



MARCH 2022 Region 5 Trustee Report

Intergroup Renewal Project:

We are continuing to assist several intergroups on their Intergroup Renewal Project. If you are interested, please email one of us and we will contact you and get a date set up. I am so grateful for this process!

World Service Office - Important Links:

Have you heard? WSBC 2022 will be an all-virtual Conference, and our new agenda dates are April 22–30 (see the [new agenda in full](#)). We are playing it safe again this year and will build on the success of last year's virtual Conference.

This year's theme is "We Can Do Together What We Could Never Do Alone," and here's what we need service bodies and delegates to do:

- Review the Third Conference e-Documents to be posted to the WSBC web page on March 11.
- Ensure delegates are registered by March 31 using the [online form](#).

Like Audiobooks? You'll Love the *Overeaters Anonymous, Third Edition* Audiobook

OA's beloved Brown Book is now an audiobook! Using readings by OA members for the book's CD set, our first audiobook includes the entire text of *Overeaters Anonymous, Third Edition*—from the forewords to the appendices. During daily activities or when you need a recovery boost, listen to more than forty stories by OA members sharing their experience, strength, and hope, including our founder's share: "Keep Coming Back: Rozanne's Story."

OA receives a royalty share for audiobook purchases made through these third-party vendors (links open to external websites):

- Audible: <https://adbl.co/34hIF25>
 - Amazon: <https://amzn.to/3ooLR1e>
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- Apple Books: <https://apple.co/33k5SPi>
Will there be more OA audiobooks? Yes! OA has already started our next one: *The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, Second Edition*.
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Send Your Story of Recovery to the New *Lifeline* Blog— Coming March 20!

It won't be long! *Lifeline* will soon be back in our pockets and purses, this time as a blog on oa.org. As we look forward to the return of *Lifeline* on March 20, we invite you to share your recovery by sending in a submission. Send us your recovery-focused story, digital painting, song, video, or any other type of digital media, and we will put it in the queue for eventual publication. Read the new [Contributor Guidelines](#) for suggestions and use our [temporary form](#), found at oa.org/lifeline to send us your submission.

Let's share the miracles of our individual recoveries through this Twelve Step program! Let's make the new *Lifeline* blog a great resource for the Fellowship and for those who are just discovering OA online. Thank you for your service!

[Go to oa.org/lifeline](http://oa.org/lifeline)

New FAQ Answers Service Body Questions About Bylaws

Our new Frequently Asked Questions about OA Bylaws document broadly answers common queries about forming an OA service body. If you've wondered, "What is a service body and what are bylaws?" "How and when should my service body change its bylaws?" or "What if my service body wants to change its officially registered name?" wonder no more! This long-awaited document brings clarity to the process of registering a service body and maintaining that service body with the WSO.

Find this FAQ sheet in the [Document Library](#) under "Bylaws" or view the [translatable version](#) from the FAQ page under "Bylaws" and share it with your group!

Do You Add Diversity to OA? We Need Your Story! Deadline: April 29

Let's demonstrate the diversity of our Fellowship by answering this call for service! If you are an OA member with a relatively under-represented background or if you know someone who is abstinent in OA and brings diversity to our Fellowship, we ask that you respond to this second call for stories. We are hoping to specifically hear from those who identify as a member of one or more of these under-represented groups within OA:

- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Latinx
- Indigenous
- Members who have had or considered a surgical solution
- Transgender
- Non-binary
- Muslim
- Buddhist

These stories will be used to revise the pamphlet [*A Common Solution: Diversity and Recovery*](#). Your story can help under-represented newcomers and long-timers identify with OA!

Download the flyer ([color](#) or [black and white](#)) for complete details. You can also find these flyers in the [Document Library](#) under the category "Flyers."

Don't delay! Stories are due by April 29.

Here is a link to "A Step Ahead" – The quarterly newsletter from World Service Office.

<https://oa.org/a-step-ahead/>

This newsletter keeps you and your Intergroup updated in world OA events.

Upcoming Dates:

March 11

Third Set of Conference e-Documents posted on the WSBC web page.

March 31—NEW DEADLINE

Online Delegate Registration Forms due (access the form from the [WSBC web page](#)).

April 22–30

World Service Business Conference convenes virtually.