

Summary of World Service Business Conference 2021
Submitted to SVIOA by WSBC Delegates Barbara M and Michelle K.

This is a summary of the actions taken at the 2021 WSBC submitted by your WS Delegates Michelle K. and Barbara M.

There were 248 eligible voting delegates present throughout the conference from 20 countries!

Three pieces of literature were considered and passed.

- * **The Tools of Recovery** pamphlet revised language adding context/clarification
- * **A New Plan of Eating - A Physical, Emotional, and Spiritual Journey** pamphlet will replace and combine the *Dignity of Choice and A Plan of Eating* pamphlet. This is a comprehensive pamphlet that addresses all 3 parts of recovery - physical, emotional and spiritual; sample plans of eating moved to the appendix
- * **Voices of Recovery - 2nd Ed.** - corrected references to 12& 12 2nd Ed., as well as editorial and style corrections.

In the business motions several items were addressed after vigorous discussion.

- * The OA Preamble will NOT be changed -
- * The definitions of abstinence and recovery were changed - removing definition of 'Recovery' and incorporates the recovery language in new statement of abstinence. New meetings scripts will be posted on OA.org with changes as noted below:

"Abstinence is the action of refraining from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors while working towards or maintaining a healthy weight.

Spiritual, emotional, and physical recovery is the result of working and living the Overeaters Anonymous Twelve Step program on a daily basis."

- * Clarification to define a Hybrid Meeting; cleaned up language in 'Unity with Diversity Policy'; defined what a weekend is (for worldwide application) in determining when OA Birthday, Sponsorship Day and International Day occur; added 'Diverse Voices Policy' when developing or updating OA literature.

In the bylaw motions several items were addressed after more vigorous discussion.

- * combined all 5 service bodies (adding 'special focus service boards') in one article
- * provided for number of WS delegates for language service boards and special focus service boards
- * define hybrid groups that are both face-to-face and virtual and register as a single group and affiliate with only one intergroup.

5 new trustees elected for Board of Trustees (BOT) - there remain 1 or 2 openings on the BOT. Judy H. from Sacramento was elected chair of the BOT.

Discussion about OA Inc. obtaining a PPP loan from the federal government to maintain operations and employees. OA Inc. was prepared to pay loan back. Federal government forgave the loan to those businesses that maintained employment. Discussion about 7th tradition and self supporting. Decision to obtain loan was based on information available at time - (I expected this matter will be a business motion to repay money at next years WSBC - editorial opinion).