

## **2019 World Service Business Conference (WSBC) Report - Barbara M.**

There are 188 eligible voters (delegates) at WSBC. 18 different countries were represented... Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Portugal, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, U.S.

WSBC approved the publication of a new book: *Body Image, Relationships, and Sexuality: Personal Journeys to Recovery in Overeaters Anonymous* (**possibly published end of 2019, early 2020**)

WSBC combined two pamphlets (*Welcome Back and Members in Relapse*) into one pamphlet- *Welcome Back: Suggestions for Members in Relapse and for Those Who Care* (**possibly published end of 2019, early 2020**)

In 2018, OA has 6,209 meetings, in 80 countries with 338 service bodies. (65 fewer meetings than last year).

2018 Tradition 7 contributions exceeded budget by almost \$100,000. The first OA annual appeal letter received \$23,341.11 from OA members. Automatic Recurring Contributions (ARC) allow members to contribute monthly or quarterly to OA- currently 350 members participate (a receipt is automatically provided!) You can make this happen by going to **OA.org** and clicking on contribute in the Menu dropdown. With 2 new books published this year, OA had a positive cash flow of approx. \$350,000. This big number usually occurs the year new books are published - expect substantially lower number next year.

**Lifeline** - Lifeline lost \$81,000 in revenue in 2018. There will be a motion to stop publication of Lifeline on 12/31/20. OA staff looking into other digital platforms for members to tell their stories.

**Restructuring the OA Board of Trustees** - Currently there are 17 Trustees - Region trustees and general service trustees - proposing reducing to 12 Board Members. Motion to come before the 2020 WSBC with this proposal.

**2020 World Service Conference** - August 20-22, 2020 Renaissance Hotel in Orlando, Florida. WS is expecting 1200 attendees.

WSBC made a small change to the definition of abstinence and added a definition of recovery: As follows:

**Abstinence:** The act of refraining from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors while working towards or maintaining a healthy body weight.

**Recovery:** Removal of the need to engage in compulsive eating behaviors. Spiritual, Emotional and Physical recovery is achieved through working and living the Overeaters Anonymous 12 Step Program.

**Virtual Meetings:** Phone, on-line and hybrid meetings (Hybrid meeting is land-based and virtual meeting occurring at same time). A number of motions were passed to support the growth of virtual meetings(V/M) - 1) members maintain their own individual anonymity, while respecting the anonymity of other OA members - emphasis focused on virtual meetings; 2). Registered V/Ms shall inform members that their anonymity is not fully protected when attending a V/M. The Virtual Region has been in existence for one year and had a Virtual Region Trustee.

**New Region 2 Trustee elected:** Hanna S. - 3 year term

**Committee Assignment:** I worked on the Bylaws sub-committee - Service Body Bylaws - carrying the message to all service bodies (intergroups, language boards, ...). We developed goals to identify all WS OA Documents relating to development and/or revision of service body by-laws. Review those documents for relevance and then create a package of documents a trustee or Region Chair can offer to service bodies.

**WSBC 2020** will shorten in length - arrival Tuesday and ends Saturday night, - arrive 4/21/20, depart 4/26/20(Sunday) - reduction of 1 day to reduce costs to WSBC/service bodies.

**Conclusion:** What a fabulous opportunity to be of service at a new level. As your WSBC delegate, I met other delegates from all over the world and heard what is happening in their meetings, intergroups and regions. The BOT has 4 \$ big projects - translation of literature; update website; compliance with European Electronic Data Laws; and Public Awareness/Professional Tradeshow. The passage of the new book, *Body Image, and Relationships....* was very exciting. There will be more literature coming up for review and approval at next year's WSBC.

Thank you for the privilege of this Service - Barbara M., Sacramento Valley OA Intergroup World Service Delegate - 2019-2020.