

60th World Service Business Conference
Looking to the Future One Day at a Time
April 2021

Opening day began with short talk from Margie G, Region 1 Trustee, who turned the meeting over to Karen and Karin who explained what would be happening during the business conference.

Sessions for the business conference ran from 9am to 1pm PST. There were sub committee meetings from about 1:30 pm to 4pm. Those were not required meetings for the delegates.

There was a Meet the Maker meeting where the people who were making proposals to literature, bylaws, policy and procedures, and new business were there to discuss the items they were bringing to

the table. This meeting took up the 4 hours in the morning and early afternoon.

That afternoon we all gathered with the committee to which we were assigned. I am on the Young Peoples' Committee. This was a get acquainted session and to discuss among us the goals for this committee. We also got to hear the past chair tells us about what has been

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done in the past year with this committee. New officers were chosen, but no one stepped up to be Chair of the committee I believe a Secretary was chosen to help us keep track of what we are doing. The next meeting will be May 16, at 1pm EST.

Third day was a short morning with introductions of Trustees running for

reelection. There were 3 Regional Trustees and 2 General Service Trustees to be elected.

Fourth day was a virtual business meeting opening with officers' reports, of which I have copies if anyone wishes to read them, literature motions and new business. There were 3 literature motions and 9 new business proposals.

Literature proposals were read and each proposal given time for 3 pros and 3 cons at the central mic before each motion was voted on. Items for literature consideration were A New Plan of Eating: A Physical, Emotional and Spiritual Journey. This pamphlet will replace 2 pamphlets, Dignity of Choice and Plan of Eating by combining them into one pamphlet. Several proposals

concerning the definition of recovery
Proposals A, B, C. A and C were voted in
and B was defeated. Proposal A removed
the definition of recovery. Proposal C
defined recover as: Relief from the
compulsion to engage in self-destructive
food behaviors.

Then removing the paragraph: Spiritual,
emotional, and physical recover is
achieved through working and living the
OA Twelve Step program and changing it
to: Working and living the OA Twelve Step
program leads to spiritual emotional, and
physical recovery.

There were five more proposals that
were discussed and voted on. All of these
were passed. Proposal D: Definition of full

week end for the purpose of world wide celebrations such as unity day, IDEA Day, and Sponsorship day. Proposal E: rewrite preamble of OA and this was defeated. Proposal F to attempt to obtain more stores by people of diversity for future literature. It was adopted. Proposal G to change to “Young Peoples” Conference Committee.” The change here was Peoples from Persons.

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Proposal H Unity with Diversity changes the word “trait” to “ attribute.” Also adds “Everyone with the desire to stop eating compulsively is welcome in Overeaters Anonymous.”

There were 16 Bylaw proposals that were discussed

and voted on , but somewhere along the voting, I did not write down all the ones that passed and failed or were withdrawn so these can be read either in my binder or on the WSO website.

On the last business day there was one Emergency Bylaw that the makers wanted to introduce concerning real time translation of the business conference in 2022 for all the delegates that English was not their native language, and people who were hearing impaired and used ASL. After much discussion pro and con concerning costs, hiring outside people as interpreters for all the languages that would be involved at the conference as well as ASL interpreters it was voted down.

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After this last piece of business the Chair closed the business meeting and thanked every one who attended and for all the great work that was done. She told us we were pioneers I the first virtual WSBC, and they considered all of us “green dots” this year.

She announced, with much sadness I am sure, the resignation of R2 Trustee, whom we all know. There will be someone appointed to fill the Trustee position for the next year. Meeting closed at 12:30pm MT with closing prayer.

Your Trusted Servant
Lee B.

