

1 **BY-LAWS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE INTERGROUP**  
2 **OF OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**  
3 **WSO Group # 09190**

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8 **PREAMBLE**

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10 Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who, through shared  
11 experience, strength, and hope are recovering from compulsive eating and compulsive  
12 food behaviors. We welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively.

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14 There are no dues or fees for members; we are self-supporting through our own  
15 contributions, neither soliciting nor accepting outside donations.

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17 OA is not affiliated with any public or private organization, political movement, ideology,  
18 or religious doctrine; we take no position on outside issues.

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20 Our primary purpose is to abstain from compulsive eating and compulsive food  
21 behaviors and to carry the message of recovery through the Twelve Steps of OA to  
22 those who still suffer.

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25 **ARTICLE I – NAME**

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27 The name of this organization shall be New Hampshire Intergroup (hereinafter referred  
28 to as NHI).

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30 **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

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33 **Section 1 – Purpose**

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35 The primary purpose of NHI of Overeaters Anonymous is to aid those with the problem  
36 of eating compulsively to overcome the problem through the Twelve Steps, Twelve  
37 Traditions and Twelve Concepts of OA service as stated in Overeaters Anonymous Inc.  
38 Bylaws, Subpart B, by servicing and representing the OA groups of which the New  
39 Hampshire Intergroup is composed. NHI is in compliance with and qualifies as an  
40 exempt organization under Section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or  
41 the corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

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47 Section 2 – The Twelve Steps<sup>1</sup>

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49 The Twelve Steps are suggested for recovery in the Fellowship of Overeaters  
50 Anonymous. The Twelve Steps are:

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52 1. We admitted we were powerless over food – that our lives had become  
53 unmanageable.

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55 2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

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57 3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we*  
58 *understood Him*.

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60 4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

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62 5. Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of  
63 our wrongs

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65 6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

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67 7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

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69 8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to  
70 them all.

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72 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so  
73 would injure them or others.

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75 10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly  
76 admitted it.

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78 11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God  
79 *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the  
80 power to carry that out.

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82 12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry  
83 this message to compulsive overeaters and to practice these principles in all our  
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<sup>1</sup> Permission to use the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous for adaptation granted by AA World Services, Inc. The OA Steps, Traditions or Concepts cannot be amended by an Intergroup.

88 Section 3 – The Twelve Traditions<sup>2</sup>

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- 90 1. Our common welfare should come first, personal recovery depends upon OA
- 91 unity.
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- 93 2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He
- 94 may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted
- 95 servants; they do not govern.
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- 97 3. The only requirement for OA membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively.
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- 99 4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or
- 100 OA as a whole.
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- 102 5. Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the
- 103 compulsive overeater who still suffers
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- 105 6. An OA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the OA name to any related
- 106 facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert
- 107 us from our primary purpose.
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- 109 7. Every OA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
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- 111 8. Overeaters Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service
- 112 centers may employ special workers.
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- 114 9. OA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or
- 115 committees directly responsible to those they serve.
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- 117 10. Overeaters Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the OA name
- 118 ought never be drawn into public controversy.
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- 120 11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need
- 121 always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television
- 122 and other public media of communication.
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- 124 12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all these Traditions, ever reminding us to
- 125 place principles before personalities.
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128 Section 4 – The Twelve Concepts<sup>3</sup>

- 129
- 130 1. The ultimate responsibility and authority for OA world services reside in the
- 131 collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.
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- 133 2. The OA groups have delegated to World Service Business Conference the active
- 134 maintenance of our world services; thus, World Service Business Conference is
- 135 the voice, authority and effective conscience of OA as a whole.
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- 137 3. The Right of Decision, based on trust, makes effective leadership possible.
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- 139 4. The Right of Participation ensures equality of opportunity for all in the
- 140 decision-making process.
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- 142 5. Individuals have the right of appeal and petition in order to ensure that their
- 143 opinions and personal grievances will be carefully considered.
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- 145 6. The World Service Business Conference has entrusted the Board of Trustees
- 146 with the primary responsibility for the administration of Overeaters Anonymous.
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- 148 7. The Board of Trustees has legal rights and responsibilities accorded to them by
- 149 OA Bylaws Subpart A; the rights and responsibilities of the World Service
- 150 Business Conference are accorded to it by tradition and by OA Bylaws Subpart
- 151 B.
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- 153 8. The Board of Trustees has delegated to its Executive Committee the
- 154 responsibility to administer the World Service Office.
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- 156 9. Able trusted servants, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing
- 157 them, are indispensable for effective functioning at all service levels.
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- 159 10. Service responsibility is balanced by carefully defined service authority;
- 160 therefore, duplication of efforts is avoided.
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- 162 11. Trustee administration of the World Service Office should always be assisted by
- 163 the best standing committees, executives, staffs, and consultants.

