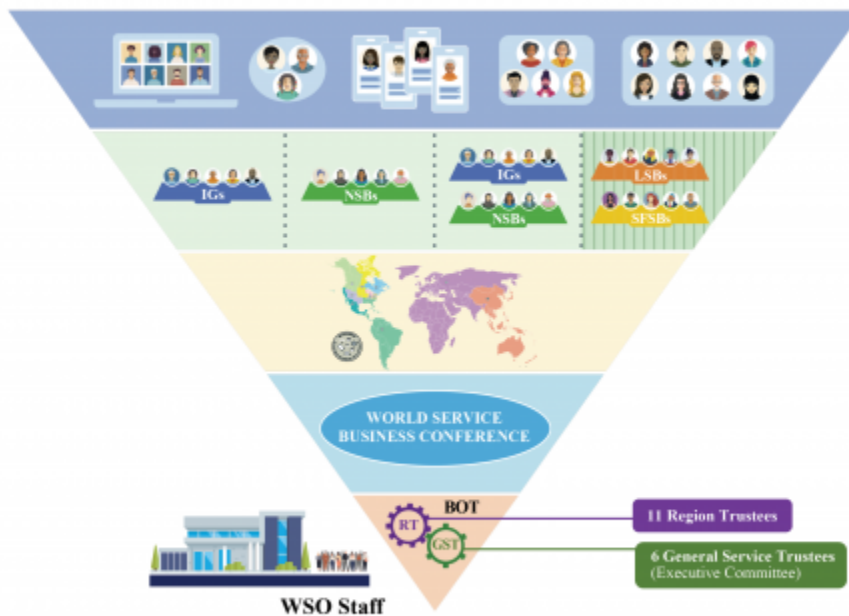
Additionally, the financial burden of attending World Service Business Conference, is often a bar to many services bodies sending the full number of possible delegates to the conference. This does not ensure equality of opportunity for all in the decision-making process or true right of participation. By moving the sending of Delegates to the Region, this burden is easily spread equally over the whole region.



This chance also also has a continuing effect at the World Service Level

This motion also reduces the financial impact upon the World Service Delegate Support Fund as the Delegates are supported more fully by the Region.

OVERALL SERVICE STRUCTURE



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