

WSBC Trip Report

Abbreviations:

ROI – Request for Information

RSC – Reference Subcommittee

POO – Point of Order

QOP or QP – Question of Privilege

the Binder – Delegate Binder

PI - Parliamentary Inquiry

April 28

- Travel, meet Gerri my mentor.

April 28

- Attended OA meeting 7 - 8 AM
- Walked to Old Town (sightseeing)
- Went to National Museum of Nuclear Science and History
- Picked up credentials. Assigned to the Web/Technology Committee
- Attended OA Meeting

April 29

- - Attended 7 AM OA meeting
- - Attended 3 workshops in PM
- - Attended "All About Conference and Parliamentary Procedures" workshop

April 30

- Attended 7 AM OA Meeting
- **Region Chair** meeting - They did two good skits based around TV shows, "Law & Drive Thru Orders" and a gameshow "Who Wants to Keep Their Abstinence".
- **Web/Technology Committee AM session**
- **Web/Technology Committee PM session.** Set goals for the year for the sub-committee that is revising the Web Site Guidelines.
- Dinner with SOAR

- **Literature Committee Q&A** - There were three items being brought to the WSBC floor for approval:
- **Unity with Diversity Checklist** - A new publication that would be on the web site for download. This has a focus on helping a group or service body determine if they are practicing diversity. Several questions raised including:
 - Q. Why would this be a download and not be a pamphlet that is for sale?
A. The Board believes this impacts all groups and service bodies and will assist with them determining how they stand in relation to diversity. Diversity is critical to OA.
 - Q. Why is this not being created and released by the Board? Would it not be better to have this posted with other Board approved documents?
A. The pamphlet is being created out of work from the Unity with Diversity committee and must get conference approval. Also, the audience of a Board approved document is for a targeted group, i.e. Web Site Development Guidelines, not OA as a whole, as this document is attempting to reach.
 - Q. This appears closely tied with a group conscious. Are there plans to post this where information about how to do a group conscious is or can we add something to point to the group conscious guidelines?
A. At this time, that is not planned. This is a really good idea and the suggestion will be taken into account and done when / if this gets posted.
- **Overeaters Anonymous aka Brown Book, 3rd edition** - This is a revision of the Brown Book and has been the focus of a sub-committee for several years. 2014 is the first time this is being brought to the WSBC for approval. It has all but one new story, Rozanne's Story has been kept, the other 40 are new. The committee has put in a note about Rozanne's passing at the end of the story. Updates were done to "Our Invitation to You", and new information added to Appendix B to bring in statistics to supplement the 1980 data currently included.
 - Q. Why does the new forward not explicitly include anorexia?
A. The forward was accepted as submitted by the committee. It does discuss more than only compulsive overeating. While not writing out the word anorexia, it does reference other eating disorders and have language discussing multiple eating disorders.
 - Q. In "Our Invitation to You" why was the part about only changing the words alcoholic and alcohol to food and compulsive overeater dropped?
A. AA has requested we stop using their literature and changing the words. It is the committee's belief OA has grown past the point of "leaning" on AA.
 - Q. In Appendix B there are statistics about obesity dated 2008, are

newer statistics not available.

A. Statistics about populations always lag. When this section was cited, in 2013, that was the most recent information the source could provide.

- Q. Why was some references to the words "compulsive overeater" changed to "compulsive eater" and others were not?

A. From the Business Conference Policy Manual, 1991c It was adopted that:

- The terms "compulsive overeater, compulsive eater," and "compulsive eating, compulsive overeating" be used interchangeably in OA literature, as determined to be appropriate by the Literature Committee during the regular literature writing, editing and approval process.
- The committee used the different terms through out the document.

- Q. In one story the writer started their weight and it appears (to the person asking the question) as not being a healthy body weight. Can this weight be checked to see if it is healthy?

A. This is the writers story and the committee accepted it as written.

- Pamphlet ***"The Promises of The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous"***. The premise is to create a pamphlet that has promises from each of the steps and traditions and put them into one place. It is meant to entice the reader into reading more from the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of OA.
- Q. The definition of promise appears to contradict the continued use of such words as "can". How can we say these are promises?
A. The books clearly states these come about after working the 12 Steps and 12 traditions in all aspects of your life.
 - Q. Does the wording in Step One match the wording in the "Dignity of Choice" pamphlet?
A. The are experts from the 12 x 12 and may not match of documents.
 - Q. Since the 12x12 is being revised why are we putting out a pamphlet based on this book?
A. All literature is reviewed on a 7 year cycle. We do not put off work on one piece awaiting the revision process to finish. Also if the 12x12 is revised, the pamphlet would be up for early review.

May 1

- Attended 7:15 AM OA Meeting
- **Business Session I Thursday AM**
 - WSBC Theme **"Our Primary Purpose"**
 - Opening

- Credentials Report 17 Trustees, 180 Voting Delegates, 197 Voting Members. Quorum is present.
- Standing Rules - Motion to accept as submitted. Seconded. Adopted. See page 35 of Binder.
- Consent Agenda. Proposed items on the agenda are:
 - New Business Motions: B, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U; and
 - Bylaw Amendments 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
 - Objections: E, N, 10, 11, Q, B
 - All objections are pulled from the consent agenda
 - Remaining: F, G, H, I, K, L, M, O, P, R, S, T, U, 7, 8, 9, 12
 - Consent agenda passed by 2/3 vote.
- Conference Agenda accepted.
- Delegate Briefing
- "Parade of New Business Motions" the person(s) that proposed the issue for consideration steps up. If there are any motions to amend the proposal have been filed, the person that filed the change also steps up and states their amendment
- "Parade of Bylaw Amendments" - same as previous description
- Officer Reports
 - President
 - Q. Why did the WSC lose money?
 - A. Low attendance.
 - Q. How does the board feel about OA not growing, reference 2008c statement about membership.
 - A. It is sad, and a concern and we all trying to work about this.
 - Treasurer
 - Q: Which is more profitable for the membership, paper or electronic version?
 - A: Paper copy.
 - Q: What is the cost of the WSBC? and should be consider changing to alternate years.
 - A: Office Staff reports the budget is ~\$60K and that is not recovered from the registration. This is in Appendix C, Page 1.