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164 12. The spiritual foundation for OA service ensures that:

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166 a) no OA committee or service body shall ever become the seat of perilous wealth  
167 or power;  
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169 b) sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, shall be OA's prudent financial  
170 principle;  
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172 c) no OA member shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority;  
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174 d) all important decisions shall be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever  
175 possible, by substantial unanimity;  
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177 e) no service action shall ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public  
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180 f) no OA service committee or service board shall ever perform any acts of  
181 government, and each shall always remain democratic in thought and action.  
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## 192 **ARTICLE III – MEMBERS**

### 193 194 Section 1 – Membership

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196 The membership of NHI shall consist of the following:

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198 A. The NHI board.  
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200 B. An intergroup representative and an alternate representative (hereinafter referred  
201 to as NHIR or NHIAR) from each OA group within the geographical boundaries of  
202 the NHI. Visitors are welcome and are encouraged to participate in the  
203 discussion.  
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205 C. Group members not acting as NHIRs or NHIARs but elected or appointed to  
206 carry out specific duties, e.g., PI Chairman.  
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### 208 Section 2 – Qualifications

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Qualifications of eligibility for membership in NHI:

- A. The New Hampshire Intergroup endorses the definition of an OA group in Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws Subpart B, Article V, Section 1, as written and as it may be amended by a future World Service Business Conference.

Definition:

These points shall define an Overeaters Anonymous group:

1. As a group, they meet to practice the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service.
2. All who have a desire to stop eating compulsively are welcome in the group.
3. No member is required to practice any actions in order to remain a member or to have a voice (share at a meeting).
4. As a group, they have no affiliation other than Overeaters Anonymous.
5. It has affiliated as an Overeaters Anonymous group by registering with the World Service Office.

Composition:

1. A group may be formed, as set forth in Article V, Section 1, by two or more persons meeting together, either
  - a) in the same physical location (face-to-face)
  - b) through some form of electronic device (virtually), or
  - c) both
2. Groups compose the intergroups and service boards set forth in Overeaters Anonymous Bylaws Subpart B, Articles VI and VIII hereof.

- B. The group has registered with World Service its desire to be affiliated with New Hampshire Intergroup and has not registered an affiliation with another intergroup.

- C. Each group shall be entitled to one (1) vote through its selected NHIR.

Section 3 – Intergroup Representatives

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252 A. Intergroup representatives shall be selected by the group conscience of the  
253 group they represent. Each NHIR or NHIAR shall be selected by any method  
254 deemed appropriate by their group. These NHIRs or NHIARs shall serve for a  
255 period designated by their group, always subject to recall by the group they  
256 represent. Each group shall be free to designate an alternate delegate when the  
257 necessity arises.  
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259 B. NHIRs or NHIARs should be selected for willingness to serve and commitment to  
260 the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA.  
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262 C. The primary responsibility of the NHIR, or NHIAR, is to represent their group at  
263 all NHI meetings, to act as a liaison between NHI and their group, to see that all  
264 communications pertaining to NHI are made available and, where requested,  
265 read aloud to the group.  
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268 Section 4 – Membership with voice and no vote may be:  
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- 270 A. Any member of the Fellowship who is not a duly selected representative or  
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284 **ARTICLE IV – THE INTERGROUP BOARD**  
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286 Section 1 – The Intergroup Board  
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- 288 A. The board shall consist of the officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and  
289 Treasurer; and the Parliamentarian, World Service Business Conference delegate(s)  
290 and Region Six representative(s).  
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292 B. The immediate past chairman shall serve as an ex-officio member of the NHI board  
293 for one year.  
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295 C. The NHI board shall serve as the executive board.

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## Section 2 – Nominations to the NHI Board

Nominations to the board may be made by resume submitted to NHI by the first Sunday in April and/or from the floor at the time of election. A nominating committee may also be formed, at the discretion of the Intergroup.

