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2 **BY-LAWS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE INTERGROUP**  
3 **OF OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**  
4 **WSO Group # 09190**  
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9 **PREAMBLE**  
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11 Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who, through shared  
12 experience, strength, and hope are recovering from compulsive eating and compulsive  
13 food behaviors. We welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively.  
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15 There are no dues or fees for members; we are self-supporting through our own  
16 contributions, neither soliciting nor accepting outside donations.  
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18 OA is not affiliated with any public or private organization, political movement, ideology,  
19 or religious doctrine; we take no position on outside issues.  
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21 Our primary purpose is to abstain from compulsive eating and compulsive food  
22 behaviors and to carry the message of recovery through the Twelve Steps of OA to  
23 those who still suffer.  
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26 **ARTICLE I – NAME**  
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28 The name of this organization shall be New Hampshire Intergroup (hereinafter referred  
29 to as NHI).  
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32 **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**  
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34 **Section 1 – Purpose**  
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36 The primary purpose of NHI of Overeaters Anonymous is to aid those with the problem  
37 of eating compulsively to overcome the problem through the Twelve Steps, Twelve  
38 Traditions and Twelve Concepts of OA service as stated in Overeaters Anonymous Inc.  
39 Bylaws, Subpart B, by servicing and representing the OA groups of which the New  
40 Hampshire Intergroup is composed. NHI is in compliance with and qualifies as an  
41 exempt organization under Section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or  
42 the corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).  
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48 Section 2 – The Twelve Steps<sup>1</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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68 7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

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70 8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to  
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73 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so  
74 would injure them or others.

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

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

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83 12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry  
84 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.

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

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

129 Section 4 – The Twelve Concepts<sup>3</sup>

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

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<sup>3</sup> The OA Steps, Traditions or Concepts cannot be amended by an Intergroup.

165 12. The spiritual foundation for OA service ensures that:  
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- 167 a) no OA committee or service body shall ever become the seat of perilous wealth  
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- 170 b) sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, shall be OA's prudent financial  
171 principle;  
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- 173 c) no OA member shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority;  
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- 175 d) all important decisions shall be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever  
176 possible, by substantial unanimity;  
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- 178 e) no service action shall ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public  
179 controversy; and  
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- 181 f) no OA service committee or service board shall ever perform any acts of  
182 government, and each shall always remain democratic in thought and action.  
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### 186 **ARTICLE III – MEMBERS**

#### 187 Section 1 – Membership with a Voice and a Vote

188 The membership of NHI with a voice and a vote shall consist of the following:  
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- 192 A. The NHI board - consisting of the officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and  
193 Treasurer; and the Parliamentarian, World Service Business Conference  
194 delegate(s) and Region Six representative(s).  
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- 196 B. Board members are entitled to one vote. Board members who also represent a  
197 meeting, only get one vote. As stated in ARTICLE IV, Section 5, A – *Whenever*  
198 *possible while serving as a Board member, it is suggested the person not also*  
199 *serve as a Group Representative.*  
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- 201 C. As stated in ARTICLE IV, Section 6, A.3 – *The Chair may cast the deciding vote*  
202 *to make or break a tie, whether by a hand vote or a ballot vote.*  
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- 204 D. Each OA group within the geographical boundaries of NHI is entitled to one vote  
205 by a member representing the group. A meeting may be represented by either a  
206 New Hampshire Intergroup Representative (NHIR) or a designated alternate  
207 representative (NHIAR).  
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209 E. NHIRs or NHIARs who represent more than one meeting, only get one vote  
210 regardless of the number of meetings they represent.

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212 F. Group members not acting as NHIRs or NHIARs but elected or appointed to  
213 carry out specific duties such as Committee Chairs, are entitled to vote.  
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## 215 Section 2 – Qualifications

### 216 Qualifications of eligibility for membership in NHI:

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

223 These points shall define an Overeaters Anonymous group:

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

- 239 1. A group may be formed, as set forth in Article V, Section 1, by two or more  
240 persons meeting together, either  
241 a) in the same physical location (face-to-face)  
242 b) through some form of electronic device (virtually), or  
243 c) both  
244 2. Groups compose the intergroups and service boards set forth in Overeaters  
245 Anonymous Bylaws Subpart B, Articles VI and VIII hereof.
- 246 B. The group has registered with World Service its desire to be affiliated with New  
247 Hampshire Intergroup and has not registered an affiliation with another  
248 intergroup.
- 249 C. Each group shall be entitled to one (1) vote through its selected NHIR.  
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251 Section 3 – Intergroup Representatives