- Q: What are the contributions from Virtual Meetings?
- A: In report, page 223, total \$728.13. This works out to \$0.58 per meeting.
- Q: Why do we spend so much for the banquet at WSBC and WSC?
- A: WSBC banquet is paid for by
- Q: Regarding literature sales, the profitability was that per item or gross?
- A: Per unit, paper is more profitable.
- Managing Director
 - Q: How do we know the ads from Facebook resulted in the claimed number of clicks?
 - A: The service doing the ads keeps track of this information.
 - Q: The mailing list of health care professionals is 35. Is this a typo?
 - A: No. The list was purged. New names have been added by tradeshow. We have not done tradeshow for the past two years. We are working to get a new source of names.
 - Q: Are we still working with the same group for PSA distribution?
 - A: Yes, and we are doing TV, Radio and email though the agency.
 - Q: Why is there only one city in all of region 2 that had a PSA played.
 - A: Stations play PSAs and we cannot influence when they are played. If you would like to see a list of places where they were played in past years, see the Managing Director.
 - Q: If we have contacts for Professional's that could benefit from the Courier what can we do with them.
 - A: Send them to the WSO staff and they will be added.
- Region Reports
 - Q for Region 1: Sponsorship Marathon and Speed Sponsorship Game.
 - A: Inside circle sponsors, outside circle people seeking sponsors. Moved spots every 3 minutes. Gave ideas about subjects prior to starting about what are good / appropriate questions to find a new sponsor.
 - Q: There are 64 Unaffiliated groups, what efforts are being done for these groups, and is anything being done to have them

affiliate?

- A: Outreach including IGOR, Intergroup Outreach
- Q for Region 2: You talked about losing 24 groups when the website was updated. What do you attribute to the decline of groups and what can be done to remedy the decline?
- A: Groups that are not functioning and are on the list are removed by the Intergroups. We are doing Step, Tradition and Concept workshops for IGs to help them get strong. Workshops and outreach to the new comers are being done.
- Q: Upcoming Events, Upcoming events are all in San Diego for this and next year, why?
- A: Hotel contracts work out better.
- Q for Region 3: Cruise for OA in 2015, do you have more details?
- A: Sailing out of Galveston, This will be on Royal Caribbean, the Navigator of the Seas. Going to Cozumel, Belize. This is a 7 day cruise.
- Q: Where is the August Region event?
- A: Tempe, fly into Phoenix.
- Q for Region 4: As one of two regions that have increased meetings, would you share how you are doing this?
- A: I am not sure. We have good recovery, the attendance at region events has grown, number of reps from IGs have increased. We focus on the basic message of working the steps and traditions in all aspects of a person's life.
- Q for Region 7: The report on page 212, there is discussion about funding for visiting neighboring IGs to see how they are working, can you tell me more about this?
- A: It is part of the Outreach Committee. The committee chair is here, please see him.
- Q: Speak about the workshop called "Stop the Compulsion".
- A: This was put on by the Baltimore IG, they have more details.
- Q: What about the "Train the Trainer" workshop?
- A: TIME RAN OUT for questions
- Q for Region 8: How has the monthly workshops about Abstinence helped?
- A: It has increased awareness and help newcomers.

- Q: There is a decrease in the number of groups in the region since 2013. Do you know where in the region the location of these groups and any reasons why?
- A: Sometimes there is a lack of participation.
- Q: Unaffiliated groups have grown in the region. What more can the IGOR?
- A: A personal reaching out to these groups could be done. (TIME RAN OUT)
- Q for Region 10: How are you reaching out to the distance places in R10?
- A: Skype has been helpful to reach out to locations like Fiji.
- Q: Does your budget cover travel to the places like Japan and Indonesia, and if we can do more to assist?
- A: The Region has committed to paying for this travel. Airfare has been worked to do multiple stops to cover as many groups when traveling to things WSBC and other events. Example, a member is stopping in Japan on the way to WSBC. The cost was only a few hundred dollars more than the roundtrip to WSBC.
- Q: What is the average attendance in a group for the R10?
- A: That is not known
- Q for Virtual Service Chair: The donation is \$.58 per group last year. What can we do more to remind people to give more to the virtual groups?
- A: The treasure has setup an "ARP" automatic recurring payment, where it takes a set amount from a members card per month. This is very easy and help people meet tradition 7. The virtual meetings are not without cost.
- Q: Is there a better way of bringing up to phone meetings about how to give donations?
- A: TIME RAN OUT
- Committee Report Questions:
 - Q **BOT Bylaws**: Is the Bylaws Review Checklist available for use?
 - A: Check with your Region Trustee. Also see the sample by-laws on OA.org site.
 - Q: Can the Checklist review be made available?
 - A: This will be brought up by to the BOT committee in Aug.
 - Q for **Conference Planning**: If we want ot make a suggestion for

timing of meetings what do we do?

- A: Please come talk to me.
- Q for **Convention 2013 Committee**: Why was it set that there was a half mile walk between the hotel and conventions.
- A: This was the first time the conventions and the hotel were separate. This was the best we could find as there was not a joint facility with the needed number of rooms.
- 2016 WSC Site Selection Committee report is AMENDED. Theme has been selected and it is "**Trail to Freedom**" **BOSTON, MA September 1 - 4, 2016.**
- Q for **Professional Outreach**: Is it possible to do more and increase the budget for trade shows? Could this be combined with Public Outreach so we can get our message out more clearly.
- A: Funding is only by contributions. We have had money for those that apply.
- Q: Were there any requests for funds turned down? The most money went to the event with the smallest attendance?
- A: No one was turned down due to the cost of the one event. That show seemed worthwhile as the attendees were nutritionists and dietitians.
- Q for **Public Awareness**: Demographic on page 235 where did this come from?
- A: This is a subheading about the Facebook ad and these numbers are from the agency doing the ads.
- Q: How do we see these ads?
- A: WSO office has the ads.
- Q: If I am a member of OA and I see these ads should I click on it?
- A: Every click costs OA, so if you are a member, please refrain so we can husband our funds.
- **Strategic Planning Committee** AMENDED: The strong abstinence checklist is on the web site and is getting rave reviews. Also a powerpoint from the Region chairs for Workshops is done and available online.
- Q **Professional Outreach**: Why is the Professional Outreach Manual not available for download for free?
- A: Last year we still had paper copies and the budget was tight, we needed the sales.

- Q: An IG was looking to do a Professional Outreach day, do the WSBC have funding for this?
- A: There is not a budget for Professional Outreach at this time, please check with your Region.
- Q for **Public Information**: How can we expedite getting information to the groups?
- A: Use the Public Information manual, it is a tremendous resource. It is \$15 and has lots of great ideas. Also look on OA.org at Group Services -> Public Information.
- Session Ended due to time.
- **Business Session II Thursday PM**
 - Credential Report - no change. 197 eligible voters. Quorum declared.
 - Completing Committee Reports
 - Q for Region Chairs: Where can I find this abstinence powerpoint on the OA.org site?
 - A: Under the Documents link.
 - Q for Web/Technology: Glad to see the FAQ trying to be re-worked. Are there plans to get a better search for the site?
 - A: The Committee doesn't work on the OA.org site, that comes out of the office.
 - Q: Develop a FAQ? Why is the web tech not working with the staff to fix search engine and get this done?
 - A: This is done via the staff and needs to be addressed as such.
 - Q for Youth in OA: What do you tell parents about OA?
 - A: Share the pamphlet "To the Parents" and there is a pack for young people. Also get in touch with your Region Chair for more ideas.
 - Q: Can we get an email list for the Region Chairs or the Intergroup Chairs?
 - A: There is a web site for the Region Chairs. Get in touch with them to contact the IG chairs.
 - Trustee Nomination Speeches and Q&A.
 - **7th Tradition** for the day \$2177.06
 - Information about membership from Naomi, the results of the survey are in the Managing Director's Report. In person meetings have decreased since 2008. The virtual meetings are not being counted. Taken together, virtual and in person OA membership has increased.

