



56th Annual World Service Business Conference

Theme: *Growing OA Unity Worldwide*

May 1-6, 2017

Important Conference Information

HOTEL

Embassy Suites Albuquerque Hotel and Spa, 1000 Woodward Place NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, USA, Phone (505) 245-7100

Room rate is \$139 USD per night, any occupancy, plus \$18.07 tax, for a total of \$157.07 USD per night, single through quadruple occupancies. Rate includes breakfast, refrigerator, microwave, Internet (guestrooms only) and dinner shuttle.

Delegates can reserve their rooms by calling the Embassy Suites at (505) 245-7100. Please use Group Code "OEA." Delegates are responsible for making their own reservations. **The WSO does not make reservations for delegates.**

To reserve your room, please [click here](#).

SUMMARIZED SCHEDULE

For detailed information, refer to the tentative Conference agenda on the OA website under Frequently Used Documents at <https://oa.org/members/events/world-service-business-conference/>.

Monday, May 1

- Registration
- Grocery Shuttle (1 run)
- Workshop

Tuesday, May 2

- Grocery Shuttles (3 runs)
- Registration
- Early-Bird Workshops
- Board of Trustees' Meeting
- Evening Workshops

Wednesday, May 3

- Forum
- Committee Meetings
- Region Meetings
- Literature Q&A

Thursday, May 4

- Business Meetings I and II
- Evening Workshops

Friday, May 5

- Business Meetings III and IV
- Free Evening

Saturday, May 6

- Business Meeting V
- Board of Trustees' Meeting
- Dinner/Entertainment/Dance

Sunday, May 7

- OA Meeting
- Check-Out

SELECTION OF DELEGATES

Delegate registration must be submitted on the **Delegate Registration form and signed by the chair of the service body**. Delegates must also sign the delegate registration form in the appropriate box affirming they are in compliance with Subpart B, Article X, Section 3c) 1 of the OA, Inc. Bylaws.

A \$119 USD registration fee is required for each delegate listed on the Delegate Registration form. \$20 USD of the registration fee is non-refundable. Refunds will not be given on or after **April 1, 2017**. Payment is required in US funds.

Bylaws stipulate that delegates and alternates shall be registered 70 days prior to Conference. Therefore, the registration deadline is **February 20, 2017**.

NOTE: Service bodies may register delegates after the February 20, 2017 deadline date, but Conference information will not be available to the delegate until properly registered with the World Service Office (WSO.)

All delegates **MUST** register for the Conference with the WSO. Returning delegates are **NOT** registered automatically.

NEW BUSINESS MOTIONS AND BYLAW AMENDMENTS

December 10, 2016 is the postmarked deadline to submit new business motions or amendments for OA, Inc. Bylaws.

Motions may be mailed or submitted through electronic transmission. If the submitted motion is postmarked or electronically date-stamped after December 10, 2016, it will **NOT** be considered.

When submitting bylaw amendments you must 1) identify the bylaw section being amended, 2) list the current wording of the section, and 3) list the wording of the section as it would appear when amended.

If any other sections of the bylaws are affected by a proposed amendment, you are also responsible for proposing amendments to bring the other sections into compliance.

All proposed motions for new business or bylaws must include the name of your service body and region, the name of the submitter, a contact phone number and email address (if applicable), the intent of the motion, methods of implementation, and projected costs. These templates are included on the OA website at <https://oa.org/members/events/world-service-business-conference/>.

New business or bylaw amendment motions may include up to one page of arguments in favor of the motion.

The Bylaws Committee will provide assistance to service bodies in preparing new business motions or bylaw amendments. Write, fax, or email the committee in care of the World Service Office.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Trustees serve and represent Overeaters Anonymous as a whole, acting as guardians of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts. They conduct, manage, and control the affairs and business of Overeaters Anonymous and serve as spokesmen in matters affecting OA as a whole. The role of a trustee, be it region, virtual services, or general service trustee, is to furnish counsel and guidance to the members, groups, and service bodies, to supervise and guide education and attraction efforts of OA, and to perform such other duties as may be directed by the delegates at the Conference.

There are three region trustee positions open in 2017. They are from Regions 1, 4, and 7 for three-year terms. The virtual services trustee position is also open for a three-year term. Three general service trustee positions are open: two for three-year terms and one for a two-year term. Applications and requirements are included on the OA website at <https://oa.org/members/events/world-service-business-conference/> under Frequently Used Documents. Applications are due to the World Service Office by **January 31, 2017**.

Please consider this important position as a possibility for yourself or someone you know. Service is our way to recovery and freedom. *“Always to extend the hand and heart of OA to all who share my compulsion; for this I am responsible.”* We look to those who have gone before us, sharing their experience, strength, and hope. You are needed by our Fellowship.

CONFERENCE SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are now being recruited for the World Service Business Conference 2017! What a wonderful way to serve, learn, and be a part of the Fellowship expressing itself in our group conscience. Volunteers are needed beginning on Tuesday morning and ending Saturday afternoon. Any and all days are open. If a member of your service body wants more information, please download the Volunteer Information at <https://oa.org/files/pdf/Volunteer-Information-17.pdf> or contact Sandy Zimmerman, Associate Director/Member Services Manager at (505) 891-2664 or szimmerman@oa.org.

December 10, 2016: Postmarked deadline for submission of new business motions and bylaw amendment motions

January 31, 2017: Applications for region, virtual services, and general service trustee must be received by the World Service Office

February 20, 2017: Delegate registration forms are due to the World Service Office

Questions? Please contact Sandy Zimmerman, Associate Director/Member Services Manager, at the World Service Office.

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