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- 253 A. Intergroup representatives shall be selected by the group conscience of the
- 254 group they represent. Each NHIR or NHIAR shall be selected by any method
- 255 deemed appropriate by their group. These NHIRs or NHIARs shall serve for a
- 256 period designated by their group, always subject to recall by the group they
- 257 represent. Each group shall be free to designate an alternate delegate when the
- 258 necessity arises.
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- 260 B. NHIRs or NHIARs should be selected for willingness to serve and commitment to
- 261 the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA.
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- 263 C. The primary responsibility of the NHIR, or NHIAR, is to represent their group at
- 264 all NHI meetings, to act as a liaison between NHI and their group, to see that all
- 265 communications pertaining to NHI are made available and, where requested,
- 266 read aloud to the group.
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269 Section 4 – Members with a Voice and no Vote

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- 271 A. Visitors are welcome and are encouraged to participate in the discussion but
- 272 do not get a vote.
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276 **ARTICLE IV – THE INTERGROUP BOARD**

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278 Section 1 – The Intergroup Board

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- 280 A. The board shall consist of the officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and
- 281 Treasurer; and the Parliamentarian, World Service Business Conference
- 282 delegate(s) and Region Six representative(s).
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- 284 B. The immediate past chairman shall serve as an ex-officio member of the NHI board
- 285 for one year.
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- 287 C. The NHI board shall serve as the executive board.
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290 Section 2 – Nominations to the NHI Board

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292 Nominations to the board may be made by resume submitted to NHI by the first Sunday

293 in April and/or from the floor at the time of election. A nominating committee may also

294 be formed, at the discretion of the Intergroup.

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296 Section 3 – Qualifications for the NHI board

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298 A. Working the Twelve Steps of OA

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300 B. Familiarity with the Twelve Traditions of OA

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302 C. Have a current recovery on all three levels, spiritual, emotional and physical, of at  
303 least six (6) months, each person being the sole judge of his/her own recovery.

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305 D. Regular attendee of an active OA group for a period of one (1) year and to have  
306 been an NHIR.

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308 E. The World Service Business Conference Delegate(s) shall meet qualifications and  
309 term limitation requirements as outlined and defined in the Overeaters Anonymous,  
310 Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, Section 3c 1 and as required for election to the  
311 NHI Board by Article IV, Section 4, of these bylaws. The terms of the WSBC  
312 delegate(s) shall be limited as per Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Policy 2012d on  
313 rotation of service which reads:

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315 The following policy statement was adopted: The terms of WSBC delegates from  
316 intergroups and service boards shall be limited. After completing four consecutive  
317 years, service shall not exceed an additional two years. A one-year rotation out of  
318 service shall then be observed. Request for a waiver of this limitation shall be  
319 submitted to the Board of Trustees. (Refer to Policy 1988a, 3b)

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321 F. As per Section IV-C of the Region 6 (R6) bylaws, R6 Reps and/or R6 Alternate  
322 Reps shall have a minimum of 6 months of current, continuous abstinence prior to  
323 each Assembly they attend, each person being the sole judge of his/her own  
324 abstinence.

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327 Section 4 – Method of Election

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329 A. Elections shall be held at the NHI Meeting in June.

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331 B. To be eligible for election to the board, nominees must:

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333 1. Meet all qualifications as defined in Article IV, Section 3.

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335 2. Understand responsibilities of the position as defined in Article IV, Section 6, and  
336 as defined in the NHI job descriptions.

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338 C. In order to be elected to membership on the NHI board, a nominee must be present  
339 at the election meetings and must receive a majority vote of the NHIRs present and  
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Section 5 – Term of Office

- A. Board members shall be elected to serve for a period of two (2) years. Whenever possible while serving as a Board member, it is suggested the person not also serve as a Group Representative.
  - 1. On even-numbered years, Chairman and Secretary shall be elected. On odd-numbered years, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Parliamentarian shall be elected. Elections for Region Six Representatives and World Service Business Conference Delegates will occur during odd or even years, depending on the timing of turnover and the year of the election.
  - 2. Newly elected officers shall begin service at the close of the NHI meeting in which they were elected.
- B. Board members shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.
- C. After an interval of one (1) year, a member may again be eligible for election to their prior office.

Section 6 – Responsibilities of the NHI Board – Serve as guardians of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts with respect to the function of the Intergroup.

- 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.

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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:

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

E. Parliamentarian:

1. Shall settle questions of parliamentary rules and procedures.
2. Shall interpret the rules on matters concerning NHI Bylaws and Charter.

431 F. World Service Delegate(s):

- 432 1. Shall represent NHI at the Annual World Service Business Conference.  
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434 2. Shall have at least one year of current abstinence and at least 2 years of service  
435 beyond the group level. (Permission for any exception in qualifications for valid  
436 reasons, if deemed credible by the trustees, may be received by application to  
437 the World Service Office.) Current or prior experience as a Region Six  
438 Representative is preferable, but not required. It is suggested that at least one of  
439 the delegates also serve as NHI's Region Six Representative.  
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441 3. Shall ensure that World Service information related to the upcoming WSBC is  
442 provided to NHI Reps and Board Members in a timely manner so that members  
443 can review information and give feedback to the Delegates prior to attending the  
444 conference.  
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446 4. Shall provide a written report to NHI regarding the business that transpired at the  
447 Annual World Service Business Conference and provide guidance related to any  
448 changes or new developments that may affect our bylaws, OA, or NHI as a  
449 whole as a result of the WSBC.