- The OA.org web site is being revamped during the next year. If you can't find something on the site, contact the OA staff and they will assist.
- New Business
- Procedural Motion, aka Literature Motions
- A-a - Grant the Conference Seal of Approval to Unity with Diversity Checklist.
 - PRO - Speaking to the motion: 2nd time this is up to the Conference. It will be downloadable, and help meetings and service bodies keep extending the hand and heart of OA to all share this obsession.
 - CON - Doesn't like resources spent on a diversity checklist when we don't have diversity or the funds to bring people from inner cities, (speaker from Atlanta) to this conference. Doesn't think this conforms to Tradition 3 as it tells the speaker how to practice diversity.
 - PRO - This is a tool that may be used, if you choose, to help people with assessing how the group is practicing diversity.
 - PRO - It is more important that people recover than what a person looks like. This checklist helps with people.
 - CON - Feels this separates us, as we are not people who would normally not mix. We are bound together by our disease, and we learn and become different people. If I was against another group I would not belong in OA.
 - ROI: What is the cost? Free download.
 - ROI: With this be amendable in the future? All docs are reviewed and amendable every 7 years.
 - ROI: Have there been complaints against OA for discrimination based on race, sexual orientation, etc...? Naomi reports there have been complaints called into WSO on all topics.
 - ROI: Will this be translated? This will be determined after it is approved.
 - ROI: #9 lists a bunch of pamphlets, what happens if one of these is discontinued? We would update this pamphlet.
 - ROI: What have the complaints been about? Any complaints are directed to Region trustee. No specifics are available.
 - ROI: Like to know what information is available to newcomers letting them know OA is a diverse organization? There is a lot of information on the OA web site. In the suggested meeting format there is the Unity with Diversity statement, so if groups use this it is explicitly

stated.

- PI: Can this be voted on as a written ballot? This is a Request that must be voted upon by the WSBC. Did not pass, vote will be by show of hands.
- Question of Privilege: Serenity prayer.
- Requires 2/3 to pass. **Motion AA is adopted.**
- A-b - Grant the Conference Seal of Approval to the manuscript Overeaters Anonymous 3rd edition, aka "The Brown Book"
 - PRO: (did not record what was shared, this was given by the co-chair of the literature committee and was similar to what was shared during the Q&A on Web night.)
 - CON: I love the book and the idea, my biggest concern is "Our Invitation to You". This would be expected to be read in each meeting. This is an increase from 90 words to 370 words. The time it would take is too many.
 - PRO: The editing marks show the added and dropped words. It is not much longer than the current version. We sought out diversity of the program and choose the 40 stories to help reach out to all who may share our disease.
 - CON: Object to "Our Invitation to You" as there is a drastic change with removing the word "overeating" and replacing it with "eating". There were 14 occurrences and 11 were removed. The WSBC statement about the use of terms encourages balance. I believe this will harm new comers as they identify with the term overeating.
 - PRO: The preface embraces other eating disorders beyond just overeating. "Our Invitation to You" has not expanded.
 - CON: The stories are wonderful, the "Our Invitation to You" is a minor change, and there are two parts that need to be re-considered. 1) The definition of abstinence it changes every 2 -3 years and will be quickly outdated. 2) the use of the term "trigger foods" has no scientific foundation and should be re-considered. Right now I would not recommend OITY to be used. I believe it is divisive.
 - ROI: Would there be a consideration like in other 12 Step groups and make the stories removed from the previous editions and make them a new book / volume so they are available? Please submit this to the board for the conference approved Lit committee.
 - ROI: Is the version of OITY included in the meeting format and the pocket version an abridged version? Yes it is.
 - ROI: Request for history about this coming about in 3 years. 2 minute explanation followed.

- ROI: If this passes, when would the pocket reference be revised? At the next printing of the pocket reference. Next printing is planned towards end of 2015. The Board would consider re-vamping this sooner.
 - ROI: The use of the term "overeater" was reduced from 13 to 3. Would it be an editorial change to put some of them back in? This has been addressed, and the document is as it stands.
 - ROI: Is there any reason a group or an intergroup could not use its own edited version of OITY? This body is the group conscious of OA. It is the opinion of the Chair you would have to change your version.
 - ROI: It was mentioned in the CON argument the definition of abstinence has changed, when was the last time and how many times? 1998b, 2008, 2009, 2011.
 - ROI: How successful has the 2nd Edition been, is it still selling? It has sold well and brought profit that we have used to spread the message in other ways. We sell 3700 books a year.
 - ROI: Is it possible the book be passed with the proviso that book would be changed to have "compulsive eating" and "compulsive overeating" at a 50% rate? There is precedence for this proviso as it has been used for other literature in the past. An amendment would need to be submitted
 - ROI: If the definition of abstinence is change would this book be changed? Currently printed books would have a flyer placed in them, and an update would be done for the printing.
 - ROI: Do we have to stop publishing the 2nd edition if there is a 3rd edition? That is the practice as sales of previous versions goes down.
 - ROI: 2nd edition, how long would that be available for sale? The plan would be to release the new book in Oct. Once released the remaining 2nd editions would be destroyed. There are 4500 left in the warehouse. Destroying the books would be a financial hit to OA.
 - ROI: Are the edits including about staying away from binge foods bringing it current? No.
 - PQ Please explain how you can accept an amendment to a non-amendable motion? It is a gray area, the chair can make that call as per Parliamentarian.
- Session Time Is Called.

May 2

- Attended 7:15 OA Meeting

- **Business Session III**

- Opening
- Credentials Report - 17 Trustees 180 Voting Delegates - 197 Voting Members
- **Elections of Trustees** - Region Trustees, and Virtual Service Trustee
- **Return to Motion A-b**, Granting the Conference Seal of Approval to the manuscript *Overeaters Anonymous 3rd edition*.
 - Chair is not accepting any motions to amend the document.
 - The pocket reference is a conference approved document that is different than what is in OA 2nd version. It is a condensed version. If you compare the condensed version to the OA 3rd there are many differences. The Pocket reference will be up for review if the 3rd edition is approved.
 - Call for written vote did not pass. Vote will be by standing.
 - **Motion was adopted. OA 3rd Edition will be published as submitted.**
- **Motion A-c** Move to grant the Conference Seal of Approval to the pamphlet, *The Promises of the OA 12&12*.
 - PRO: This is a paraphrase and is not expected to replace the 12 and 12. This can be used anywhere. It makes me want to go to the 12 and 12 and see what the full text says.
 - CON: I see many things in the proposed pamphlet that are misleading, out of context, and not keeping with other literature. Examples from Step 1, 2, & 3 provided.
 - PRO: Central Ohio IG submitted this piece. The pamphlet was revised many times. Line numbers were removed, text was shortened. This now contains the promises from our OA books. There are some shortened text, example using we.
 - CON: Taking the quotes out of context is dangerous. Some of the promises stated under early steps are not going to come about unless you work all the steps.
 - PRO: Some of are excited to give this pamphlet to those that have not read the books yet. It is easy to carry. It can be used to help with sponsors.
 - CON: Here we go trying to sell this program to everyone. We are trying to attract people. Step 2 quote says we will be relieved of the obsession yet it didn't come about for me until I was past working step 9. When we break down each step to this detail we are limiting on what God can do for you in each step. Suggests having the Lit

committee use this as a reference for the re-write of the 12 x 12 that is under way.

- ROI: Clarify the fellowships practice of considering other pieces that are under review when we are presenting a piece to the conference. A: The body goes forward with the Lit and not wait for other documents to be completed and approved.
- ROI: This is the first iteration of the pamphlet, would any of those change over time. A: The opinion of the chair is the 12 x 12 text would have to change very radically to impact this pamphlet.
- ROI: If this is not past, will the 12 x 12 ad-hoc committee reviewing the literature be able to use this material? A: It is a good question, with many facets. If this should not pass, there will be input forms passed to all delegates so feedback may be used in another revision. It would seem to be inappropriate to use something that has not been approved.
- ROI: Could you clarify the depth of review being done on the 12 x 12 by the ad-hoc committee? You referred to possible radical changes to the 12 x 12, if the review of this 12 x 12 is a surface review or going deeper? A: The review is not surface. The 9 member committee has been working for 8 months and has more time to go.
- ROI: Is there a move in OA to only use OA literature that I am now aware of? A: Is that question applicable to motion A-c? That does not apply.
- ROI: You said if this document does not pass the WSBC will be giving feedback. A: If this doesn't pass, you will get a feedback form today, and the committee may ask the board for direction on further review.
- ROI: What is the estimated expense with producing / printing this document? A: There is no estimate at this time.
- ROI: If this fails to pass, could this appear later as board approved literature? A: I don't believe so.
- ROI: Can you give a timeline for the review of the 12 x 12? A: That is a question about something else.
- ROI: Was AA Literature also considered when creating this document? A: This was created from OA Literature.
- ROI: If this passed would it replace the AA promises read in meetings? A: No. We would hope a group would consider to do that.
- ROI: A lot meetings use the promises in the meetings. Could you tell us what step in the big book says, "if we are painstaking in our.."? A: that is argumentative and not applicable to this conversation.
- ROI: If a newcomer was to ask what promises take precedents OA or

AA, what do we tell them? A: Ask them to read both.

- **The vote was called.**
- **The motion was lost.** Feedback forms are passed out. Must be turned in by the end of conference.
- **Election Results**
 - Region 1: Margie Garman
 - Region 4: Cyndy Lenz
 - Region 7: Barbara Gere
 - Virtual Services Trustee: Stephanie Doran
 - Election of General Service Trustee, 2 positions and 3 nominations
- **Motion A - Survey of the Fellowship to determine whether or not there is substantial unanimity to change the name Overeaters Anonymous.**
 - Reference Subcommittee - Recommends against.
 - Pro: The name does not reflect the 3 phases of the disease. The name turns away some people and discourages younger people. A new name would include everyone and not have such a stigma.
 - Con: I am a recovering bulimic, we are in a time of austerity and the name does cover my disease and I am welcome here.
 - Pro: As a reminder that this is to find the will of the membership. It would be nice to find out if the members wants this. The issue of cost was raised. The cost seems relatively modest for the goal. We need to find the will of the body.
 - Con: We went through an excruciating budgeting this fall cutting thousands and not doing trade shows and cutting funds for Region Chairs from helping spread the message. If the name turns away a person, there are other places they can go. This has worked for me and thousands and thousands of people.
 - Pro: (no speaker)
 - Con: This would delete the name we have, finding a new name would be difficult. In NY alone there are many groups including Compulsive Eating Anonymous, Anorexia Anonymous. I think if the body went to look for another name, I doubt we would find one. I think this is a waste of time and money.
 - ROI: What would happen to the literature, credit cards, etc... and what is the cost? A: This is not about the Motion on the floor, next question.

- PQ: When you call Pro and Con when does the timer start for the speaker. A: When the speaker starts talking.
- ROI: What percentage or criteria is considered "substantial unanimity" for this Motion? A: There is not an answer to the term.
- ROI: If this motion pass does it mean that this survey is targeting every overeater in countries like Region 9 and Region 10? Does this mean that every OA member will have a voice? Will this impact anonymity? A: Yes all groups will have a voice in this survey.
- QP: Please remember we are a loving fellowship and we should not take out our aggressions on staff or trustees. Please remember they are only human and doing their job to the best of their abilities.
- Amendment A1: Move that "there is a substantial unanimity" be changed to "75% of the respondents want".
- A1 PRO: To avoid any confusion and set a standard on what consists a substantial unanimity.
- CON: It is in the best interest of the WSBC to defeat this motion and get to the main point of Motion A.
- PRO: I believe having a real, substantial number of members wanting to change the name. I believe our name has inspired so many other eating groups as the name appears to turn away some people. This was not known when Rozanne chose the name.
- CON: I think this would be dodgy as it says respondents, because if only 10 groups respond and 9 said yes, we would change the name of the organization. It doesn't make any sense statistically.
- ROI: Of respondents, who are the respondents? Are they groups, individual members, or whom? A: It is unclear at this point, as the motion does not state who to survey.
- ROI: Is this amendment modifying the motion or the number of votes from WSBC? A: This is modifying Motion A.
- THREE MORE AMENDMENTS RECEIVED. MOTION SENT TO Reference Subcommittee for review at 7 PM .
- Tellers Report for General Service Trustee votes:
- 184 votes cast with results of: Janice Sullivan & Karen Cornacchia are elected to General Service Trustees, 3 year term.
- **Motion B "Changing the name of Youth in OA to OA Young Persons Committee**
 - Reference Committee - We did not consider Motion B.
 - PRO: The committee would like to change the name to better reflect the

focus. The committee has taken a focus approach and would like to have a name that reflects our focus.

- B1 - PRO Speaking on Amendment: Change the name to Young People in OA. I believe the original name was awkward. Checking the dictionary the word person is included, the word "persons" is not, so I conclude it is not a really word.
- CON: The name does not matter. The vote to re-establish the committee was just over 50% approval. We need to do more. The committee is focusing on age 18 - 30. We need to get these people into the room, get them involved in service, and get them so they can learn from the long times.
- PRO: The name is awkward. The change feels better. We need to target this group.
- CON: I wanted to point out the name suggested is a plural possessive and is grammatically correct. It shows we are giving ownership and a committee that will address them at their age.
- QP: Can the font be increased on the projector? Done.
- QUESTION CALLED FOR A VOTE on the Amendment: Question not allowed due to enough time has passed for a vote to be called.
- ROI: What is the name of the committee going to be if this Amendment passes, could it be displayed? A: No, we are focusing on B1.
- VOTE CALLED: Amendment is lost
- Amendment B2 - Strike "OA Young Persons" and insert "Young Adults" in OA.
- PRO: Reasons we are talking about 18 - 30 year old and they are adults. It is commonly known that youths are under 17 and adults start at 18.
- CON: We have had two young persons come up here and tell us what they want. This would exclude those under 18. I say we listen
- PRO: I came in at 23, though I am not anymore. I believe this sounds really good and would have appealed to me.
- CON: Through out the year Janice and I received inquires about children, middle and high schools. We get inquires from teachers, parents, and concerned adults. The title "Young Persons" leaves it open to a larger group of people. (Speaker is co-chair of the current committee)
- QP: Serenity Prayer
- VOTE CALLED: Amendment is lost.
- End of Session III due to time.

Session IV Friday PM

- Opening
- Credential report - 17 Trustees 179 Delegates for 196 Voting members, a Quorum is declared.
- 7th Tradition - \$1156.97
- Return to Motion B
 - **Voting: Motion Adopted**
- **Proposal Item C: Email Loops may list their group on oa.org as a courtesy in one of the two categories...**
 - RSC: Recommend with amendment to change item 6.
 - Amendment (C1) is: Strike current wording for item 6 and replace it with, "New members must be informed of the loop's policies, norms, and practices for sharing."
 - PRO: Allow better access to the loops and keep them closer linked with OA
 - CON: We should not strike the wording, the loop should be associate with a group or service body to try and keep it closer to OA's Traditions.
 - PRO: The register owner would be the one that signed the contract on that account.
 - CON: Taking out the register owner loses the fact that is who is registered with OA, not the service provider (ISP). The additional wording is good, I think letting everyone know and be reminded of the practices is good.
 - ROI: Can I get some clarification on who the register owner is referring to? A: The registered owner is the person or entity who registers the group with the service provider.
 - ROI: What if I want the strike out and the underlined to be kept? A: that would be another Amendment.
 - Voting on Amendment C1: Show of hands result "Well that is just ducky", as it is too close to tell from the show of hands. Division is called for, pages going down the road counting each vote as people stand either for or against. FOR: 107 AGAINST: 66 **Amendment C1 is adopted.**
 - Amendment C2: Inserting #7 "The registered owner is either the group itself or a registered OA service body."
 - PRO: WITHDRAWN

- ROI: What was the outcome of the previous vote? A: 107 for, 66 against and the amendment was adopted.
- PRO for Amended motion C: The reason for the motion is because people keep asking, "How do I find these?". As they are not currently associated listed and people cannot find them. They will be listed in a document on the OA web site. This is the same way on-line and phone meetings started. The difference between these loops and other meetings is, they don't happen in real time.
- CON: I am not against the idea of courtesy listing OA email groups. This motion is, in my opinion, does not deal with cross talk and other issues. I believe this should go back to reference for further work.
- PRO: (speaker from Brazil) Four years ago I weighed 250 lb. and lived in a small city. I couldn't stop eating. I found a loop meeting that saved my life and began my recovery. I lost 97 lb. in two years. Sometimes the email would arrive 2 days later, yet it would be right on time. This allowed me to get to a face-to-face meeting and save my life.
- CON: I support the courtesy listing of email groups. I want to know that these groups are associated with group or service body that are registered with OA.
- PRO: I've been using loops since 1998, before online or phone meetings. I am sending my notes to the loops I am on to show them about service. A hundred pounder list has weekly topics and a tradition study. We are behind the times with technology, and I am hearing that from younger people last year.
- CON: I had the experience of being excluded from OA in 1998 when Ireland broke off from OA and a fracture was created. I was in fat serenity for 7 years. This motion would exclude 4000 members of a group that I am part of. I am so for loops being included. This is one fellowship separated by 10 names and 25 web sites.
- Amendment C3 has been submitted. Motion C is sent to the Reference Subcommittee.
- **Motion D The 7th tradition taken at the WSBC be used for the WSBC Delegate Support Fund.**
 - RSC: Did not consider this motion.
 - PRO: We feel having more Intergroups to WSBC is better for OA. The barrier for some IG to attend is monetary. It costs my group ~\$1500 to get here. The approx. \$4000 collected by the 7th Tradition it would allow 3 or 4 more groups to attend.
 - CON: The standing process for any application request for funds for

IG reps coming to WSBC are not denied. Some applications are turned down when they do not qualify. Example is when an IG requested funds to a 2nd member.

- PRO: Greece has had OA for 32 years. We first were able to get a delegate here from WSBC funds. Now we are able to self fund myself and one other to this conference.
- CON: As the notes show there has not been an eligible applicant turned down in the past three years. In the current times our budget is very auster and this may remove flexibility of funds.
- PRO: This will help OA as a whole to gether more people here.
- CON: I don't think there is not anyone here that doesn't support getting more people here. Yet if we move these funds into a restricted fund would remove the ability to use money for other uses, e.g. update search engine for web site, new literature. Some people may not donate as much to our 7th Tradition if it was ear marked for one purpose, resulting in less funds for OA as a whole.
- ROI: If this motion passes, will the 7th tradition collected go to the general fund or the WSBC Delegate fund? A: It is the opinion of the chair, this has not passed so the money is going to the general fund.
- ROI: Last year the budgeted amount was \$5000, yet over \$13000 was spent. Why do we have a budget line item if we are not going to follow the budget? A: The \$13,000 was spent from the Support Fund. The \$5000 is in the budget to put in the Support Fund if there is nothing in the coffers. In the past four years the \$5000 budgeted was never added to the support fund due to the generosity of our members.
- **VOTE: Motion is lost.**
- Proposal E: Rescind WSBC Policy 1962.
 - RSC did not consider this motion.
 - PRO: The Bylaw committee reviewed the policy manual during the past year and found parts are either out of date, or are in our policy manual in other locations. They ask it be removed.
 - CON: Rescinding the creed of OA which was the first policy passed. This is the building block of OA. Using this original block to build our organization. It was taken from the creed written by the first gathering of 100 AA. The preamble does not contain reference to the traditions. We would move further away from the idea of putting down the food.
 - PRO: It is badly written and out-of-date. Example, we believe in abstinence, and our fellowship has moved on since then. Concept 9 is

about trusting those that serve, and we should have faith they are doing the right action.

