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To: Overeaters Anonymous Service Bodies and WSBC Delegates  
From: Karen C., Board of Trustees Chair  
Re: World Service Business Conference 2017

Please join your fellow delegates, the Board of Trustees, World Service staff, and volunteers at the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual World Service Business Conference (WSBC) of Overeaters Anonymous to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the Embassy Suites Albuquerque Hotel and Spa from May 1-6, 2017.

Delegates travel from around the world to participate in the business of Overeaters Anonymous. You will share with all the attendees a commitment to abstinence and recovery, while experiencing service and dedication. This year the theme is "Growing Overeaters Anonymous Unity Worldwide." Workshops and Board of Trustees' meetings will begin on Monday, May 1. The workshop topics Monday and Tuesday will be "The Heart of the Program," "The Twelve Steps," "Carrying the Message," "Working in Harmony," and "Worldwide Unity". The Tuesday evening workshop is "All About Conference." This will include parliamentary procedure and is essential if this is your first time attending WSBC. On Wednesday, May 3, the region chairs will present a forum with the opportunity to interact with all attendees. Following the forum, the committees will meet into the afternoon. Committee work is vital to the continued productivity of OA in reaching those who have never heard of OA and those who have left and don't know how to return. The committees meet that one day but the commitment continues for the year until the WSBC convenes again in 2018. Thursday morning the first business session is opened and will continue until Saturday when WSBC 2017 will close.

There is a mentor program for first time delegates. A mentor is essential in understanding and getting the most out of your first WSBC. Additional information can be located on the [here](#). Your region chair will contact you about participation in this program. Don't miss the opportunity to take advantage of those who have gone before you.

This is our sixth Conference at this all-suite hotel. The rate includes a daily breakfast buffet, refrigerator, microwave, and Internet in the guestrooms. There will be grocery shuttles throughout the week; check the schedule for details. There will also be dinner shuttles available for those without personal transportation. There is a restaurant on the premise for lunch and dinners, and a meal package may be purchased.

On a personal note, my first WSBC was as a delegate in 2007 and I was in awe of the whole proceedings, sometimes confused and sometimes excited. To see the passion the delegates demonstrated for OA and recovery, I was hooked on coming back. I was touched by the Serenity Prayer said in a non-English language and then in English. I was amazed by the professionalism demonstrated as motions were debated and voted. There was laughter and camaraderie that crossed language, country, ethnicity, and gender. I encourage all to come once and experience this incredible Conference.

In service to OA,  
Karen C., Board of Trustees chair