## Section 3 – Qualifications for the NHI board

- A. Working the Twelve Steps of OA
- B. Familiarity with the Twelve Traditions of OA
- C. Have a current recovery on all three levels, spiritual, emotional and physical, of at least six (6) months, each person being the sole judge of his/her own recovery.
- D. Regular attendee of an active OA group for a period of one (1) year and to have been an NHIR.
- E. The World Service Business Conference Delegate(s) shall meet qualifications and term limitation requirements as outlined and defined in the Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, Section 3c 1 and as required for election to the NHI Board by Article IV, Section 4, of these bylaws. The terms of the WSBC delegate(s) shall be limited as per Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Policy 2012d on rotation of service which reads:  

The following policy statement was adopted: The terms of WSBC delegates from intergroups and service boards shall be limited. After completing four consecutive years, service shall not exceed an additional two years. A one-year rotation out of service shall then be observed. Request for a waiver of this limitation shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees. (Refer to Policy 1988a, 3b)
- F. As per Section IV-C of the Region 6 (R6) bylaws, R6 Reps and/or R6 Alternate Reps shall have a minimum of 6 months of current, continuous abstinence prior to each Assembly they attend, each person being the sole judge of his/her own abstinence.

## Section 4 – Method of Election

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342 A. Elections shall be held at the NHI Meeting in June.  
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344 B. To be eligible for election to the board, nominees must:  
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346 1. Meet all qualifications as defined in Article IV, Section 3.  
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348 2. Understand responsibilities of the position as defined in Article IV, Section 6, and  
349 as defined in the NHI job descriptions.  
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351 C. In order to be elected to membership on the NHI board, a nominee must be present  
352 at the election meetings and must receive a majority vote of the NHIRs present and  
353 voting.  
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359 Section 5 – Term of Office  
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- 361 A. Board members shall be elected to serve for a period of two (2) years. Whenever  
362 possible while serving as a Board member, it is suggested the person not also serve  
363 as a Group Representative.  
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365 1. On even-numbered years, Chairman and Secretary shall be elected. On odd-  
366 numbered years, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Parliamentarian shall be  
367 elected. Elections for Region Six Representatives and World Service Business  
368 Conference Delegates will occur during odd or even years, depending on the  
369 timing of turnover and the year of the election.  
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371 2. Newly elected officers shall begin service at the close of the NHI meeting in  
372 which they were elected.  
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374 B. Board members shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same  
375 office.  
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377 C. After an interval of one (1) year, a member may again be eligible for election to their  
378 prior office.  
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383 Section 6 – Responsibilities of the NHI Board – Serve as guardians of the Twelve  
384 Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts with respect to the function of the  
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A. Chairman:

1. Shall preside at all regular and special meetings of NHI and NHI board.
2. Shall be responsible for establishing the agenda for all NHI meetings.
3. May cast the deciding vote to make or break a tie, whether by a hand vote or a ballot vote.
4. Shall be an ex-officio member of and may attend all standing committee meetings.
5. Shall be authorized to co-sign checks.
6. Shall provide a forum for the interchange of ideas and information between member groups.

B. Vice Chairman:

1. Shall serve in the absence of the Chairman in accordance with Article IV, Section 6A of these bylaws
2. Shall perform all other duties as prescribed in the NHI policy for job descriptions.

C. Recording Secretary:

1. Shall see that minutes are kept of all NHI and NHI board meetings and that a copy of the NHI minutes is printed and distributed to each NHI member group. As a cooperative gesture, a copy of the minutes may be sent to the Region 6 Trustee.
2. Shall collaborate and coordinate mailing lists with the Mailing Coordinator.
3. Shall perform such other duties as may be outlined in the Policy and Procedures Manual of NHI.

D. Treasurer:

- 430 1. Shall maintain a checking account established in the name of New Hampshire  
431 Intergroup for dispersal of NHI funds.  
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433 2. Shall be the guardian of all funds received and disbursed.  
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435 3. Shall submit financial reports each month at NHI meetings and include current  
436 Year-to-Date totals for each line item.  
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438 4. Shall oversee regular reviews of NHI financial reports.  
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440 5. Shall perform all other duties as prescribed in the NHI policy for job descriptions.  
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444 E. Parliamentarian:

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446 1. Shall settle questions of parliamentary rules and procedures.  
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448 2. Shall interpret the rules on matters concerning NHI Bylaws and Charter.  
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452 F. World Service Delegate(s):