- CON: I feel this keeps the fellowship together. It is linked to 3 or 4 other policies brought forth over the years. This is not a policy, this is a creed, a statement that gives us a common link. Many other groups use this creed and it binds us to them. I would hope in the year Rozanne died I don't want to see what she worked on so hard be dismantled. I do not see this concept anywhere else in the documentation.
- PRO: This says it comes from our HQ. Our office in Rio Rancho does not set policy, that comes from WSBC. This is badly written. 1984A covers this area. We should remove this and if needed re-write 1984a.
- CON: I would like to see this as it is simple. While it does not encompass all that we stand for, it is a creed. This directs me to the steps, as does my sponsor. It is simple.
- ROI: If this motion passes and the old policy is deleted would this be kept anywhere? A: It would go back in the section for deleted policies.
- ROI: Where can I find the 1984 policy that is referenced? A: it is in your binder.
- **VOTING: Motion is adopted by show of hands**
- **Proposed Item J** – Motion withdrawn as there are O-Anon groups. This was not known when this motion was submitted.
- **Proposed Item N** – Rescind WSBC Policy 1995b.
 - RSC: Not considered
 - PRO: The policy has been fulfilled and this is no longer needed.
 - CON: Removing this as we just did the Creed, it makes for a difficult read, takes out references to abstinence. Abstinence keeps being moved, debated and re-defined. We are using abstinence to exclude members from the fellowship.
 - PRO: All of the things said previously regarding Concept 9 are still true in my mind. I don't believe this has anything to do with the "abstinence debate", it is about tidying up the bylaws.
 - **VOTE: Adopted**
- **Proposal Q:** Change to WSBC Policy 2004b regarding policy about WSBC credentials of proposed delegates.
 - RSC – This has been amended Q1.

- Q1 – Adopted (I was out of the room during some of the presentation)
 - PRO: (no heard due to being out of room)
 - CON: If we adopt this it is not consistent with current practices.
 - PRO: If we throw this away now, we throw all of this away. Even if we adopt it now with this little bad piece, we would be keeping flawed information.
 - CON: I wanted to make sure it is more than the board that can control the notification policy. The Board has a policy of 7 days, not 30 as defined. I think what the board is doing is better than what is on the board.
 - Amendment Q2: Change BOT to WSO and change 30 days to 7 days.
 - PRO: This motion takes care of matching the Board Review Manual and through out the proposed motion.
 - CON: I think this debate has gone past a motion. We should make the BRM and the WSBC policy the same.
 - PRO: In regards to the CON that is what we are doing right now. Let's pass this motion, keep it simple and move forward.
 - VOTE: Motion Q2 adopted
 - Now we are considering the motion with the substitutions.
 - PRO: (no speaker)
 - CON: (no speaker)
 - PRO: (no speaker)
 - CON: (no speaker)
 - PRO: (no speaker)
 - CON: (no speaker)
 - Point of Order: If there are no pro and no con speakers, then there are no questions. A: With no pro or cons there are no questions. Move to vote.
 - VOTE: **Motion is adopted by show of hands.**
- **Proposed Motion 1** - Amend bylaws regarding meeting of delegates and requirement of Intergroup Bylaws being reviewed and approved.
 - RSC – Has not been considered.
 - PRO: This can forward a few years ago to help IG, Service Bodies and others to amend their bylaws. The problem was it came with a penalty, and when the system bogged down, we stopped following

this.

- CON: (no speaker)
- PRO: The language barrier for my region (9 Europe, Africa, Western Asia) has the many languages and it hinders us. I am happy for this motion and hope it passes.
- CON: In this proposal we are asked to rescind that groups under OA, Inc., have to match their bylaws to the WSBC. If this passes we no longer have to keep the bylaws matched and that would mean an IG could remove the part about updating Region, WSO, etc... and can fold and not tell anyone.
- PRO: I was a new trustee when this came into being. It was overwhelming when this was in place. I was getting so many updates to the bylaws I could not keep up with the flood. Some Igs only meet once a year so they did not have a chance to get the bylaws updated. Concept 5 reminds us that when we make a mistake, we can fix it. This was a mistake and we need to fix it.
- CON: Just because a policy is not enforce it is not a good reason not to keep it. It helps the Igs keep up-to-date with their bylaws.
- ROI: If this was adopted today, would Delegates still have to send in their IG bylaws to the trustees when registering for WSBC? Chair: Prior to this being in effect, WSO had a list of what IG are in compliance. The list was updated by Trustee's informing WSO of an IG status.
- **VOTING: Motion is adopted.**
- **Motion 2:**
 - RSC: This was not considered
 - PRO: There are 6 General Service Trustee charged with administrating WSO, (a list of responsibilities were read). As this is now written, someone can be elected to a GST without experience at any level, they would only have to attend WSBC twice. They wold not be qualified for service at the Region Trustee level.
 - CON: When I first read this I thought I read this long. I have served on the region board for 6 years. I have served in the region. Several of the people on the Board would not have been qualified as they have not served on their region board. I urge you to vote against this. It limits the pool of eligible applicants
 - PRO: All qualifications limit the applicants. We require 5 years of abstinence and 5 years of service beyond the group for Trustees. Our regions can put their own qualifications on the jobs. Yesterday we interviewed 3 canidates for GST and out of 20 questions only 3 dealt

with their experience and qualifications.

- CON: I don't feel that we are trying to solve a problem with this. There does not seem to be an issue with the current process.
- PRO: I believe we do have a problem, in concept 9 if the job requires specific skills beyond willingness, these need to be explicitly stated. The GST requirement as written do not accurately reflect the responsibility and skills they need to have. We need more past performance to base our selection on GST.
- CON: I served as the past Chair of the Board. If this was in place I would not have been able to be selected for the BOT. I have never served on my region board. I am a CPA and am well qualified for the role of Treasurer, Vice-Chair and Chair. Please defeat this motion.
- ROI: IF this motion is adopted would any of the current GSTs be required to step down? C: No.
- ROI: I want to ask, when it says has complete one full term of a region board I am not sure if this means region or regional? C: I am not aware of a difference. Would I have to be on the region 9 board or my countries service board? C: It says region with a lower case r, so the board would have to be a regional (I am not clear on this)
- ROI: Yesterday we spent quite a bit of time hearing from and questioning Trustee nominations. Was this spent so we the WSBC could make an informed decision? C: Yes, that is what the time is for.
- ROI: If this was adopted in previous years how many of the current people sitting on the Board would not be eligible? C: Two (after asking a question).
- Point of Order: I believe the Chair misspoke about the having to be on the board of region 9 before. Chair recalls the previous questionnaire. Discussion, the motion maker said something different than what was written. Chair says we are voting on the written motion not what was in the speech.
- ROI: If a person was on a National Board would they be qualified to run? No, they have not been on a region board.
- ROI: When a current GST runs for re-election would this disqualify anyone? C: yes it would disqualify them.
- ROI: Do all regional trustee applicants have to serve on a region board? C: On page 96 – 97 in the binder are the qualifications for all trustees. Region qualifications are listed on page 97 state a regional trustee does not have to have serve on a regional board.
- Question is called. Voting to continue the question time or go to a vote on the motion. A vote is called.

