

WSBC 2023 Report

176 Total Eligible Voters in attendance. 14 countries represented: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, Greece, Iran, Israel, Italy, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, Great Britain, USA.

Officer Report highlights:

- Most Meetings by Region: R2=1043mtgs, VR (20 IGs)=997, R9=925, R6 (36 IGs)=754.
- World Service annual budget is 1.8 million
- Member contributions to World Service decrease as local funds increase, no effort lost.
- Free WDIS Pamphlet: 1100 downloads per month - not losing revenue, increasing distrib
- Not many people ever hit the annual contribution max, only 1 low bequest in a few years
- OA.org 59k visitors/mo, held at 35% up for 1 year (increased search engine tuning efforts)
- OA Facebook 15k followers up 8%, Instagram 5k followers up 27%.
- 35% of R2 is spanish-speaking
- R3 has a speaker list
- R4 produces 10th step journals
- Virtual Region conventions have (4+) language tracks

Committee Report highlights

- WSBC 2024 in person with online observation. WSBC 2025 virtual; in-person World Service Convention 2025.
- WSBC Delegate Fund: \$7k awarded of \$34k available, need qualifying abstinence/service and deadline between region and world scholarships.
- Spanish translations of literature are complete (\$2-4k to translate): just need printing
- Hope to improve translation on OA.org: some translate "Compulsive Overeater" as "cannibal". Any service body can apply for translation funds (including for bylaws, formats, literature)
- Google Ad spend is \$4k/mo for english ads. translation funds used for translated ads
- Re-organized Board/Regions/countries' presence and service bodies mature
- OA Brown Book's Appendices are now free audio clips on lifeline.oa.org
- A Step Ahead: no longer quarterly PDF. moving toward online posts.
- 5 Literature Committees: Board Approved, Conference Approved, Lit Review (every 10 years), International Publications.
- Recommend writing more literature for OA Concepts
- OA Handbook plans to incorporate "small meetings" pamphlet in 2024
- PIPO: letters for Health Care Professional students - to have classroom presentations.
- Young People IG: creating new radio PSAs
- Combined PI and PO manual coming
- Drafting video about why Bylaws help spiritual recovery
- Unity With Diversity: took demographic survey of delegates for tracking yearly growth

Committee Meeting I attended - Twelfth Step Within

- Not a fight between Face To Face and Virtual. They are "Two Super Ways" for recovery
- 20-30 members divided into 3 subcommittees:
 - TSW Day Workshop Events and social media
 - Translation of resources
 - Recovery Assistance: 4 pairs, 6 slides each to make a presentation to be sent to IGs without delegates to raise awareness of existing WSO TSW online resources. Meet monthly and leave time for Materials Approval Committee to review by next WSBC

Workshops I attended

- All About Conference: center mic process and caucusing - decide who speaks for pro/con
- Literature Q&A: Deedee is great. Beautiful back and forth for editorial heading split solution
- Spirit of Service: 2 speakers and shares. Concept 12=how we treat each other while we do business. Whole group (not individual) conscience, let some of my ideas go. It's not what the role is, it's doing it with honesty/principles.
- (missed Barbara's Step/Traditions/Concepts workshop - slides online)
- Forum: skit and breakout groups - everyone makes their mistakes and grows while in service

Literature Considered:

- Diverse Voices: A Common Solution - adopted. Includes many new shares of cultures and attributes.
- Combining two pamphlets (Sponsoring Through The Steps and Guide For Sponsors) - defeated. Can submit suggestions for improvement until end of WSBC or mail to pub mgr
- Historical literature (expired or no longer in print) - available free on oa.org

New Business

- 40 Motions in Total. 9 adopted on consent agenda, 18 went to a vote (with 30 minute extension), 8 withdrawn, 5 didn't have time to get to.
- AA literature approval is unchanged.
- Meetings With Visitors (open) and Meetings Without Visitors (closed) are new titles.
- New terms for inclusivity: Special is now Specific-topic and Specific-focus. UWD Policy: his or her is now "their E,S,H". Statement to encourage use of any and all OA approved literature.
- Digital library for group copies of literature - referred to committee (Board of Trustees)
- Add 45 and 50 year coins for sale (continue to use blank coin engraved for between years)
- Ask other service bodies for web help instead of WSO. Individual contrib raised to 7,500.
- Remove acronyms for clarity and translation. Broaden translations to include digital media.
- Two opposite motions that didn't get to Reference Subcommittee - debate, already unsolved by Board, vote which to vote on, then vote whether to adopt. Result: IG can choose Region.

Trustee Elections

- All 6 applicants were voted in, 4 empty spots remain. Qualifications: 7 years of abstinence, 2+ WSBCs, etc. Fantastic recovery stories in their applications, speeches, and Q&A answers.

My Personal Experience

- Yes, I'm willing and would enjoy doing this service again! Would go to an OA meeting too.
- It's helpful to be informed before arriving, read new manuscripts (I related to many recovery stories), the Q&As are available before debate begins. Everyone supports the green dots like newcomers. There were more green dots than veterans.
- Had wonderful mentor (former trustee) - travel tips, tell about what each event is, be on time and attend as much as possible. Had great roommate - benefitted from sharing about missed events (dinner timing, pool exercise, trustee Lunch & Learns). Get to see someone else's daily 10th step, food plan, and hear abstinent life adventures.
- Debate causes feelings to come up - what would I speak pro/con for to move favorable ones along? So I asked the Center Mic Monitor a question. Speed of committee planning - pulled something together for success! and shared cool projects and get to continue to meet.
- Got to share the experience with my sponsor and sponsee throughout the week.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service -Michelle N