- 453 1. Shall represent NHI at the Annual World Service Business Conference.  
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455 2. Shall have at least one year of current abstinence and at least 2 years of service  
456 beyond the group level. (Permission for any exception in qualifications for valid  
457 reasons, if deemed credible by the trustees, may be received by application to  
458 the World Service Office.) Current or prior experience as a Region Six  
459 Representative is preferable, but not required. It is suggested that at least one of  
460 the delegates also serve as NHI's Region Six Representative.  
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462 3. Shall ensure that World Service information related to the upcoming WSBC is  
463 provided to NHI Reps and Board Members in a timely manner so that members  
464 can review information and give feedback to the Delegates prior to attending the  
465 conference.  
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467 4. Shall provide a written report to NHI regarding the business that transpired at the  
468 Annual World Service Business Conference and provide guidance related to any  
469 changes or new developments that may affect our bylaws, OA, or NHI as a whole  
470 as a result of the WSBC.

471 G. Region Six Representative(s):  
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- 474 1. Shall represent NHI at the Region Six Assemblies.  
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476 2. Shall provide a written report to NHI regarding the business that transpired at the  
477 Region Six Assemblies  
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482 Section 7 – Vacancies and Resignations  
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- 484 A. If a member of the NHI board fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings  
485 without prior notice, her/his office may be declared vacant by a majority of those  
486 members present and voting.  
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488 B. Any board member may resign at any time for any reason by giving the  
489 Chairman of NHI written notice.  
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491 C. Any board member of NHI may be removed from office for due cause (such as  
492 gross violation of the Traditions, unworthy conduct, return to compulsive  
493 overeating) by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the NHIRs at a special meeting  
494 announced for that purpose.  
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499 Section 8 – Filling of Vacancies  
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- 501 A. Mid-term vacancies that occur prior to a regular Intergroup meeting may be  
502 temporarily filled by NHI board members until the next regular Intergroup  
503 meeting. At the next regular meeting, nominations for each vacancy will then be  
504 accepted. Nominees must meet the requirements of Article IV, Section 4,  
505 subsections B and C. The vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the  
506 members present and voting as outlined in Article IV, Section 4, subsection C.  
507 Such persons elected to fill said vacancies shall serve for the remainder of the  
508 unexpired term.  
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510 B. A person nominated to fill any vacancy on the board shall meet the qualifications  
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512 position as described and defined in Article IV.  
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## **ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

### **Section 1 – Regular Meetings**

NHI shall meet the first Sunday of the month, or on such dates as the NHI board shall designate. There will be no regular meeting scheduled for the months of July and August.

### **Section 2 – June Meetings**

The business of the June meeting shall include the election of officers and rotation of service for Committee Chairs.

### **Section 3 – Special Meetings**

A special meeting may be called at any time by a majority vote of the NHI board, or by petition of thirty-five percent (35%) of NHI member groups, by giving notice as prescribed in Article V, Section 4.

### **Section 4 – Method of Notification**

Notification of all meetings shall consist of notices prepared by the NHI secretary and distributed to each group secretary and/or NHIR seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting. Notification may also be made by placing an announcement in the NHI newsletter, posting an announcement on the NHI website, by mail or electronic transmission, and announcing at the prior NHI meeting.

### **Section 5 – Quorum**

A quorum shall be comprised of nine (9) voting members of which two (2) must be officers.

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Section 6 – Meeting procedure

The short version of the Steps, the short version of the Traditions, and the next Concept in its entirety shall be read at each meeting. Each meeting shall begin and end with the Serenity Prayer.

**ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES**

Section 1 – Standing Committees

The following standing committees may be established as required to carry out the purposes of NHI in the most effective and efficient manner. Standing committees may include but not be limited to:

- A. Newsletter (The Promises)
- B. Event Flyer Committee
- C. Public Information
- D. Retreats
- E. Sharathons
- F. Back to Basics
- G. Ways and Means
- H. Budget
- I. Website
- J. Designated Downloader
- K. Unity Day
- L. Twelfth Step Within
- M. Answering Service
- N. Multimedia

Section 2 – Special Committees

The NHI board shall designate such special committees as are deemed necessary for the welfare and operation of NHI.

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Section 3 – Committee Appointments

The NHI Chair shall nominate a committee chair who meets the following qualifications: An NHI board member or any OA member who is willing to serve and meets the NHIR or NHIAR qualifications as outlined in Article 3, section 3B, may be nominated to chair a standing or special committee. Nominees must be approved by a show of hands of a majority of the members present and voting. Committee chairs are expected to submit a committee report to the Secretary each month and attend NHI meetings or send a committee representative if possible.

Section 4 – Committee Procedures

Each standing or special committee shall be responsible for calling and holding meetings, and establishing its method of procedures, subject to the approval of the NHI board and the guidelines of the Twelve Traditions of OA.

Section 5 – Committee Responsibility

Any committee decision and/or vote which establishes or changes a policy, sets a procedural plan for a special event, or expends funds in excess of the approved budget, shall require approval by the NHI prior to implementation. Each standing committee chairman shall submit a written report at the end of any specific event coordinated by that committee. If any monies are expended from an approved budget, a detailed and itemized report shall be included with the committee report.

Section 6 – Nominating Committee

NHI may have a nominating committee to recommend persons to serve as officers, Region Six Representatives, and World Service Business Conference Delegates and persons to fill vacancies and to serve on the next nominating committee. The number of members on the committee should be specified [*suggest three to five*]. The chair of NHI shall not serve on the committee but may provide background information and input as requested by the committee.

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Section 7 – Ex-officio Members

- A. Past committee chairs may serve in an ex-officio capacity in their respective committees.
- B. The NHI Chair is an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

Section 8 – Vacancies

Should a vacancy, resignation, or removal of a committee chairman occur, all pertinent information shall be turned over to the NHI Chair. The Chair shall then nominate a new committee chair to serve the remainder of the unexpired term, and the appointment must be approved by a majority of the members present and voting.

Section 9 – Removal of A Committee Chairman

A committee chairman may be removed from office for due cause (such as gross violation of the Traditions, unworthy conduct, or failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without prior notice or without sending a representative of the committee) by a two-third (2/3) vote of the NHIRs present and voting.

**ARTICLE VII – SOURCE OF FUNDS**

Section 1 – Source of Funds

- A. Voluntary contributions of the member groups shall be the primary source of funds.
- B. Secondary source of income may be such occasional projects or activities as may be authorized by NHI according to Tradition Six.
- C. NHI may accept donations from OA members, conforming with the general practice of OA.

694 D. The maximum allowable annual donation to NHI by OA members is to be limited  
695 to an amount set by the World Service Office and listed in the Intergroup policy  
696 manual.

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698 E. The acceptance of bequests or donations from any outside source is prohibited.  
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700 F. The maximum allowable bequest to NHI by OA members is to be limited to an  
701 amount set by the World Service Office and listed in the Intergroup policy  
702 manual.  
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704 G. NHI shall not accept the responsibility for trusteeship over, or enter into the  
705 distribution or allocation of, funds set up outside Overeaters Anonymous.  
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## 709 Section 2 – Prudent Reserve

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711 There shall be no accumulation of funds beyond current necessities, with retention of  
712 only a prudent reserve for contingencies. Funds in excess shall be donated to Region  
713 Six and the World Service Office quarterly as budgeted and directed by NHI.  
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## 717 **ARTICLE VIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

### 718 719 Section 1

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722 The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*  
723 shall govern NHI in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not  
724 inconsistent with these bylaws, the Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, the  
725 Twelve Traditions or any special rules of order NHI may adopt.  
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## 729 **ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS TO THESE BYLAWS**

### 730 731 Section 1

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734 These bylaws, with the exception of Article II, Sections 2, 3 and 4, may be amended at  
735 any time by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the NHIRs and board members present at any  
736 regular or special meeting of NHI, provided a copy of the proposed amendment has  
737 been submitted via email or hardcopy to each group affiliated with NHI at least twenty-  
738 one (21) days prior to the meeting in which action is to be taken on the amendment.

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## **ARTICLE X – MAJOR POLICY MATTERS**

### **Section 1**

- A. Matters which affect NHI and/or groups within its service area shall be referred to the board of NHI.
- B. Matters which relate to Overeaters Anonymous as a whole which affect Subpart A of the Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc., shall be referred to the Board of Trustees.
- C. Matters which affect Subpart B of the Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc., or which relate to the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts shall be referred to the World Service Business Conference.

## **ARTICLE XI – DISSOLUTION**

### **Section 1**

Upon the dissolution of this association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous, and/or to Region Six, or to a non-profit fund, association, foundation or corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, religious and/or scientific purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### **Section 2**

No part of the net earnings of this association shall ever inure to or be used for the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the association shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payment and distribution in furtherance of the express purposes for which it is formed.

### **Section 3**

The 2012 WSBC adopted procedures for deregistration of an intergroup (OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VI, section 3c). In order to deregister, an intergroup must submit a written request to the World Service Office, region chair and region trustee.