- **Voting: Proposal Item 2 motion is lost.**
- **Motion 3, 4, 5**
 - RSC: This was not considered
 - *All are withdrawn as motions 7,8,9 all passed on the consent agenda and these are now moot.*
- **Motion 6 – To change the Twelve Steps to remove the male pronoun and replace it with the word God.**
 - RSC: Not considered
 - PRO: I am not making a statement at this time.
 - Amendment 6(1) PRO: The motion to change the word God to Higher Power and remove any religious conotation from the steps. We want to make this as inclusive as possible. That is why we changed the wording to make it a neutral as possible, as OA is inclusive and are trying to show that.
 - CON: If you look at the tradition section, only the second reference to God was included. The first instance of God would still be included.
 - PRO: I am in favor of what is trying to be accomplished. The idea of making the steps inclusive to all persons. I know some people that change the word him to her or higher power as they have been subjected to abuse from a male figure. They will lose no power or authority with this change.
 - CON: In my experience there is always a reason not to work the steps and not work the program, as some people are always looking for an easier softer way. This was brought forth partly to bring to groups attention that changing the words is a break of tradition. Let's not talk about the expense, that will come up in the questions. I don't like the words Him or God, I like Higher Power.
 - ROI: During one of the CONS I believe something was mistated. The only amendment said to strike the word God and not insert Higher Power. C: It says strike God. (it leaves himself)
 - ROI: Would you clarify Step 3? Chair: reads the amended version that leaves in the first God and changes himself to higher power.
 - POO: Step 3 with this amendment would say "our higher power". That is correct and that is what is displayed on the screen.
 - ROI: If there is an instance of God in 3, 11, and the tradition, would they still be in there even if the ones that are underlined are changed to Our Higher Power? Chair: Yes.

- Close of meeting due to time.

May 3

- Attended OA 7:15 AM Meeting

Business Session V

- Credentials Report – 17 Trustees, 178 Delegates, 195 Eligible Voters, a Quorum is declared
- Resuming work on Motion 6, Proposal 1, changing the words Him to Higher Power. This was sent to reference committee.
 - RSC: There is a question of does “Higher Power” fit in “scope of notice” meaning this is not what was intended when the motion went forward. The recommendation is to defeat the motion.
 - ROI: If this was “outside of scope” should the motion been ruled out of order and dismissed. Chair: In hindsight, this should have been done yesterday. Since it was not, it has to be brought for a vote.
 - QOP: Can we have a paper ballot on this amendment?
 - Voting: No, a show of hand about this amendment.
 - ROI: The RSC is recommending we defeat this amendment and the RSC is recommending we deny or fail the core motion. Chair: The RSC has said we should defeat both.
 - VOTING on Amendment: Amendment lost. The Motion as submitted to WSBC is brought forth.
 - PRO for Motion 6: The motion as set up is to take the Traditions and the Steps Gender Neutral. As you are aware the group conscious of this body is the start of this. If this goes forward, then the question goes forth to all the member groups. This allows our group to take a group conscious about “what is a higher power”. Language is a weird thing, English allows us to have pronouns with a gender. This is off putting and frankly distressing who view their higher power in a different way.
 - CON: We are looking at this as Americans, in many countries this is not an issue. We would be starting the ball in motion and have to contact all the groups. We would have to reprint all our literature. I know people who do change the pronoun to a female.
 - PRO: 3 years ago I read the steps changing the pronouns to God. The leader stopped me and said I have to read the steps as written. How does that match our diveristy statement. The male pronouns in America mean a christian God. I want my concept of a higher power honored.

- CON: I like this, yet however we do this it will be heavy handed. Any change we put off those that want to keep the wording and those that change. I cite the 4th and 11th tradition about group autonomy and allow groups to modify the steps and traditions. It would allow us to keep the literature and allow groups more autonomy.
- PRO: This is a group that needs to embrace change. Many groups already do not do this. We need to move forward
- CON: We have an agreement with AA to change two words in the steps. If we change this, we are not keeping with our agreement. In Costa Rica OA has an agreement with AA and they have a separate legal agreement. If we pass this we would not only have the disharmony with AA, we would have disharmony in OA. Even if this was changed to God, it would not reflect my personal beliefs. The steps are created to change us, we are not here to change the steps.
- CHAIR: (Reads page 175 of the binder spelling out the procedure needed to ratify a change to the Steps) The hurdle, 3/4th of the registered OA groups responding within 6 months of notification, PROVIDED at least 55 percent of the registered groups have responded.
- ROI: Could you clarify what our agreement is with AA about the use of steps and traditions for OA? Ch: We are not crossing swords with AA if we change the steps. There was nothing in the original agreement that limited the changes we make.
- ROI: Please confirm if this change goes through all the things needed, our Literature would be changed as it came for review? C: That is not accurate.
- ROI: Could you tell us what are the costs beyond changing the literature? What extra do we have to pay for like the web site? C: (directs to staff) It depends if we would destroy all the literature and reorder all new printings. The cost of the survey and tabulating the responses. Cost for layout for literature, and that is not insignificant. Ch: It is not a viable option to say we would do this slowly as the warehouse has years worth of books, and we would have to draw a line at some point and get rid of the older books.
- ROI: Would you clarify the impact upon our international members and their copyright? C: All the literature would have to be changed. Each country is different and I do not know what the impact would be.
- ROI: When you said OA Inc did you mean worldwide? C: Y
- ROI: Would it be possible to just place an insert into all the inventory? C: Yes that is possible. It is a "pain" to do that for one piece of literature, I don't have the words for doing it to all.
- ROI: What is the cost for putting in an insert? C: The printing is about 2

cents for the insert. Then you have the cost of labor of unpacking cartons, putting in the insert, and repacking cartons. There is a large amount of literature.

- QOP: Request for paper ballot. C: Deferred until the questions are answered.
- QOP: Call the question. C: Voting. Question period is closed.
- QOP: Request for written ballot: C: Voting. Motion is lost, show of hands.
- **VOTE after a Serenity Prayer: Motion is Lost.**
- Motion 10
 - RSC: Recommend accepting
 - PRO: The bylaws committee was requested to review this policy last year, 2013. A subcommittee was charged to review and work the amendment. It was determined the added section was best put into the bylaws as it was removed from the policy and is not elsewhere in the documents.
 - CON: In 1988 this body removed this from the bylaws, see page 59 in the Binder. This was moved to policy manual. It was changed to "you shall" (which I don't like too much) from "you should". I was going to define our (Atlanta) bylaws to make sure the IG bylaws to put the notification oneous on to the group not on the IG. Our groups have to travel a distance.
 - PRO: If an IG doesn't meet, how does anyone know they exist? They should meet and make it clear to groups. I have several groups that meet only once a year (Western Region).
 - CON: (no speaker)
 - PRO: We adopted motion on page 134 that removed this from the policy manual. We need to adopt this so it is in the literature.
 - CON: I just don't like the word shall, I don't like absolute requirements. It bugs the hell out of me.
 - ROI: Does convene meet in person, or does it mean you can get together by telephone or other means? C: It does not mean face to face, you can get together via telephone.
 - ROI: We pulled 10 and 11, not 12. These apply to IG, Region and Service Boards respectively. If this is defeated does that mean Service Boards have to meet annually? C: Yes.
 - ROI: May I provide some information? C: Yes. 11 is being withdrawn as the information was higher in the writing and this would be redundant. 12 has been passed.

