

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETINGS
OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, INC.
59th ANNUAL WORLD SERVICE BUSINESS CONFERENCE
April 13 – 29, 2020**

Electronic Meetings

Monday, April 13, 2020

Chair Bonnie L. called the 59th Annual World Service Business Conference to order at 8:00 a.m. MDT by email.

CALL TO ORDER

There were 180 delegates registered from thirteen countries (Australia, Brazil, Canada, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom, USA).

CREDENTIALS REPORT

General Service Trustee Nominee Mary Rose J. withdrew her application.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRUSTEE NOMINEES

The nominees for trustee were announced:

Margie G. – Region One Trustee
Meg M. – Region Four Trustee
Karen B. – Region Seven Trustee
BJ (Betty) J. – General Service Trustee
Ron P. – General Service Trustee

A nominee questions template was emailed to registered delegates. They were due to the World Service Office by Wednesday, April 15 at noon MDT.

**TRUSTEE QUESTIONS
TEMPLATE SENT**

Monday, April 20, 2020

A PDF with results of the nominees' questions and answers was emailed to the delegates. Ten questions per nominee were accepted.

**TRUSTEE Q&A RESULTS
SENT**

A link was emailed to the delegates for voting on trustees. Voting was open for a 24-hour period, until Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at noon MDT.

**REGION AND GENERAL
SERVICE TRUSTEE
BALLOT SENT**

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

A literature questions template was emailed to registered delegates. They were due to the World Service Office by Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. MDT.

**LITERATURE
QUESTIONS TEMPLATE
SENT**

Monday, April 27, 2020

A PDF with results of the literature questions and answers was emailed to the delegates.

**LITERATURE Q&A
RESULTS SENT**

A link was emailed to vote for literature motions. Voting was open for a 24-hour period, until Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at noon MDT.

**LITERATURE BALLOT
SENT**

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

An email was sent with trustee election results and literature motion results as follows:

Region Trustees:

Region One – Margie G. 143 votes cast, 73 needed to elect
131 “yes” votes

**REGION TRUSTEE
TELLER’S REPORT**

Region Four – Meg M. 144 votes cast, 73 needed to elect
143 “yes” votes

Region Seven – Karen B. 142 votes cast, 72 needed to elect
133 “yes” votes

General Service Trustees

GST TELLER’S REPORT

Betty J. 146 votes cast, 74 needed to elect,
138 “yes” votes

Ron P. 143 votes cast, 73 needed to elect
136 “yes” votes

Each candidate received a majority, and all are elected to a three-year term.

This left a vacancy for GST, which is the two years remaining on a three-year term. Per the Bylaws, the Board of Trustees may or may not choose to fill the vacancy. This will be discussed at the May 1st board meeting.

**GST VACANCY
ANNOUNCED**

Literature Motions

**LITERATURE VOTING
RESULTS**

New Business Motion A-a

Move to grant the Conference Seal of Approval to the revised pamphlet *In OA, Recovery is Possible*.

**NBM A-a
IN OA, RECOVERY IS
POSSIBLE
ADOPTED**

The Conference Seal of Approval shall be removed from *Questions and Answers, A Program of Recovery*, and *Compulsive Overeating: An Inside View* once the new pamphlet is published.

Proviso: Service bodies licensed to translate and publish the three consolidated pamphlets shall be permitted to continue publication and sales until such time that *In OA, Recovery is Possible* is translated and published.

New Business Motion A-a **adopted** by 2/3 vote.
138 votes cast, 92 votes needed; 125 yes, 13 no.

New Business Motion A-b

**NBM A-b
TEMPORARY SPONSORS
ADOPTED**

Move to grant the Conference Seal of Approval to the pamphlet *Temporary Sponsors: Newcomers’ First Twelve Days*.

New Business Motion A-b **adopted** by 2/3 vote.
140 votes cast, 93 votes needed; 126 yes, 14 no.

New Business Motion A-c

Move to grant the Conference Seal of Approval to the revised pamphlet *To the Young Person*.

**NBM A-c
TO THE YOUNG PERSON
ADOPTED**

New Business Motion A-c **adopted** by 2/3 vote.
138 votes cast, 92 votes needed; 131 yes, 7 no.

New Business Motion A-d

Move to grant the Conference Seal of Approval to the revised pamphlet *A Lifetime of Abstinence*.

**NBM A-d
A LIFETIME OF
ABSTINENCE
ADOPTED**

The Conference Seal of Approval shall be removed from *A Commitment to Abstinence; Before You Take That First Compulsive Bite, Remember...*; and *Maintaining a Healthy Body Weight* once the new pamphlet is published.

Proviso: Service bodies licensed to translate and publish the three consolidated pamphlets shall be permitted to continue publication and sales until such time that *A Lifetime of Abstinence* is translated and published.

New Business Motion A-d **adopted** by 2/3 vote.
139 votes cast, 93 votes needed; 125 yes, 14 no.

There being no further business, the 59th Annual World Service Business Conference was adjourned at 8:00 a.m. MDT.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by: _____
Rebbie Garza
Board Administrator and Conference Secretary

Approved by: _____
Sarah Armstrong
Managing Director and Corporate Secretary to OA, Inc.

Eileen C. – Minutes Approval Committee

Pam G. – Minutes Approval Committee

Linda H. – Minutes Approval Committee

Board officers were elected on May 1, 2020 as follows:

Bonnie L. – Chair

Ron P. – First Vice Chair

Judy H. – Second Vice Chair

Tina C. - Treasurer

Committee chairs were announced on May 6, 2020 as follows:

Board-Approved Literature – Neva S.

BRM Review – Judy H.

Conference Planning – Margie G.

Convention 2020 – Andi S.

Delegate Support Fund – Tina C.

Internal Information – Dora P.

International Publications/Translations – Vasiliki T.

Literature Review – Judy H.

Professional Tradeshow/Public Awareness – Meg M.

Strategic Planning – Ron P.

Website Review – Letitia M.

Bylaws – Karen B.

Conference-Approved Literature – Judy H.

Public Information/Professional Outreach – Meg M.

Region Chairs – Beth B.

Twelfth Step Within – BJ J.

Unity with Diversity – Ron P.

Young Persons – Barb K.