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451 G. Region Six Representative(s):

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453 1. Shall represent NHI at the Region Six Assemblies.  
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455 2. Shall provide a written report to NHI regarding the business that transpired at the  
456 Region Six Assemblies  
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Section 7 – Vacancies and Resignations

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- 461 A. If a member of the NHI board fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings  
462 without prior notice, her/his office may be declared vacant by a majority of those  
463 members present and voting.  
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465 B. Any board member may resign at any time for any reason by giving the  
466 Chairman of NHI written notice.  
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468 C. Any board member of NHI may be removed from office for due cause (such as  
469 gross violation of the Traditions, unworthy conduct, return to compulsive  
470 overeating) by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the NHIRs at a special meeting  
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Section 8 – Filling of Vacancies

- A. Mid-term vacancies that occur prior to a regular Intergroup meeting may be temporarily filled by NHI board members until the next regular Intergroup meeting. At the next regular meeting, nominations for each vacancy will then be accepted. Nominees must meet the requirements of Article IV, Section 4, subsections B and C. The vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the members present and voting as outlined in Article IV, Section 4, subsection C. Such persons elected to fill said vacancies shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.
  
- B. A person nominated to fill any vacancy on the board shall meet the qualifications as defined in Article IV, Section 3, and be aware of all responsibilities of that position as described and defined in Article IV.

**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

520 meeting. Notification may also be made by placing an announcement in the NHI  
521 newsletter, posting an announcement on the NHI website, by mail or electronic  
522 transmission, and announcing at the prior NHI meeting.

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525 **Section 5 – Quorum**

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

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531 **Section 6 – Meeting procedure**

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

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539 **ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES**

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542 **Section 1 – Standing Committees**

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

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548 A. Newsletter (The Promises)  
549 B. Event Flyer Committee  
550 C. Public Information  
551 D. Retreats  
552 E. Sharathons  
553 F. Back to Basics  
554 G. Ways and Means  
555 H. Budget  
556 I. Website  
557 J. Designated Downloader  
558 K. Unity Day  
559 L. Twelfth Step Within  
560 M. Answering Service  
561 N. Multimedia

565 Section 2 – Special Committees

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

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571 Section 3 – Committee Appointments

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

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582 Section 4 – Committee Procedures

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

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589 Section 5 – Committee Responsibility

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

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599 Section 6 – Nominating Committee

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601 NHI may have a nominating committee to recommend persons to serve as officers,  
602 Region Six Representatives, and World Service Business Conference Delegates and  
603 persons to fill vacancies and to serve on the next nominating committee. The number of  
604 members on the committee should be specified [*suggest three to five*]. The chair of NHI  
605 shall not serve on the committee but may provide background information and input as  
606 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.
- D. The maximum allowable annual donation to NHI by OA members is to be limited to an amount set by the World Service Office and listed in the Intergroup policy manual.
- E. The acceptance of bequests or donations from any outside source is prohibited.

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656 F. The maximum allowable bequest to NHI by OA members is to be limited to an  
657 amount set by the World Service Office and listed in the Intergroup policy  
658 manual.

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660 G. NHI shall not accept the responsibility for trusteeship over, or enter into the  
661 distribution or allocation of, funds set up outside Overeaters Anonymous.  
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664 Section 2 – Prudent Reserve

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

673  
674 Section 1

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

683  
684 Section 1

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686 These bylaws, with the exception of Article II, Sections 2, 3 and 4, may be amended at  
687 any time by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the NHIRs and board members present at any  
688 regular or special meeting of NHI, provided a copy of the proposed amendment has  
689 been submitted via email or hardcopy to each group affiliated with NHI at least twenty-  
690 one (21) days prior to the meeting in which action is to be taken on the amendment.  
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693 **ARTICLE X – MAJOR POLICY MATTERS**

694  
695 Section 1

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697 A. Matters which affect NHI and/or groups within its service area shall be referred to  
698 the board of NHI.  
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700 B. Matters which relate to Overeaters Anonymous as a whole which affect Subpart  
701 A of the Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc., shall be referred to the Board of  
702 Trustees.

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704 C. Matters which affect Subpart B of the Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc., or  
705 which relate to the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts shall  
706 be referred to the World Service Business Conference.

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709 **ARTICLE XI – DISSOLUTION**

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711 Section 1

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

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720 Section 2

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

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728 Section 3

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

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