- CHAIR: I see no further questions, we are moving to vote.
- **VOTE: Motion is Adopted**
- **Motion 11 is withdrawn**
 - RSC: this motion is redundant and we request this be withdrawn.
- Returning to **Motion A.**
 - RSC: Amend motion A with the following: "Move to direct the board of Trustee to conduct a survey of the fellowship to determine whether or not there is a substantial unanimity to change the name of Overeaters Anonymous. At least seventy-five percent (75%) of all registered OA groups must vote 'yes' to change the name of Overeaters Anonymous to achieve substantial unanimity.
 - Speaking to the motion. The reference committee considered all the amendments brought forth were about surveying the membership. We felt this was a good representation of what was brought forth. We recommend by a vote of 18-0 to defeat this motion.
 - PRO: (no speaker)
 - CON: (no speaker)
 - PRO: (no speaker)
 - CON: (no speaker)
 - POO: The one PRO stood up and spoke against the motion. I think we deserve a pro back. C: Pro had spoken
 - ROI: Did the RSC say, "we recommend this change and defeat the motion"? C: Yes.
 - ROI: My question is on the registered groups and the 75%. Do we know how many groups that are registered actually don't exist anymore? C: No we do not have an accurate account as seen by returned mail and bounced emails.
 - PI: I thought if we did not have debate, why do we have questions. C: it is the opinion of the chair there was a PRO.
 - ROI: Who often does WSO get 75% of groups to respond to them? C: My uninformed guesstimate is, "Never".
 - Chair: Seeing no other questions we are ready to vote.
 - VOTE on substitute motion to be accepted: Motion adopted.
 - Addressing Motion A as substituted.
 - PRO: Can someone tell me who the patron Saint of lost causes is? (Crowd: Saint Anthony). When in our recovery have we let the cost, the challenge, the risk of failure, the likelihood, have we not done the

next right thing?

- CON: I speak CON for sever reasons. After 50 years OA is getting name recognition. If we change the name we will have to go back to square 1 to get name recognition. In this austere time the cost would be very high. I am a recovering anorexic and bulimic and I got recovery in Overeaters Anonymous.
- PRO: no speaker
- CON: This amended motion changes from surveying the membership if they were interested to asking if they want to change the name. I am in meetings with anorexia and bulimics. I know several anorexics that attend 100 lb. weight lose meetings. We have to stop trying to please everyone and get on with recovery.
- PRO: no speaker
- CON: Even if the body wants to chose a name what name would we choose? There are many other groups out there. "A rose by any other name is still a rose."
- C: Read out the information about this motion on page 120 of the Binder about the cost.
- **VOTE: (as this was sent back from the reference committee, no questions are allowed). MOTION IS LOST**
- 7th Tradition \$1121.33
- ROI: Asking for more information about what is "scope of notice"? C: (directs GST Bob to answer) *(I am not 100% sure of the answer as the first definition was incorrect and later we were old that.)*
- Return to **Motion C:**
 - RSC: Substitute motion and recommend to adopt. The RSC is presenting a consensus amended motion. We worked with the makers of amendments and the maker of the motion to come up with this amended motion.
 - PRO: As originally written I was not going to vote for this motion. As it now stands I whole heartedly support this motion. It allows for the loops be closer connected to OA as a whole.
 - CON: no speaker
 - PRO: The changes to this allow for all concerns to be adopted
 - CON: no speaker
 - ROI: I would like to find out if the passage of this motion would elevate an email loop to a phone meeting or an online group as a register group? C: No, not today. We might be heading that way.

- ROI: My question is about point 4, "Archives are to be deleted at least once a month unless the loop's policies dictate otherwise."?
C: Yes, for group autonomy. New member will be informed of the group policy when they join.
- ROI: For clarification, there was comment yesterday that if this was adopted 4000 people would be excluded, I want more information about that. C: I did not make the comment, I do not know if it is correct, I have no answer.
- ROI: Number 7 states each loop shall have a secretary, if the secretary steps out and if there is not a new one what will happen to the listing? C: The group would be delisted in the same manner of as any group.
- ROI: Who will benefit from these loops? C: Loop Participants.
- ROI: I see the topics are limited, would they be searchable? C: The information would not be searchable on the OA.org Website. If your computer allows you to search PDF you could do it that way. Maybe-sort-of is the short answer.
- ROI: The new motion does not make the distinction about sharing email groups and business group as the original motion did. C: (redirects to VSB Trustee) In most cases the business lists do not need to solicit members, example IGOR or Region 8. This is for sharing groups that want to spread the word about themselves. The part about archives was put in so business groups could keep archives.
- ROI: If the loop has to register like a meeting, how does this differ than a meeting? What is the difference between a courtesy listed email group and a Virtual group? C: (VSB T) Real time. The email groups are not in real times. The email loops, in part 1 would be held to the same standards EXCEPT for the real time.
- Question is Called: Vote is called
- **VOTE on substitute motion: Adopted.**
- Motion C as amended
 - PRO: This allows OA to expand into areas that reach young people, shut ins, people that are hearing impaired, people unable to travel to meetings. I believe this expands the horizon of OA. We will set down guidelines that are the same as a meeting except for the real time. I appreciate all who have made this motion evolve.
 - CON: no speaker
 - PRO: Email loops will occur regardless of our position. This is using the same procedures as a meeting to encourage people to

attend meetings. There is no social media platform that allows us to maintain our anonymity. The email loop is attractive to young people and I can access it while riding the bus. I am not retired and cannot get to as many meetings as others. This gives me a meeting anytime on my phone.

- CON: no speaker
- PRO: I am happy to have moved to the PRO mike from the CON mike and it is much better here! Now the 4000 people that would be cut off, that I spoke about yesterday, would help bring them back into OA. Please trust us on the details, they are inclusive not exclusive. I hoped one person from committing suicide as she was able to find us through the email loops. This allows those who are cut off to get in touch with us.
- CON: no speaker
- ROI: If this motion passes can we have it on line today (the motion)? C: (asks office if it can be emailed to all delegates today. Office is checking).
- ROI: Just wondering if this motion is passed, how will the groups get the information is passed? C: (directs to VSC) Will request WSO to post this information. I will ask people on the loops to post this. I have contacts, about 350 – 400, as friends of VCS and I will notify them.
- ROI: Where does it say real time in the bylaw? C: page 90, b) 3
- ROI: Would you please explain, I understand these will be on the OA web site, how does this not conflict with tradition 10? C: That sounds like debate, I am not going to entertain that question.
- No further questions.
- **VOTING: (standing vote) The motion is adopted.**
 - Total 7th Tradition total is \$4455.36
- Closing