

POLICY REGARDING SPEAKER RECORDINGS – updated May 27, 2019

New Hampshire Intergroup (NHI) practices and ensures that we support OA’s Eleventh and Twelfth Traditions in our service work. One area of service work involves hosting events with members who share their experience, strength, and hope. These events may involve one speaker or a panel of speakers.

We also follow the **OA Guidelines for Anonymity in the Digital World** to “guard against the assumption that any one person’s recovery represents OA as a whole.”

OA’s Eleventh and Twelfth Traditions state:

11. *Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion: we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio films, television, and other public media of communication.*
12. *Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all these Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.*

In hosting events with speakers, NHI follows this policy and procedure:

If speakers are going to be recorded, the hosting Committee will approach each speaker requesting his or her permission to be recorded.

Each speaker will be asked to sign a Release Form similar to the one used by Region 6 for Convention speakers.

*By signing the Release Form, each speaker is permitting NHI to use the recording in a legitimate manner and allowing us to post the recording on our website. The speaker is acknowledging that NHI is not responsible for any copies made of the recording. **See attached Release Form.***

Speakers wishing to remain anonymous should use a fictitious name.

When posting recordings, NHI will list the recordings by topic rather than by speaker. If speaker names are listed, we will not use full names; we will use only first names or first names with last initials.

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In keeping with Region 6 practices, recordings will not be edited. We ask that the hosting Committee take responsibility for ensuring that Speakers comply with the Traditions.

Recordings will be posted if they adhere to the Twelve Traditions and OA Guidelines, particularly with respect to:

- *anonymity*
- *only mentioning OA-approved literature*
- *not endorsing any outside enterprises (including mentioning other 12 Step fellowships by name)*

If OA members have concerns about a recording, they are encouraged to contact the hosting Committee.

An appropriate disclaimer shall be posted on the NHI website with the recordings: “The opinions expressed in these recordings are those of individual OA members and do not represent OA or New Hampshire Intergroup (NHI) as a whole.”

Sources Consulted:

The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous,
second edition

OA Guidelines for Anonymity in the Digital World, 2016

<https://oa.org/files/pdf/Anonymity-Guidelines-V2-proof.pdf>

By-Laws and Policies and Procedures of Greater New York Overeaters Anonymous Metro Intergroup

http://www.oanyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/INTERGROUP-BYLAWS-12082018-By-Laws_Greater_NY_Metro_IG.pdf

Sample Release Form - Region 6 Convention Planning Documents

<https://oaregion6.org/en/>

Sample Release Form - Overeaters Anonymous (Great Britain)

<https://www.oagb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Speaker-Release-Form-Audio-Sharing-May-2019.docx>

Sample Release Form - San Gabriel Valley-Inland Empire Intergroup of Overeaters Anonymous <https://www.oasgvie.org/speaker-release-form.html>

Sample Release Form - Overeaters Anonymous of Sacramento, Inc.

<https://www.sacvalleyoa.org/speaker-release-form.html>



RELEASE FORM FOR RECORDINGS

Workshop: _____

Date: _____

Time Started: _____ Time Ended: _____

I grant New Hampshire Intergroup (NHI) the perpetual right to use recordings of my voice made in connection with the Workshop on this date _____ in any legitimate manner at the discretion of NHI.

If I choose to remain anonymous, I will use a fictitious name.

I relinquish all rights, title and interest I have in the original recordings or in any copies made.

Print Name:

Signature:

Date:
